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Farm Machinery Slump Apparently Over

Manufacturers of farm machinery are recalling workers. This important industry spent almost all last year in its own private recession. If this slump is now ending, it may be a good omen for other similarly affected groups.

The slump in farm equipment began last March and April. Dealers had bought tractors, plows, and other planting and ground-preparing equipment at 1952's lavish rate. They couldn't sell it. As the year went on layoffs mounted. At 1953's low tide, employment was 12,000 or 15,000 workers below 1952's high. It would have fallen more, but machinery makers had other lines to which they could shift men.

Rehiring has far to go to retrace its way to the 1952 peaks. Probably half will be called back by April 1. But it does represent a reversal of the downtrend.

Significance for all the rest of us is that farm machinery inventories have been worked down, and production is starting back up, without any of the inflationary remedies which have been urged to combat the supposed recession. At least, this shows that natural recovery can happen. At most, it offers encouragement for sitting tight and refusing to get panicky, while each industry works out its own problems.

For most industries—as the December-to-January decline in the federal reserve board production index discloses—the low point is still ahead. But there are signs that it can be reached and passed—without the help of renewed deliberate inflation.

Super Quiz Kid

We understand there's a young man up in Springfield, now about 20 months old, who is well on his way to becoming a super quiz kid. The boy in question is Curtis Wayne McAdams, and, according to The Springfield News, he has already mastered his ABC's can identify 11 animals by their pictures and imitate their sounds, can count unerringly to five, identifies colors and dislikes baby talk.

Just what Dr. Benjamin Spock would say about this we aren't sure. Curtis now weighs 37 pounds and is 35 inches tall, and, it seems he's also quite strong. The News says he has lifted a suitcase weighing 16½ pounds.

According to his parents, he walked with ease at the age of five and one-half months. And, this will interest the dentists, he has all of his teeth except two.

The News says Curtis' parents say that the youngster just learns naturally. Now far be it from us to try to gaze into the future—too many people have tried to do it unsuccessfully—but we might hazard a guess that Mr. Einstein had best look to his laurels. And, even though Springfield is a bit bigger than Cottage Grove, population-wise, we just wonder if there aren't some youngsters down here, around Curtis' age, who could equal or better his record.

Anyone have a candidate? (L.O.)

A World Calendar

How would you like to have a pocket calendar that would last a lifetime? No yearly models (every year would be the same). No wondering whether Christmas would fall on Tuesday or a week end (it would always be Monday). No making adjustments (if you are a business statistician) for the fact that a month may have anywhere from 24 to 27 weekdays in it; they would all have 26.

These are some of the advantages that are put forward for the world calendar which will be proposed at the next session of the United Nations Economic and Social Council in a resolution by the delegate from India. The proposition is not a new and sudden one. It has been urged by the World Calendar Association for several years, and is backed notably now by Sir Harold Spencer Jones, astronomer royal of Britain.

In fact, Sir Harold notes that 1956 would be a particularly convenient year to make the change from the present Gregorian calendar, since in that year January 1 will fall on Sunday, a controlling feature of the new plan. Thereafter, if the revision were accepted, the first month of each quarter would have 31 days, all other months 30 days, and the 365th day be observed as a world holiday at the end of each year, with another holiday inserted at the middle of leap year.

By the way, what did we do with all those nice calendars for 1953?—Christian Science Monitor.

Deblurbing TV

We used to dream about it and eventually it came true—the little device by which one is enabled to sit snugly in one's armchair and switch off the sales talk from a TV commercial. The makers of Blab-Off, the device in question, report high and mounting sales for their handy, humanitarian little gadget.

Here is evidence of what Ortega y Gasset might call a "revolt of the masses" against the commercial drivel to which their TV sets mercilessly expose them. However, the announced aim of Blab-Off is not to kill commercials but to improve them. Advertisers who give new facts, new ways to use their products, new items to enrich the lives of their hearers—these sponsors won't get blabbed-off. But the unctuous and interminable appeals to vanity and fear and false appetite—these can be reduced to silent mouthings on the screen, to be ignored at will.

Now the advertisers are advertising Blab-Off, and the cycle is complete. Perhaps it proves that a free society carries within itself the remedy for its own worst excesses.

—Christian Science Monitor

Growth Despite Adversity

Some communities do not stop for adversity or a slowdown of time, but plan ahead and work toward the plans made. In so doing they move ahead of other localities, that let nature take its course when business slacks off.

A great deal of the community enterprise to work for better things even though business may be slow, is up to the individual working through some community organization, such as the Chamber of Commerce. Accomplishments even in the face of adverse conditions are sometimes surprising and may account for the community growth and development and accounts for the fact that one community may surpass in population and industry a community of like size.

Communities, like individuals, who do not wait for opportunity but proceed to make it, will move ahead. In this connection, time will tell what we can do with our opportunities without a wartime economy.

Remember it is not the minutes you spend at the table but the seconds that make you fat.

Letter From Washington

Release of Medford Newsman Demanded by Ellsworth

By Harris Ellsworth
Representative, Fourth District

The first of the regular annual appropriations bills has been cleared by the House. This, I believe, is something of a record. Never before has one of those bills been passed by the House this early in a session. The bill is for the purpose of making appropriations for the Treasury and Post Office Departments.

Later in the session legislation to increase postal rates will be acted upon. However, this will be offset by a bill which will provide a needed increase in pay for postal employees.

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Other appropriations bills will be coming along rather soon. The subcommittees have been working steadily. The great House committee on appropriations is actually a combination of a number of subcommittees which, for all practical purposes, operate as independent groups. Although all bills are finally cleared by the full committee in formal meeting before such bills are brought to the floor, it is the sub-committee which writes the bill and the subcommittee which handles its own bill on the House floor.

Last week I went, with several other members from the Pacific Northwest states, before the subcommittee which handles the appropriating funds for the bureau of public roads. That budget includes money for forest highways. The bureau of the budget had sent to Congress a request for barely more than enough money to pay outstanding contractual obligations and provide a couple of million dollars for maintenance. This, of course, left almost nothing (about a quarter of a million dollars) for construction. We asked the appropriations subcommittee to approve a figure for forest highway building that would be more realistic for the purpose of assisting the harvesting of the government's own National Forest timber.

The federal highway act of 1952 authorized appropriations for forest highways in the amount of $22,500,000 for each of the fiscal years 1954 and 1955. There remained, from the federal highway act of 1950, a balance, authorized but not appropriated, of $8,400,000. Thus, there is an authorized sum of $53,400,000 which represents an urgent and critical need in our forest highway program—but it is proposed to appropriate only $10,000,000 for this item. I hope the committee will increase that amount.

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From time to time since he was taken prisoner by the Chinese Reds, I have demanded of our state department that something be done to secure the release of young Dick Applegate of Medford, a news correspondent. Apparently our people must depend upon the British to carry on the negotiations in this case since they maintain diplomatic relations with the reds and we do not. Apparently also, the British government is not actually doing much about it. Meanwhile, so-called "confidential sources" indicate that Applegate is alive. The fact that some recent press reports from Communist China state that Applegate and his companions were captured and are held by pirates and not by the Chinese government officially could be significant. Possibly this is a devious way being used by the commies to "save face" in the situation. The hopeful angle on this development is that the red government could next announce the recovery of the prisoners from the "pirates" and then release them. This is purest conjecture, of course.

Our government should be as firm as possible in its demands for the release of these men but avoid any action which might endanger their lives.

Jo's Tapping Class To Present First Recital Feb. 26

By Mrs. R. G. Conner
Phone 140M

LORANE—Many weeks of effort will be climaxed Friday evening when Jo's Tapping Class presents its first recital at the high school gym at 8 p.m., Friday the 26th, entitled "The Musical Fete."

Jimmy Johnson will act as master of ceremonies to introduce the numbers. Miss Jo Kreig, tap instructor, has divided the class into two divisions which will perform both together and separately and several individual dances will also be done.

Members of the senior group are Karen Lobek, Connie Wyman, Dawn Tew, Trena Armitage, Sharon Kotre, Shirley Gillespie, Patty Jacobson and Johnnie Bell Johnson.

In the junior group are Lou Deli Doughty, Hazel Williamson, Jackie Keep, Pauline Williamson, Beth Sessions, Diane Dey, Peggy Leach, Nova Wyman, Joy Suiter, Doretta Castro and Dennis Gates.

Home Extension Unit will meet in the Odd Fellows hall Thursday at 10 a.m. Mrs. Sayles and Mrs. Walter Berry will give the lesson on "Main Dish Meals."

All women in the community are invited to attend.

Teen Age Square Dance

A Teen-age Square Dance will be held in the grange hall for the young people of the community Saturday evening. James Kotre is in charge of plans. A caller from Cottage Grove will be on hand to keep the figures straight.

All young people are invited to come out and "swing your partners." Food will be sold.

Mother Daughter Banquet

About 100 attended the Mother-Daughter Banquet sponsored by the Lorane P-TC at the grade school cafeteria Saturday evening.

Mrs. Arvid Rothauge gave a tribute to daughters which was answered by Betty Lou Ousler for the tiny daughters and Claudette Payne for teenage daughters. Mrs. Lynn Wyman was to have given the response for a young mother to an older one, but was unable to attend because of illness.

Miss Jeanette Stone sang two songs, "Trees" and "My Mom." Karen Lobek and Sharon Kotre played a piano duet.

Carnation corsages were presented to the youngest mother, oldest mother and mother with the largest family. These were won respectively by Mrs. Archie McCrae, Mrs. L. S. Dey and Mrs. Lowell Drullinger.

The third grade won the weathervane for the next month by having the most parents present.

All the cooking, serving and cleaning up was done by a committee of fathers and sons.

Mrs. Oren Jacobson, P-TC president, wishes to thank all who helped to make the affair a success.

About $50 was cleared which wil be used for 4-H Scholarships.

Classes will be held in the new addition to the school house soon after the first of the month. Painters are now busily at work painting the inside of the rooms.

The outside is finished with dark stained siding with a green trim.

On March 26 an open house will be held in connection with the P-TC meeting. At this time everyone is invited to come look the new building over.

Boy Scouts will also present a short play at this meeting.

Lorane teams will compete in the B League basketball tournament at McArthur Court on Wednesday and Thursday this week.

On Saturday afternoon the junior high teams will go to Applegate for a game. Refreshments will be served the players after the game by Applegate school.

Eth Trouble

Our Delight Valley correspondent, Mrs. Roy L. Stone, recently had serious trouble with her typewriter. Seems the "S" key refused to work and this caused terrible things to happen as she wrote her weekly copy. Well, the "S" key is back on the job now, after it's temporary strike, but in the interim Mrs. Stone found a wonderful little feature entitled "The Odds Have It" (subtitle Athething the Ethethi) which is credited to "The Kalends." We thought you'd like to enjoy it with us.

Athething the Ethethi

The editor of a small town weekly found that some prankster had stolen all the letter "S's" from his type case. He inserted this notice in his next issue:

"Thome thneaking theoundrel hath thtolen into our compothing room and thkedadled with all our ethethi. We mutht apologithe to our readerth for the inthipid appearance of thith week'th Thentinel. We would altho like to thtate that if at any time in the yearth to come we thee thith dirty thnake in the grath about the premitheth, we will thoot him tho full of holeth, he will rethemble a thwithth cheethe. Thank you."

Budget Meeting Set; Club Slates Anniversary Meet

By Mrs. Walter N. Dowens
Phone 33F11

MOUNT VIEW—Patrons and registered voters of school district No. 128 of Mount View are urged to attend the budget meeting at the schol house on Monday, March 8, between 8 and 9 p.m. Notices are posted at Cook's Grocery, the "Y" Cafe and at the school.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Byrnes of San Marino, Calif., were Saturday evening dinner guests at the home of their nephew, Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards. Additional dinner guests were Mrs. Warren Edwards and Peggy Edwards. Visitors during the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Farney Edwards.

Mr. Byrnes is a salesman for the International Shoe company and visited relatives here over the week end. On Sunday all were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mosby and children of Eagle Point, visited Sunday at the home of Mrs. Mosby's mother, Mrs. Marguerite Mosby.

Hardtime Theme of Club

The Neighborly Neighbors club held its regular meeting, Wednesday, February 17, at the home of Mrs. A. B. Cochrane. A "hard time" party theme was carried out, both in costume and decorations.

A valentine exchange was held in the afternoon.

Phyllis Barrong collected the surgical towels the club hemmed for the Cottage Grove hospital. New members are Phyllis Lighter and Mildred Foster.

The next meeting will be March 3 at the home of Blanche Denker.

The second March meeting will be on the 27th anniversary of the club, which was organized at the home of Mrs. Joe Schneider on St. Patrick's Day in 1927. A special invitation will be issued to all charter members to attend this meeting, which will be held at the Dorena Grange hall.

Entertainment committee will be Arlyn VanNortwick, Wreatha Nord and Marie Russum. Hostesses are Meda Dowens and Phyllis Foster.

Mrs. Harold Boslaugh and children of Portland arrived on Thursday for a visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. Marguerite Mosby, and her sister, Mrs. Ralph Boslaugh. They returned home on Sunday.

Boy Scout Benefit Slated for March 5

By Mrs. J. G. Barber
Phone 68667

DISSTON—The Boy Scout benefit for Troop 13 will be Friday, March 5, with entertainment including some ball games between Disston and Dorena.

The ladies play volleyball and the men basketball. The Disston Mothers' club will sell pie and coffee. The public is cordially invited to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Knouse spent Sunday with the Larry Kellogs of Dorena.

Clair Hogate spent the week end at Corvallis with his son, Neal. Mrs. Hogate and Darla visited at the Rex Wakefield home, and all went to the basketball game Sunday night.

Sunday, February 14, Charles Johnson and Eugene Randall spent the day with the Alfred Johnson family. Eugene Randall is Mrs. Johnson's brother. Also present were Wanda Bettis and girls and Galen Stanturf of Sutherlin.

Steve Theiss spent the week end recently with his son, Alvin, at Oregon State college. It was Father's Week End at the school.

Mrs. Theiss, Billy and Bobby visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Keller, in Dallas at the same time.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Janisch visited with friends in Lebanon last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Purdy of Springfield were Sunday dinner guests at the Ray Spellman home. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bradley of Eugene were afternoon callers also.

Mrs. Clair Hogate was hostess at a birthday dinner for Mrs. Wanda Knouse Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Chittester went to Castle Rock and Longview to attend the wedding of Miss Mabel Jo Folquet and Warren Windnagel. It was a beautiful wedding all carried out in the Hawaiian theme.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Carter and children of Springfield spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Barber.

Your correspondent would appreciate having a little more news, so be sure to call at the above number.

AlexanderMcKillop

Alexander McKillop, Jr., 48, of Canyonville, passed away early Friday morning, February 19. Mr. McKillop was born June 12, 1905, at Yoncalla and lived all his life in Oregon, mostly in the Cottage Grove area. He was married to Earlene Grigsby in Bellflower, Calif., December 20, 1947. He was a member of the Cottage Grove Masonic Lodge and the IOOF Lodge in Lorane.

Surviving besides his wife are three sons: Alexander Loren, Steven Earl and Timothy Merton; his mother, Mrs. Nora McKillop, Cottage Grove; four sisters: Mrs. Elmer McMaster, Cottage Grove, Mrs. Art Smith, Creswell; Mrs. Delbert Fisher, Empire and Mrs. Ocea Johnson, Klamath Falls; four brothers: David and Jim, of Cottage Grove; George, of Creswell and William of Wendling.

Funeral services were held in the chapel of Poole-Larsen Funeral Home, Eugene, at 2 p.m., Tuesday, February, 23, with interment following in the Westlawn cemetery.

Robert Cummings

Robert Earl Cummings, four-day-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Cummings, South Sixth street, passed away February 18 at his home. He was born February 14.

Graveside services were held at the IOOF cemetery at 10 a.m. Monday, February 22, with Elder Virgil Hill officiating.

Editor's Mail Bag

"An Outstanding Group . . ."

Editor,
Cottage Grove Sentinel
Cottage Grove, Oregon

Dear Walter:

In a recent issue of the Sentinel a statement was made that I had generously given the Community Service group a room in the City Hall. This statement is not correct. The City Council were the "generous givers" and the credit should be theirs.

. . . I feel that any honors or credits that have been given to me are due entirely to the fact that I am working with an outstanding group of men. Cottage Grove is indeed fortunate to have six such men giving of their time and experience to handle city affairs.

Sincerely,
J. S. CREPEAU

Concerning a Public Rest Room

Dear Editor,

At the request of Aunt Cad Wallace that the story of the Cottage Grove Mother's Club be published the following is offered. The first part was written for a Mothers' Club meeting in 1946. Quotations are from records.

October 6, 1921

"The ladies of Cottage Grove met October 6, 1921, in Mr. Porter's store building for the purpose of organizing a Mothers' Club, and to promote the furnishing of a Public Rest Room for the city and community. Fifteen ladies were present and the following officers elected: president, Mrs. S. J. Ferguson; vice-president, Mrs. George Knowles; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. F. J. Alstott; assistant secretary, Mrs. Feeney. Mrs. Kate Darby and Mrs. Phelps were elected to lead in the plans of a rest room."

Mrs. Darby opened the meeting with prayer and a short talk.

So far as a waiting or rest room in Cottage Grove is concerned, it passed its experimental stages years ago. Two large books of well-kept records signed by various well known people who served as secretaries of the Mothers' Club prove this. So far as I have been able to find out the meeting October 6, 1921, was the first meeting of this nature. Mrs. Anna Houser of Cottage Grove is the only living charter member. I found I paid my dues that year myself. Aunt Cad Wallace was one of the early and very active members. She was elected as president for a number of years. As no election has been held for 1954, she is still president.

Aunt Rosie Currin who is a few months older than Aunt Cad Wallace was in charge of giving out used clothing to those who needed it, for many years. The last few years Mrs. Daisy Markham has been in charge of this part. Recently the remainder of the clothing was given to the newly organized Cottage Grove Service Committee, who with the aid of the school health nurse, will dispense it.

Much might be looked up in the records, but suffice it to say that under the leadership of the Mothers' Club a rest room was successfully conducted in various rooms for some time. The death of active leaders, the sale of buildings and the impossibility of keeping a room without the help of the city, made it imperative to close for a time.

But the Mothers Club has always cherished this dream of opening again to serve the people. I knew this when the question was brought up in Hebron Grange by one who was a newcomer to this community. As I was appointed on the committee, I went to the Mothers' Club and found that was still just what they wanted to do.

So the Community Center was organized with representatives from all the churches, the granges and various women's organizations invited. This was in the spring of 1946.

A room was furnished by the city in the City Hall, the group had it calcimined and furnished. It operated for almost two years with voluntary help and a jar for donations.

When the city needed the space, the room had to be given up and has been without a home since. However, community spirit seems to grow by spells. The officers are still hopeful of a permanent place in the city someday.

From the first, men have helped this idea along. A man made the motion and another seconded it that Hebron Grange donate a certain amount to help start a waiting room. A member of the city council suggested the possibility of getting a room in the city hall in 1946.

With the many groups who offered assistance it was decided to work to the community center idea with the waiting room a beginning point. Now there seems to be new thought in this direction. Watch it grow.

Sincerely,
(Mrs.) Esther A. Trunnell

HIGDON INITIATED

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene—Doyle A. Higdon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Higdon of 1051 16th, Cottage Grove, has been recently initiated into the University of Oregon chapter of Phi Beta Sigma, freshman scholastic honorary.

Higdon met the requirements of the honorary by making a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or better during his freshman year. He is a sophomore in pre-law and a graduate of Cottage Grove high school.

Just Between You and Me

By W. C. Martin

Ezra Has a Friend In the Farm Bureau

Ezra Benson, the much maligned secretary of agriculture, has a friend in the American Farm Bureau Federation. It was a pleasure recently to visit with John J. Lacey, director, press and radio relations of Chicago, Ill., and George W. Dewey, secretary of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation, of Salem. These men tell us the federation is behind the present farm program 100 percent. They point out that at best the high parity program, to which the farmer has grown accustomed is but a crutch, that was useful during the war years, but is now a vehicle that should be discarded.

These men did not agree with Charles Brannan, ex-secretary of agriculture that food makes us friends abroad. "Except in cases of disaster or war when we give a nation food, we are competing against the farmers of that nation and the policy of doling out food has not made us the friends the high parity advocates would have us believe," they said. As an example, take India. We give this nation food and up goes the birth rate. After six or seven years of playing Santa Claus, we have a drought or have some other misfortune, which prevents us playing Santa and the Indians, who have come to depend us, hate us for cutting them off.

Middle Size Farmer Not Aided

The high parity program is good for the big farmers with incomes of $25,000 or more, but is of little aid to what the government census bureau classes as the class 5 farmers, whose income ranges from $1,200 to $2,500, who have 55.6 percent of all farms. The 3,000,000 farmers in this class live on 901,316 farms.

The federation is the nation's largest organization of farmers. It believes the government ought to take farming out of politics. Human nature being what it is, we like the stand of the federation as well as the grange that the support program be cut to 100 million a year.

McKay Families Make Several Moves; London School Uses Recorder as 'Help'

By Mrs. Gale Roby
Phone 792R1

LONDON—The McKay families became involved last week in a moving spree when Mr. and Mrs. Waynne McKay traded houses with Grandma Funk and moved their mill house across the right-of-way and the field, to be nearer the Willard McKay place for Mrs. Funk. Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Kosey and Gary Funk assisted with the moving that was "winched" right along with the farm tractor. Mrs. Funk and grandson, Paul Funk, are staying with the Willard McKays until the mill house is ready.

School Has Tape Recorder

A new tape recording machine at London school was most popular last week when pupils were given the opportunity to record their own voices and all were surprised at the sound of their own voice as it was played back to them. The machine is the best method ever discovered, according to Philip Higdon, London school principal, of correction and expressions in reading. A child readily corrects his reading expressions once he actually hears himself. There are other advantages of the machine for use in schools since tape recordings of important events can be rented from Corvallis just as films for the movie camera.

Still another new machine expected this week at London school is an opaque projector which is another form of picture showing, in an improved education system.

Team Loses Tournament Feb. 20

London was eliminated from the basketball tournament in Eugene February 20, when London's team lost by one point in a game with Linslaw at Willamette high school. The score was 30 to 29.

A new 4-H crochet club is being organized by Hattie Mae Rhonemous, county 4-H advisor, February 27 at the home of Mrs. Lucille Miller, who will be the leader. Mrs. Miller, a former 4-H girl herself, now has two small children at home so will have the club at her home on Saturdays. Six girls living near enough to provide their own transportation are enrolled. Mrs. Miller expects to take the girls through five or six projects to include crocheting, knitting and finger painting. Girls enrolled include Wanda and Beverly Heinrich, Jolene Roby, Joyce and Sherill Roseland and Carolyn Chartier.

Grange Meets Friday

February 26, 8 p.m. this Friday, is the date set for a meeting of London grange to continue organization according to a decision made at the February 5 meeting. The meeting will be held at London school and grange officials are the be on hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Miller were visited three days last week by Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Zweidorff and six-year-old daughter, Linda from Port Huron, Mich. Mrs. Zweidorff is Mr. Miller's sister. Previously, an old schoolmate of Mrs. Miller's in Nampa, Ida., with her husband and baby son visited overnight with the Millers.

David Black is ill at his home with pneumonia, and although he is better, he was still out of school. A report Monday said his sister Cathy was ill.

Mrs. Gordon Waller returned last week from a visit in Kansas with her daughter and a new grandson. This makes seven grandchildren for the Wallers.

London WCTU will meet at the London Community Center club house, 1:30 p.m., March 3. A special visitor is expected from Cottage Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bechtold celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary February 21, when 16 friends just "dropped in" unexpectedly, Saturday night.

J. E. Banton returned recently from Corvallis where he visited relatives. Mr. Banton returned about two weeks ago from spending the winter in California with his daughter, Mrs. Nola Shipp.

Mud Puddles Freeze

Temperatures dipped to 24 at Blackbutte weather station February 22 leaving a heavy white frost and ice on the mud puddles.

Mrs. Elvis Kelly was entertained at dinner Friday night, February 19 by her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Kelly in Cottage Grove in honor of her birthday. Sunday a return dinner was given by the Elvis Kellys in celebration of their daughter-in-law's birthday. Guests attending were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dawley and Janet, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fix, Mrs. Emma Kelly, Dick Kelly and Lue Martin of Cottage Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Arvid Palki and children expect to leave this week for Grand Rapids, Mich., where they have been called because of the illness of Palki's mother. They expect a hard trip but have been advised the mountain passes by way of Spokane are in the best condition. They will visit a few days at Bozeman, Mont., with his sister for a break in the 2,500 mile trip. Latest word from Minnesota told of 30 degree below zero weather there. Mrs. Palki's parents will care for their place here.

Cedar Creek Boys Home

Charlie Cooper and Dale Riggs, Cedar Creek boys were home on a three-day pass over the week end from their air-force base at Paine, Wash.

Mrs. Harold "Buz"Cooper is able to be out again from a bout with virus pneumonia that kept her in bed at home for three weeks. Cooper is working at the coast helping a brother-in-law build a new house near Florence. The Coopers are planning to move to the Coast Fork vicinity on the coast as soon as school here is out and will work in a shingle mill with an uncle. Mr. and Mrs. Albert "Bud" Helfrich, now of Culp Creek will move to the Cooper place on Cedar Creek while they are away.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cooper have moved to Springfield where Cooper is employed in TV installation work, and reports he is very busy with new sets being put in every day. The Kenneth Coopers recently returned from Medford where he studied radio.

Fred Tullar is due for another routine trip to a Portland hospital this week for continued checks and treatments to diagnose his ailments.

Richard Doremus, who recently was sent to Texas with the air force, is homesick and complains he never gets enough sleep anymore. He has to get up at 4 a.m. He doesn't expect a leave until May.

Joseph Blakely

Joseph R. Blakely, formerly of Cottage Grove and Eugene, passed away February 17 at Colorado Springs, Colo. Mr. Blakely was a printer and had worked at his trade in Portland, Eugene, Klamath Falls, Redmond and Prineville. He was born March 17, 1890, at Eastport, Michigan, and came to Oregon in 1905. Funeral services and burial were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, February 20, at Colorado Springs.

Surviving are three daughters: Mary Huth of Minneapolis, Mich., Madeleine Conley, San Francisco, Calif., and Betty Jo Turner of Eugene; one brother, Ed Blakely of Corvallis and two sisters: Edith Newberry of Huntington Park, Calif., and Lillian Burnette of Cottage Grove.

JOHNSON TO ASSIST IN SCIENCE CONFERENCE

LINFIELD COLLEGE, McMinnville, Oreg.—Michael Johnson, Route 1, Box 788, Cottage Grove, Oreg., as a student in the Chemistry department of Linfield College will assist in the holding of a high school conference tentatively scheduled for March 27, on the campus at McMinnville, Oreg.

Dr. Carl Anderson, professor of chemistry, is chairman of the conference which is expected to draw approximately 300 delegates. The conference program will include an inspection of Linfield's research science laboratories.

Adam and Eve had many adventures, but the principal one was, that they escaped teething.
Mark Twain