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Jan. 20	48	35	.02
Jan. 21	47	37	.23
Jan. 22	44	42	.69
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Jan. 25	52	38	.00
Jan. 26	52	33	.00

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Local Polio Prevention Drive Swings Into High Gear; Mom's March Highlights Local Effort

Benefit Shoot For March of Dimes Will Be Held Sun.

Cottage Grove Rod & Gun club will sponsor its annual March of Dimes benefit shoot Sunday, January 30.

Traps will be open at 10 a.m. and will stay open as long as necessary as the club has one trap equipped with lights.

Lunch and refreshments will be served on the grounds with the profits also going to the polio fund. The club cordially invites the public to attend its program, whether a shooter, non-shooter or visitor.

Both rifle ranges indoor and outdoor will be open, with the trapshoot program consisting of small merchandise prizes. There will also be a scatterboard program for the non-shooter, with prizes for the winner.

The club is not soliciting any prizes, but if anyone would like to donate a prize, it will be appreciated. Prizes should have a value of \$2.50 or more.

Any prizes donated will mean more profits for this worthy cause.

As the club has many members from Creswell and vicinity 30 percent of the profits will go to Creswell to help on its quota for this year.

The club is installing a new heating system and hopes are that it will be completed for this event.

Square Dancers to Hold Polio Benefit Stomp

The local Boots and Socks square dance club's benefit dance for the Polio fund drive will be held at the Mt. View school gymnasium, February 12, according to Cecil Caldwell, chairman of the event.

Caldwell added that there will be no admission charge, but that a free will offering would be taken instead. Howard Barnard will call the dances for the evening.

Jaycees, Legion To Sponsor Polio Benefit Ball Sat.

Cottage Grove's JC's and American Legion are co-sponsoring a Polio Drive benefit dance Saturday at the Cottage Grove Armory, according to Will Reeves and Fritz Bormuth, co-chairmen.

The dance will begin at 9 p.m. with admission set at \$1 per person. Jack Radford's four or six piece band will provide the music.

The Legion Auxiliary and JCettes will handle pre-dance ticket sales. Vera Poore is ticket chairman for the Auxiliary and Mrs. Bormuth is handling ticket sales for the JCettes. Tickets will be available at the following downtown stores: Randall & Woolcott, Gierau's Market, Gene's Auto Service, Doyle's Sales & Service, Bob Bauder Insurance and Cecil Beck Motors.

Tickets may be obtained from any member of the JC, JCettes, Legion or Legion Auxiliary.

Community Center Committee Meet Scheduled Friday

An important meeting of the Community Center committee will be held Friday at the home of Mrs. Clarence Peterson, 137 North Eighth Street, at 2 p.m. The committee would like representatives from all groups who have worked in the past and who are interested in the Community Center to attend this meeting.

Groups especially urged to send representatives are those from Silk Creek Neighborhood Club, Dorena Grange, Hebron Grange and others who have contributed to the maintenance of a waiting room in Cottage Grove. Individuals interested in the project are also urged to attend.

The downtown center, if and when it is organized, would provide restroom facilities, and a place for older folks to stop and rest, etc., close to Cottage Grove's shopping area.



POLIO BENEFIT BLANKET TOSS was held by Cottage Grove High School students during the Eugene-Cottage Grove basketball game Friday evening. The toss netted \$26 for the Polio Drive. High School students are shown holding the four corners of a blanket at which the basketball fans would pitch coins as it was passed by Larry Grewelle, chairman of the high school drive, reported that a total of \$101 was turned in by the school.

Prom Is Planned

The Junior-Senior prom got under way in Junior class meeting January 7. Chairmen were chosen for the different committees which will work together to put on the Junior-Senior prom. The chairmen that were chosen are: General Chairmen, Sue Higdon and Bill Vertrees; Orchestra, Don and Heck; Theme and Decoration, Bill Randall; Invitations and dance programs, Marilyn Cook; Refreshments, Norma Jo Johnson; and cleanup, Malcolm Clark. The chairmen as of yet have not chosen their committees. They shall do so in the near future.

—Lions Roar

ANNIVERSARY SALE

Cannon Appliance is now holding its second year anniversary sale, according to Wayne Cannon, proprietor. Cannon, who is offering bargains galore in the sale, says that during his third year in Cottage Grove he plans to stock more quality merchandise at even better bargain prices.

\$75,000 Timber Tract for Pool Given to School

A \$75,000 tract of timber was offered to and accepted by the Cottage Grove Union High School board at its regular monthly meeting at the high school last Wednesday evening.

The timber was given to the school district with the understanding that proceeds from the sale of the timber be used for the new swimming pool. Other specifications regarding the timber were that it be offered at private sale without public notice.

Immediate Sale

A buyer for the timber was on hand at the meeting and the board accepted his offer. The timber was sold at its stated value of \$75,000 the same day.

Total amount in pledges or cash donations for the swimming pool is approximately \$94,000, according to Virgil Kingsley, high school superintendent.

Pool to Open in June

Immediate sale of the timber will enable construction of the pool, once plans have been completed, this spring. A tentative June opening date has been set. On February 16 formal opening of the bids for the pool will be heard by high school board members, along with Carl E. Green, Portland engineer who drew up plans for the pool.

In other action the board renewed for a period of three years the contract of high school Superintendent Virgil G. Kingsley. Kingsley's present contract expires at the end of school year 1955-56. High School Principal Robert L. Dusenberry's contract also was renewed for a three-year period. Dusenberry's present contract expires at the end of school year 1955-56.

Flames Gut Home Of Melvin Tonole Early Tues. A. M.

A 4:50 a.m. fire gutted the living room and caused extensive smoke damage to the home of Melvin Tonole, 2295 Whiteaker, on Knox Hill Tuesday. Local firemen determined that the blaze was caused by a defective oil stove and/or defective wiring in the living room.

Tonole was fortunate in discovering the fire as early as he did. He stated that he probably never would have known of the blaze had his dog not jumped up on his bed and awakened him. When Tonole smelled the smoke he ran to the living room. A gust of hot air hit him in the face as he opened the door and he was unable to phone the fire department because of the intense heat.

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Bookkeeping, Shorthand Classes Offered Adults

Starting Monday, February 14, adult evening classes in beginning bookkeeping or shorthand will be offered at the high school if at least ten people are interested. Class will be held from 8:45 until 10 every Monday evening for 14 weeks—excluding spring vacation week—cost \$8.50.

The course in advanced shorthand will be covered the second semester. Anyone interested in joining the class will be welcome. It meets every Monday evening from 7:30 until 8:45. Time will be devoted to transcription work this second semester—as well as drilling for speed in taking long periods of dictation.

If interested, call the high school 774 or 775 and leave your name, phone number, and the course wanted.

Joe Crepeau Named Cottage Grove Chamber Of Commerce Manager; To Take Office Feb. 1

Crepeau Expresses Ideas on Chamber Manager's Duties

The following ideas expressed by Cottage Grove's Chamber manager-elect, Joe Crepeau, and read at the Chamber board meeting Tuesday noon are those which he feels a chamber manager should fulfill and which he will strive to meet while he is manager:

1. At least one personal contact and one personal service to each member of the Chamber.
2. Spend majority of time doing field work, both locally and throughout the state. Office occupied only when business or meetings require, with secretary handling all office work.
3. A great deal more advertising for Cottage Grove. Taking advantage of every means possible.
4. Elimination of useless non-working committees with these committee members applying their efforts more productively.
5. Continuation of the business promotional ideas and continuation of the publicity agents now being used. Securing additional publicity for the small off-main Street businesses.
6. Immediately begin rendering service, no matter how small, to the lumber brokers in this area; contacting each one to learn how and what service might be rendered.
7. Close contact with legislative program and legislators to learn if additional funds can be secured for city. Keeping council posted on any new developments.
8. Personal calls and personal contacts with any firms rumored to be interested in settling in the valley.

Seniors Nominate

Seniors of Cottage Grove High have voted on the five top girls and five top boys for Mr. and Mrs. C. G. High. The finalists have been voted on but no one will know until the annual comes out in the spring.

Those nominated were: Mary Lou Wolfard, Gail Forester, Roberta Rickard, Connie Heckman, Barbara McCoy, Larry Brice, Larry Grewelle, Jay Wilson, Leroy Cottrill and Rodger Gamble.

In voting the seniors consider such things as dependability, service, scholarship, genuine friendliness and helpfulness. —Lions Roar

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting Sched Saturday

An area meeting of the Alcoholics Anonymous will be held in the council chamber of the city hall Saturday at 8 p.m. Two visiting speakers will address the gathering and following the speaking, a question and answer period will be held.

This will be an open meeting and visitors are invited. Members and visitors are expected from Eugene and Springfield.

LIONS HOST WILLAMETTE

Win hungry Cottage Grove will be looking for its chance to break the Lions' four game losing streak Friday, when Willamette High of Eugene comes to CG. The Grovers, with two district wins and two losses, will try to climb back up the district ladder following defeats by Eugene and Junction City.

The Willamette contest will be the last home game until February 8 when the Lions again tackle the Oakridge Warriors. The Grovers will travel to St. Francis Tuesday and on to Springfield Friday. These teams were the first victims of CG in the district race.

High School PTA To Hear Students

A panel of high school students will discuss "Student Government" at the PTA meeting Thursday at the high school library at 8 p.m. Participating in the panel are Le Roy Cottrill, president of the Associated Student Body, Bill Vertrees, and Phyllis Higdon.

Information on the Basic School Support bill and other items before the Legislature and which affect education will be presented by Virgil Kingsley.

Membership chairman, Mrs. Forrest Woods, reports that parents of freshmen are leading in the membership contest with 30 members; juniors have 21; teachers, 19; seniors, 12; and sophomores, 3. The losing team will be asked to entertain at a future meeting. "Get ready, sophomore parents; it looks as if you'll be needed, all three of you!" says Mrs. Woods, unless more members are recruited by Thursday.

Following the business meeting and program, refreshments will be served.

Crepeau to Donate First Month's Work

Joe Crepeau, former mayor of Cottage Grove, was unanimously elected to fill the post of Cottage Grove's Chamber of Commerce manager, vacated by the recent resignation of Chick Hittbrand, at a meeting of the Chamber board Tuesday noon.

It was mutually agreed that Crepeau would take over as manager February 1 and donate the first month of work on his own, starting his salaried capacity on March 1.

More emphasis on helping those businesses already established in Cottage Grove rather than trying to woo new industries to town was stated by Crepeau as being his guiding point while he held the office of Chamber manager.

Exchange of Ideas

In a meeting last week the planning committee, Cleo Morelock, Herman Petersen and Art Schaefer, chairman, had met with Crepeau to discuss the duties the Chamber would like a manager to fulfill. Crepeau, in turn, gave a few of his own ideas on the duties of a chamber manager. The committee reported to the board Tuesday of their discussion before Crepeau was officially elected manager.

Four main points were brought up by the committee as being important in a Chamber manager's position:

1. Political activity. On this Crepeau stated he would bend over backwards in the attempt to show that his particular political views were not necessarily those of the Chamber.
2. Undivided job. Crepeau pointed out that he would spend full time on the manager's job. He resigned his position as mayor to accept the job. Crepeau, now running Crepeau's contracting business, if and when the occasion might arise.
3. Office hours. Crepeau felt that it was imperative to spend most of the time away from the office in close public contact with the community.
4. Night work. Crepeau stated that he would be available for any necessary evening meetings.

Crepeau Tells of Plans

Crepeau wasted no time getting the ball rolling. Five minutes after learning of his election, he was relating to the board a few of his ideas and some important business which he thought should be handled immediately.

Crepeau informed the board of his plans to contact chamber managers in such cities as Lebanon, Salem, Sweet Home and Portland to get some practical ideas on a manager's job. Cottage Grove's proposed Centennial was a matter which Crepeau thought the Chamber should tackle immediately. He also expressed the desire to meet with the Highway Signs and Dues committees soon to mull over pressing business.

Other business included the appointment of Crepeau to attend the Washington and Oregon Chamber Manager's Conference to be held in Portland in February.



To Fill Manager's Spot



To Leave Chamber Post

CG Chamber Ends 1954 \$1,700 Poorer

Cottage Grove's Chamber of Commerce ended 1954 \$1,700 poorer than they did the previous year, according to the audit report read by Mike Siebert, chairman of the Chamber audit committee, at the Tuesday noon board meeting. On January 1, 1954 the prior year's surplus amounted to \$1,918.60. On January 1, 1955 the Chamber had \$227.64 in the bank.

The loss was entirely due to unpaid dues, stated Siebert, who stressed that dues collection must be the salient point of the Chamber's business during the next year or it will find itself in the red by the end of 1955. Speaking of Chamber activities it was a very successful year, Siebert added, but financially speaking it was a failure.

In brief the audit report was as follows:

Prior year's surplus on hand Jan. 1, 1954, \$1,918.60.

1954 dues collected in 1953, \$2,733.50.

Bank Balance, Jan. 1, 1954, \$4,652.10.

Add, total deposits, 1954, \$10,197.35.

Less total disbursements, 1954, \$10,674.81.

Bank balance, Dec. 31, 1954, \$4,174.64.

Cash in bank Dec. 31, 1954, less 1955 dues deposited in 1954 (\$3,947), \$227.64.



MRS. HOWARD GILBERT (far left), Chairman of the Mothers' March on Polio, leads a group of marchers who plan to participate in the event Monday between 6 and 7 p.m. The group, bearing March of Dimes posters, are shown leaving the city library.

CG Mothers March On Polio Scheduled Mon. From 6-7 P.M.

Cottage Groves' volunteers for the Mother's March on Polio will canvass the town between 6 and 7 p.m. Monday for contributions to the Polio Prevention drive, stated Mrs. Howard Gilbert, Mothers' March chairman.

The mothers will meet at 5:45 in the city council room of the city hall, Mrs. Gilbert said, to pick up their armbands before leaving to march against polio. The mothers are asked to bring pint milk bottles or some other container for the money to the council room after the march. The Mothers' March committee, Mrs. Gilbert, Della Gallo, Arletta Drury, Lillian Steen and Joyce Boettcher, will then count up the donations.

At 6 p.m. the fire siren will sound, Mrs. Gilbert said, and all those who wish to donate are instructed to turn on their porch lights so that the mothers' group will know where to stop and pick up contributions. The group plans to canvass in the Thornton districts, Gowdsville and Latham districts as well as in Cottage Grove. If anyone wishing to donate is missed during the march, they are urged to call Mrs. Bernice Matthews, phone 434Y, and she will notify the group to stop and pick up the gift.

Recreation Facilities in CG Mulled At Ministers-Teachers Meeting Wed.

A general consensus that Cottage Grove needs a year-around recreation program, handled by a recreation coordinator hired on a 12-month basis, was reached at a regular monthly meeting of the Cottage Grove Ministerial Association.

Seaside Air Crash Victim Is Mother Of Local Student

One of the four persons lost in a crash of their light private plane four years ago and whose skeletal remains were found by two timber cruisers near Seaside last Wednesday was the mother of a local high school student, Jimmie Howard, 18, it was learned by The Sentinel Monday.

The wreckage containing the body of the mother, Olive Hopper, about 40, was found by E. L. Vose, Seaside timber cruiser and Nick Muhlenberg, Gearhart, compassman, both Crown Zellerbach employees. It lay in dense timber a mile and a half north of Crown Zellerbach's operation 3 1/2 miles east of Seaside.

Other victims of the crash were Archie Hopper, the pilot and husband of Mrs. Hopper.

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A GROUP OF COTTAGE GROVE'S VOLUNTEER FIREMEN (left to right) Albert Stacks, Jim Pynch and Jim Shirley, are shown extinguishing flames on the roof of the Melvin Tonole residence, which was badly damaged by fire. Flames, according to Tonole, broke out at 4:50 Tuesday morning. The interior of the living room was gutted and the remaining four rooms badly damaged by smoke.