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Aug. 18	82	51	.00
Aug. 19	87	51	.00
Aug. 20	83	51	.00
Aug. 21	82	44	.00
Aug. 22	85	45	.00
Aug. 23	79	46	.00
Aug. 24	76	45	.00

Fall Opening Mulled by Retail Merchants; Sept. 22 Suggested

Plans for a Fall Opening program were discussed at a retail merchants' meeting last Wednesday evening and again Tuesday noon, with the date for the event tentatively set at Thursday, September 22.

Such attractions as a style show, noise parade, sporting goods outdoor movie, telephone company display, new car display, downtown radio broadcast and the giving away of many prizes by downtown merchants were suggested as crowd drawers for the event.

A three - day affair was suggested for the opening, which, in brief, includes the above mentioned attractions plus an unveiling of store windows for the opening and the featuring of real specials for the following Friday and Saturday.

Noise Parade as Rally

Due to a conflict with a football game every night in September, a Thursday night was suggested. To coincide with the festivities and build up enthusiasm for the event plans are being formulated for a noise parade to be put on by high school students as a rally, of sorts, for that Friday evening's game with Eugene High. A $25 first place prize is being offered by merchants to the class making the most noise.

Stores will remain closed during the fall event, according to Herman Petersen, chairman of the event. The opening will be in addition to, not in lieu of "Glad To Show You" night, he added, when stores will remain open.

Treasure Hunt Tickets

Tickets for the prizes to be given away by merchants will be printed up and sold to them, as in the past, to help defray expenses. Tickets will be given out beginning about two weeks before the fall opening.

Committee chairmen for the various events were appointed as

Orlo Bagley - Noise Parade and downtown radio broadcasts; Mrs. Jim Easley - Style Show; Bill Hesse - Sporting Goods Event; Bill Hawkins - Telephone Co. Open House; Al Knowles - New Car Display.

The new car display, however, was in doubt, as newer models coming out in the very near future, Knowles explained, would make it an anti-climax event.

Block chairmen for the opening are now being appointed.

CG Gas Franchise Election Date Set For September 27

Council members OK'd Tuesday, September 27, as the date of the special election to decide whether or not Cottage Grove Gas Co.'s franchise will be renewed. The franchise, given the green light at Monday evening's special council meeting, calls for 2½ per cent of gross profits when subscribers reach the 1,000 mark and lasts for 20 years.

Ordinance No. 1494 was also passed at the meeting. The ordinance calls for the paving and improvement of the alley from the east side of Seventh St. to the west side of Eighth St. between Main and Whiteaker.

Councilmen decided to OK H. B. McMillan's request for a new light panel truck for the city engineer and a new tractor. The city recorder was authorized to pick specifications from the city engineer and call for bids on the two pieces of equipment.

Jimmie Louie's application for a Class "B" retail malt beverage license, under committee consideration for several weeks, was recommended by the committee to be turned down on the grounds that the Canton Cafe, where the license would be used, is too far from the city center. After a discussion it was decided to postpone debate on the matter until the next regular council meeting.

Other business discussed at the meeting included whether or not to take out burglary insurance and who will replace the late Dr. William Earl as Cottage Grove city health officer. Nothing definite was decided on either.

RALPH BENTER forged the second link in the chain when he presented a registered Holstein calf to the Lane County 4-H youth ranking first in dairy herdsmanship. This year's winner was Eddie Hemenway, Cottage Grove, who named the calf Eunice in honor of Mrs. Ralph Benter. Last year's winner was Judy Paine, Junction City. Above are Mr. Benter, Eddie, and Read Hemenway with the calf born July 24.—Springfield News Photo.

Local Contestants Place Well in Lane County 4-H Fair; Many Are Eligible for Coming State Fair Competition

Garet Lindsey and Eddie Hemenway placed first and third respectively for Cottage Grove in the dairy judging contest last Thursday afternoon during the Lane County 4-H Fair last weekend at Pioneer Park in Eugene. The two, including second place winner Pat Kode of Eugene, will represent Lane County as a dairy judging team at the Oregon State Fair in Salem. A field of 24 entered the contest. Jens Svinth, agricultural representative for the U. S. National Bank, North Salem, was the judge.

The Hemenways were top local winners at the fair, as Eddie and sister, Donna, walked away with a handful of blue ribbons and other awards.

Eddie won four blue and three red ribbons in the cow and heifer Holstein division. He took a blue ribbon in the dam and daughter class and a blue for his club member's herd. Other first places included the showmanship in his age group and reserve champion in the final contest. He also notched a spot on Lane County's dairy judging team at the state fair with a third place award.

Eddie also won first among all 4-H members in dairy herd competition and was awarded a registered Holstein calf donated by Ralph Benter of Creswell.

Donna won a blue ribbon on her heifer and took a second in junior dairy showmanship.

Of the 33 4-H club members who won scholarships presented annually to youth excelling in

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D. Pyeatt Fund Effort Grows

The drive for the Donnie Pyeatt benefit fund is still continuing, according to Mrs. Dale Pitcher, Riding club publicity chairman, as the donation figure so far estimated around $2,000.

Reports are that Pyeatt, injured July 4 at the Yoncalla Rodeo and presently in a Eugene hospital, is still in the coma, but is improved slightly from day to day.

Due to contributions still coming in, stated Mrs. Pitcher, it was difficult to tell the exact amount donated thus far to the fund.

Mmes. Elvie, Dean and Dick Kelly, Robert Fix will sell whole pies and cakes and display the donation quilt at the coming fair. Money for this well be added to the Pyeatt fund. Any donations for the fund will be gratefully accepted at this booth.

Chuck's Flying Service, on West 11th in Eugene (at the old Willamette Airpark) is now giving rides for $1.50 from 2-5 p.m. each day, which started August 18 and will last through this Sunday. One-third of the money taken from this project will be given to the Pyeatt fund.

Many Countries Represented in Stamp Lots at Stamp Society Fair Booth

Stamp lots from more than 30 countries will be on hand at the South Lane Stamp Society Western Oregon Exposition Fair booth, August 26-28.

Material, recently received by the Society contained stamps from Italy, France, Spain, Belgian Colonies, Turkey, Australia, New Zealand, Egypt, Montenegro, and many other far away lands. The stamps, totaling over $1800 catalog value, will be available at the booth for collectors of all ages and stages of specialization.

The Booth, sponsored by V. B. Hoyer will show 10 frames of stamps, postal stationery and cachet covers, (envelopes bearing a special imprinted commemorative inscription). Two frames will contain the complete commemmorative issues and postal stationery of the Ryukyu Islands, now an American Protectorate. Two other frames will show a series of covers and sheet blocks of the U. S. Mount Rushmore commemmorative.

Centennial Stamps

In addition there will be a frame of Cottage Grove Centennial cachet covers, a frame of Railway Post Office covers relating to the recent race of the "Pony Express" and the Southern Pacific "Night - Crawler," a large frame containing the U. S. flag in stamps, a frame of U. S. Souvenir, or "The Farleys" sheets, and a frame of colorfully stamped Netherland covers. A final frame will display the awards won in stamp competition by members of the Society.

Kilo mixtures of U. S. and Canadian stamps, and boxes of German, Austrian, Netherland and British will be available for the general collector at the booth over the Fair's three day period. Imprinted letterheads, stock books and two Philatelic newspapers, the Western Stamp Collector, and the National Philatelic News will be on hand to round out the selection of stamp materials to be secured at the booth by collectors and interested fair visitors.

Attendants on Hand

Two booth attendants will be in the booth at all times to answer questions, display the materials and catalog stamps from the array of Scott's Standard Postage Stamp Catalogs that will be provided for stamp collectors use. Souvenir cachet covers of limited quantity have been planned for distribution to booth visitors.

Booth hours, generally conforming to the hours of the Fair, will be open to the public throughout the three days. The booth will be open from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 9, p.m. Saturday and from 12 noon until 6 p.m. Sunday.

Members of the South Lane Stamp Society are reminded of the business meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 in the clubroom of the Cottage Grove City Library. The Fair committee will accept the prepared stamp packets at this meeting for use in the fair booth, or the members can contact Ivan Hoyer, who will pick up any booth materials.

Dorena Grange Hall Dedication Scheduled Sunday

By Mrs. Walter N. Dowens

The Dorena Grange will dedicate its hall on its 20 anniversary Sunday at 2 p.m. The dedication is open to the public. The hall is located four miles east of Cottage Grove on the Row River road.

Elmer McClure, Master of the Oregon State Grange, will be dedicating officer. Lee Smith, the first master, now living in Eugene, will be acting master while Loren Hunt of Elgin, also a former master, will act as Overseer.

Dorena Grange was organized at the little town of Dorena, now in the Dorena Lake bed, on August 29, 1935. The present hall, approximately 36x100 feet, was begun at the same location in the fall of 1948 and was completed enough to hold meetings there in the spring of 1949.

All labor has been donated, with the exception of a brick mason and the cost of framing the structures and will be practically completed for the dedication.

A special invitation to attend the dedication has been mailed all former masters not now members of the Grange and to all county Granges and state officers.

After the ceremony, there will be entertainment and inspection of the building.

Latham 1st Grade Registration to Be Wednesday

Registration for Latham school first graders will be held Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., according to T. P. Otto, principal. First graders and all new out-of-state pupils must have health examinations before entering school. First graders must bring birth certificates, Otto added.

School will open Tuesday, September 6, when all other grades do and any first graders who miss the early date will register at that time.

Teaching staff will be the same as last year: T. P. Otto, principal; Calvin Davis, eighth grade; Arnold Gates, seventh grade; Mildred Coiner, sixth grade; Mary Deschamps, fifth grade; Cleo Belle Wilson, fourth grade; Beverly Katter, third grade; Hazel Culver, second grade; Ethel Saunders, first grade; Nina Lindsay, music and library.

Homer Johnson, BB Rte., has been hired as janitor. Gates and Davis will handle the bus driving. Lunches will be served beginning Wednesday, September 7, with Mrs. Iona Brock returning as first cook.

Summer work on the building and bus repair have been completed and everything is ready for school.

HEALTH CLINIC CANCELLED

There will be no child health clinic this month, according to Miss Dorothy Marshall, county health nurse. The clinic had been scheduled for Friday. The next well-child conference will be held September 23, Miss Marshall added.

CG Hi Students Will Register Monday, Tuesday

Registration for the coming year at Cottage Grove High School will be held Monday and Tuesday. The sophomores will register from 2-5 p.m. on Monday. The juniors and seniors will register Monday night from 7-9 p.m. Freshmen registration will be Tuesday from 2-5 p.m.

All freshmen and students new to the school must present health examination forms at registration. These forms may be obtained from the school office or at the doctor's office.

The registration fee will be $12 which covers regular textbooks, student insurance and gym and locker fees.

There is no student body fee as the student body activities are financed from the proceeds of the annual carnival. There will be a $2.50 student athletic ticket fee for admission to the five home football and 11 home basketball games.

Busses will not run for registration, but will operate on their regular runs of last year on the opening date of school, Tuesday, September 6. Any needed adjustments on bus runs will be made during the first week of school.

Red Cross Swim Lessons End Fri.

A very successful four weeks of Red Cross swim lessons ended last Friday. The cost of instruction was furnished by the Lane County Red Cross while the only charge to participants was for pool use.

Wally Ciochetti was in charge of the instruction with Ron Pupke, Mel Fox and Frank Divers assisting. Bob Dusenberry, recreation Director, who has organized these annual swim programs for the last 10 years states this was the most successful both from a point of the number enrolled, as well as the advancement made by the swimmers. Credit should go to the new pool facilities as well as to the very competent instruction.

Approximately 500 swimmers took advantage of the opportunity to take beginning or advanced swimming. Included in this number were seven classes of adults totaling about 50.

The large enrollment was in the beginning group where about 260 were enrolled. Very few of this group actually passed the rather technical beginners test, but many of them advanced to the floating, steamboating and a few strokes stage where another year will put them in the actual swimming stage.

Those who passed all the technical tests for the various classes are:

Beginners

Danny Beeler, Christine Caldwell, Russell Calhoun, Carol Ann Carpenter, Ronaid Casebeer, Ronnie Crawford, John Evenson, Jimmy Ezell, Karen Gallo, Evelyn Gates, Richard Groat, David Hawkins, Larry Henningsgaard, Linda Hoopes.

Bobby Hubbard, Sharon Hutchi-

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Assessor Boosts Grove's Millage

Lane County's Assessor this week announced a millage increase for Cottage Grove from 94.5 to 105.3, according to a news release relative to the 1955 assessment, tax levies and millage for Lane County.

Winfred W. Smith, assessor, explained that the increase was due to a boost in expenditures for Cottage Grove and the schools. According to Smith, expenditures for Cottage Grove for 1954 was $100,600 compared to $109,680 for this year, while school expenditures increased from $139,303.96 to $156,900.

In total mills levied, Cottage Grove is exceeded in Lane County only by Florence, which has a 137.2 millage rate. Other mills levied for Lane County is as follows: Lowell - 98.1; Oakridge-93.1; Creswell - 87.0; Springfield-86.1; Eugene - 84.0; Coburg- 83.0, and Junction City - 75.7.

Millage Decrease

This represents a decrease in the millage within the city of Eugene and other taxing districts throughout Lane County, according to Smith.

Special taxes levied in cities and towns for 1955 are as follows: (valuation, mills and tax are listed in that order after each community)

Cottage Grove: $2,836,820 - 38.7 - $109,784.93; Coburg: $200,-293 - 9.3 - $1,862.72; Creswell: $433,308 - 10.3 - $4,463.07; Eugene: $42,793,204 - 20.8 - $890,-098.64; Florence: $1,129,347 - 49.0 - $55,338; Junction City: $1,729,714 - 20.5 - $35,459.14; Lowell: $207,661 - 24.1 - $5,004.63; Oakridge: $1,219,981 - 37.6 - $45,-871.28; Springfield: $11,352,731 - 26.9 - $305,388.46. Grand tax total: $1,453,270.87.

Taxes levied in rural school districts for high school purposes went as follows: Valuation - $23,-729,268, Mills - 22.5, Tax - $533,-908.53. For elementary school purposes levies were: Tax - $971,-456.81, Mills - 30.3; Valuation - $32,061,281.

Grove Taxes High

Taxes levied for Cottage Grove High was heaviest of all union high schools, with a $248,055.30 tax, 23.4 mills and a valuation of $10,600,654.

Taxes levied in first class school districts saw school district 45 of Cottage Grove fourth lowest with a $157,022.98 tax, millage of 35.9 and $4,373,342 valuation. Eugene was highest with a $55,539,-821 valuation, 55.9 mills and tax of $3,104,675.99.

General tax levies for state and county purposes were as follows: County general fund: Mills - 2.69, Tax - $393,413.25; County public assistance fund: Mills - 1.21, Tax-$176,962.84; County school fund: Mills - 3.12, Tax - $456,300.87; County fair board fund: Mills - 0.03, Tax - $4,387.51; 0.35 mill detention home fund: Mills - 0.25, Tax - $36,562.57. Grand total mills - 7.30, Tax - $1,067,627.04.

Total 1955 assessment for Lane County was set at $146,250,280.00.

CG High Football Schedule Eases

The Cottage Grove Lions will face a rugged nine game football schedule this fall, but it will not be the crippling schedule of the past four years. The state reclassification of schools four years ago put the Lions into a football district that had four of the five district opponents from schools from two to four times the enrollment of the Lions.

This year the Lions will play only Springfield, Eugene and North Bend of the district opponents and substitute Central High, the new Monmouth - Independence consolidated school, and Prineville, the top rated A-2 school in the state, for Coos Bay and Roseburg. These will be the only changes from last year's schedule.

Coach Mel Fox will start his work-outs next week and will only have ten days until the annual Football Jamboree. This year Springfield and Cottage Grove will play Eugene and Willamette in four quarters of football in a return to a four team Jamboree. The outlook in the Lion camp this year is good with 10 returning lettermen.

Season tickets for the five home games for four dollars will go on sale next week. Reservations may be made by calling the high school office. Ticket holders from previous years will be given preference in securing the same seats again.

The football schedule for the 1955 season appears on the sports page.

High School Band Plays At Shrine Tilt Again

Cottage Grove High's band for the fifth consecutive year participated in pre-game and halftime ceremonies at the annual Shriners All-Star football game at Multnomah stadium in Portland.

According to Charles Steele, band director, 50 band members made the trip Saturday and were part of the estimated 2,000 marching and playing units on the field that evening. Steele added that there were 46 units that participated in the activities.

The group left Cottage Grove at 8 p.m. Saturday, spent the afternoon at Jantzen beach and arrived home from the game at 4:30 a.m. Sunday.

Doors Are Now Open for '55 Western Oregon Exposition; Displays, Fun Fair Seen Friday

Western Oregon Exposition opens its doors for the 1955 fair at 5th and Washington St. today, when non - perishable exhibits will be entered from 1 to 5 p.m. Displays and the Fun Fair will be open to the public at 1 p.m. on Friday.

Thursday evening and Friday morning will be busy with preparation of booths in the commercial division and the Fun Fair. Friday morning will also see exhibits coming in to be placed for judging and viewing by 1 p.m. A complete program of activities is given to advise of time of the various attractions.

Questions have been asked regarding the prize drawings which will be held twice daily from the tickets received for each $1.00 fair building fund donation. The tickets received for donation, according to Mrs. Leon Morton, publicity chairman, will be used in every drawing, regardless of whether a prize is received at any previous drawing.

Hours of Work

"Many hours spent at meetings to make fair plans have gone into making the fair click, to say nothing of countless miles of foot work for contacts and reams of paper work," stated Mrs. Morton. "The Ways and Means committee, Joan Morris and Joy Woodard, are presently working towards providing means for a permanent fair grounds, thus making unnecessary the annual building and tearing down of equipment. It seems that this is the year when a final decision will be made whether the community wants the fair enough to support it and the big push has started."

Donation tickets for the prize drawings and the Mystery Car drawing should make a substantial begining on the fair building fund, Mrs. Morton added, with 10% of all Fun Fair profits going into the same fund.

The White Elephant Auction, starting at 3 p.m. Sunday, will be on all sorts of articles donated from exhibits and other articles brought by those interested in the building fund. Anything salable will be accepted. If desired, a percentage may be withheld for those making donations.

Popular Displays

The popular appeal voting in the art division, which proved so interesting last year, will be repeated again this year, according to Dorothy Wilson, superintendent of the art division.

Another repeat attraction will be Mrs. Verne Shortridge in native Norwegian costume, spinning

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Teachers Prepare For Coming Year At Grove High

The 31 faculty members of the staff for Cottage Grove Union high school will gather at 8:30 a.m. Monday, August 29, for a week of in-service work, registration and preparation for the coming year, according to an announcement by Principal, R. L. Dusenberry.

Monday's schedule will include preliminary announcements and departmental meetings in the morning with sophomore registration in the afternoon and juniors and seniors in the evening.

Tuesday's schedule also calls for departmental meetings for curriculum work and room preparation with freshmen scheduling in the afternoon.

Wednesday's schedule is a day for study of "Aviation Education in the School Curriculum." The Civil Air Patrol will sponsor a visit to the Mahlon Sweet airport in Eugene for a visit to observe airport and flight operation weather observation, and culminating in a flight over the local area. Plans call for a 26 passenger USAF plane for the flight.

The afternoon session and panel discussion will be headed by Jack Sorenson, CAP aviation educationist and Captain George Ramsdell of the USAF.

Thursday's session will find a discussion of administrative procedures in the morning with a joint session with the elementary teachers of District 45 for panel sessions to discuss "Teaching Methods and Problems in the Elementary School" and "Problem Areas for Freshmen."

Friday will be set aside to finish preparation for classes convening on the following Tuesday.

CG Grade School Registration Is Set for Tuesday

Parents of first graders in the area are reminded that formal registration for Cottage Grove's elementary schools will be held Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

To register their children, parents must present the child's birth certificate. State Law requires each entering first grader to have a health examination. Parents are urged to consult the family physician regarding this examination prior to registration. The completed medical examination form should be presented at the time of registration.

There will be no pre-school clinic this year, according to Miss Dorothy Marshall, county health nurse. Those unable to pay the cost of a physical examination should phone Miss Marshall, 598J or Mrs. Carlson, 1272J.

Oregon School Law requires that a child be six years of age on or before November 15 of the current school year to enter the first grade.

Highway 99 is the dividing line for place of registration. Those residing on the east side of the highway will register at Harrison School and on the west side at Adams School.

Grove-Drain Swimmers To Compete as I Team In Springfield Tonight

Swimmers for Cottage Grove and Drain will combine forces and enter the Willamalane swimming meet tonight at 7 o'clock as a South Lane - North Douglas team.

Swimmers from both towns competed in a swimming meet Monday at the South Lane Recreations' new swim pool, with first and second place winners composing the team to compete this evening.

Other teams in the meet include those from Eugene and Springfield.

LUNCHEON POSTPONED

A luncheon for the Cottage Grove women golfers scheduled for Friday, September 2, has been postponed until September 16, according to publicity chairman Mrs. Russ Woolcott.

Senior Physician In CG Area Dies At Portland Friday

Dr. William H. Earl, 50, physician in Cottage Grove for the past 20 years, died Friday in Portland. At the time of his death he was the senior physician in the local area.

Funeral services were held Monday at 10 a.m., with the Reverend D. Hugh Peniston officiating. Interment was in Rest Haven Cemetery.

Dr. Earl was born December 28, 1904, in Eskridge, Kans. He was graduated from the University of Kansas medical school and practiced medicine for three years in that state before coming to Oregon in 1935.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite Masonic bodies and Al Kadar Temple of the Shrine.

More details appear on the Obit page.

Student Activities At CG High Now Being Organized

Student activities are being organized to begin soon after school opens September 6. During this past week meetings have been held at the school by the Lionettes and Rally Squad and by members of the Executive Council of the Associated Student Body to outline activities for the year.

First event of the school year is the Football Jamboree held annually in Eugene the first week of school. Rally busses will take students to the event. Tickets will be on sale at the high school during registration next week.

Both the Rally Squad members, who will have their uniforms by the time of the Jamboree, and the Lionettes have been meeting regularly during the summer to practice and work out routines for yells and songs.

Plans are being made to develop a special performing group from the Lionettes to entertain at basketball games later this fall.

Freshmen girls or others who wish to join the Lionettes this year may get information about the organization and pick up petitions for membership at the time of registration.

Bishop A. Raymond Grant to Deliver Methodist Church Dedication Sunday

Bishop Raymond Grant

This Sunday during the morning worship service, the Cottage Grove Methodist Church will be dedicated. Bishop A. Raymond Grant will deliver the sermon and dedicate the building with the assistance of the pastor, Sydney Gaither, district superintendent, the Reverend Meredith Groves of the Eugene district and Boyd Allen, treasurer of building fund, who has been authorized by the trustees to present the building to be dedicated to the glory of God and the service of man.

The actual building fund and program began during the pastorate of Rev. Groves, who served the Cottage Grove church from 1931 to 1935. Other former ministers who have shared in the building program along with the trustees, membership and friends are: The Reverends Ellsworth Tilton, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Roseburg; Wilmer Briggs, serving Methodist Church in Tillamook; Frank Brown, pastor of First Methodist Church in Tacoma, Wash.; and Clark Enz, pastor of the Methodist Church in Oregon City.

The special service will begin at 10:50 a.m. The robed choir will give the call to worship and responses. Former ministers will take part in the program and a solo is anticipated from Rev. Brown.

Bishop Grant's message has been titled "Travel or Standstill." The mortgage burning and dedication follows the sermon. A basket dinner, with fried chicken, is planned after the church service in Friendship hall.

Class of '49 Reunion Meeting Slated Friday

All members of the Cottage Grove High School graduating class of 1949 are requested to attend a class reunion organizational meeting at 8 p.m. in the council chamber of the city hall Friday.

Vernon Coop, graduating class president and reunion organizer, urges all concerned to attend the meeting so that plans for the event can be ironed out.

Revamped Germany Seen by The Sentinel's Touring Editor

(Following is a letter from W. C. Martin, who, along with his wife and son, Walter Martin Jr., is currently touring Europe. Recently completing a trip through Germany, he has the following comments to make):

Stuttgart, Germany, Aug. 14, 1955

We are back in Stuttgart, after having motored through Austria, Northern Italy and Switzerland. We flew into Frankfurt from London via the British European airways. At Frankfurt we were met by our son, Walter Jr., who has been stationed at Stuttgart for several months, singing with the Stuttgart Opera Co., and attending the Stuttgart School of Music or the Stuttgart Conservatory.

When we arrived it was near the end of the opera season and we heard no operas from the opera company, but we did hear an opera given by the pupils of the Music Conservatory. In fact, we heard two operas, but given by music pupils. Walter Jr., had the lead in the first opera, "El Tabarra." The opera started at 11 a.m. Sunday morning, a rather odd time we thought, but despite numerous conflicts and counter attractions,the opera was well attended which shows the German love for opera music. They often encore singers back as many as six or seven times.

Stuttgart, a German city of about the size of San Francisco, is located in a bowl in the mountains and is spread out with buildings running up every canyon During World War II, American airmen destroyed 70 per cent of the buildings and the rubble or ruins of postwar Stuttgart covers a hill at the west entrance to the city. In the ten years period, the city has not only been built back, but is growing rapidly. Now there are at least 24 commercial buildings, including two ten story apartments under construction in addition to numerous dwellings and anallet apartment.

Strange Custom

The Germans have a strange custom, not ordinarily understood. So far as we can find, no German would dare leave home without locking his house thoroughly. We stayed at a small pension or hotel here and on coming in at night, we had to unlock or have unlocked for us a total of four doors. The front yard gate would be locked, then an outer door and an inner door before coming into the house, then we would have to unlock the door to our own room.

Stuttgart is not only an industrial and cultured city, the former caused its destruction in the recent war, but it can boast of the world's tallest TV tower. This tower, located on a hill overlooking the city will be 500 feet

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