

## Arthur J. Edwards to Leave Staff of The Statesman After Nearly 50 Years of Service

Arthur J. Edwards, a Statesman staff employe for near half a century and its pressroom foreman for the last 43 years, is retiring this week to devote full time to his long-standing hobby — horses.

Edwards, who currently is agent for the army's remount service in the Willamette valley, began work with The Statesman as a carrier boy July 1, 1898. At the same time, he began training as a pressman, carrying on both jobs for several years before taking over of The Statesman's newspaper press.

The retiring foreman served this newspaper through three wars, and has been responsible for printing probably more than 75,000,000 copies of The Statesman. No issue ever was missed while he was in charge of the press. Edwards' services in other parts of the valley also have been in considerable demand for many years, in repairing and setting up pressroom equipment.

A charter member of the AFL pressman's local 247 which feted him Tuesday night, Edwards has been with The Statesman longer than any other employe. His service has been continuous except for a few months just before World War II. He had planned to retire then, but when war service took other pressroom workers to whom his duties had been entrusted, Edwards recruited a new crew and returned to operate The Statesman's press throughout the emergency.

Edwards, a native of Manitoba, Canada, but a Salem resident since he was 6 years old, said in announcing his retirement that he had been "very proud to devote my career to The Oregon Statesman." He and his wife reside at 1150 Waller st. A son, Cecil Edwards, is in business at Pomona, Calif. A daughter, Mrs. Russell Mefford, and two grandchildren, Mary Jane and Judith Anne Mefford, reside in Salem.

Succeeding Edwards as pressroom foreman will be Herbert Smith of Portland, who has been working with Edwards the last few months and who now plans to move his family to Salem soon.

## Falls City Folk Entertained

FALLS CITY — Mrs. Mabel Hatch is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Carl Dannen at Tangent, for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Matheny of Portland visited relatives here over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. James Marr and children visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Marr, for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Groll of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Graham of Salem visited their mother, Mrs. Katie Graham, for the weekend.

Frank Kammes of Portland visited the G. E. Wilsons Sunday. Clarence Lee is ill at the Bartell hospital in Dallas.

Mrs. William Poland entertained for her husband with a birthday dinner Saturday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. George Kitchen, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Burbank and Pete Kneebone.

## Redmond Couple Lease Cloverdale Green Farm

CLOVERDALE — Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Phillips and small daughter have leased the Hugh Green farm and moved to the residence. They formerly lived at Redmond.

Mrs. John Schifferer was a brought home Sunday from a Salem hospital where she spent several days following an automobile accident.

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## Retired as Pressroom Chief



Standing next to his "baby," The Statesman's newspaper press, is Arthur J. Edwards, who will send the wheels a-whirling in the few hours of Friday for perhaps his last time. Edwards, pressroom foreman for 43 years, is retiring but he'll still keep busy as a horse fancier. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

## Valley Briefs

Clear Lake — "Color in the Home" will be discussed by Eleanor Trindle, Marion home agent, at the home extension unit meeting Friday at Mrs. Home Goulets at 1:30 p.m. Members are invited to bring a guest and a toy for the toy kit.

Kelzer — IBGT class will meet Friday, January 16, at the grange hall at 7 p.m. with a no host supper. Members and friends are invited.

## Pedee Resident Hospital Patient

PEDEE — Mrs. Charles Kessler is a patient at Portland Emanuel hospital where she underwent a major operation Friday.

Levi Dyer, who has been working near Dallas, has pneumonia and is a patient at Bartell hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Glover and family of Ashland visited last week at the Charles and Joe O'Neal homes.

Charles and Alberta Ronco returned to their home near Newberg Saturday as their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ronco, are leaving Monday for an indefinite stay in San Francisco to be near their son Paul, a patient in a hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Clell Kerber and Rose of Mill City spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Rittie Kerber and Fritz.

## Liberty Community Club Plans for Pie Social

LIBERTY — The Community club met Friday night. On the program were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hedges, Donna Faye Behrens, Marilyn Williams, Janice Worth, Dorothy Seeger, Beverly Matlock, Jerry Seeger and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Verbeck with their "Dance of the Dolls."

On the refreshment committee were Mrs. Welbert Kurth and Mrs. Harry Evans. Next meeting will be February 6, when a pie social is planned.

## Valley Calendar

THURSDAY  
Liberty Extension union, 10 a.m.  
Mrs. Charles Kraugers  
Kelzer PTA, 8 p.m., school house.  
Salem Heights Mothers club, 1 p.m., school cafeteria.  
Aumsville Extension unit, 8 a.m., city hall.

FRIDAY  
Salem Heights Community club, 8 p.m.  
Silverton Hills grange, initiation.  
Rickey Garden club, 8 p.m., at Four Corners Community hall.  
Garden Road Neighborhood club, Mrs. Earl Wood, 2 p.m.

SATURDAY  
Marion county 4-H Leaders association, YMCA, 1:30.  
Hayesville Woman's club, 6:30 dinner, Mayflower hall.

## Independence Lodges Install New Officers

INDEPENDENCE — Joint installation of Rebekahs and Odd Fellows was held January 8 following a no-host dinner with 150 in attendance.

Officers installed by Rebekahs were: Noble grand, Mrs. Charles Burch; vice grand, Mrs. John Buker; secretary, Irma Cooper; treasurer, Mrs. Anna White; chaplain, Mrs. Paul Dodele; conductress, Mrs. Jess Sohn; warden, Mrs. Adolph Riha; musician, Mrs. James Cobine; guards, Mrs. Charles Bullock, Mrs. Flossie Johnson; supporters to noble grand, Mrs. C. W. Irvine, Mrs. Lawrence Carter; supporters to vice grand, Mrs. Ray Howard, Mrs. George Ploub.

Installing officer was Mrs. Irvin Benscoter, district deputy president.

Officers installed by the Odd Fellows were: Noble grand, Adolph Riha; vice grand, James Cobine; secretary, James Robbie; treasurer, Clifford Bowler; warden, Duane Marshall; conductor, Earl Proctor; chaplain, Paul Dodele; scene supporters, W. L. Hamman, Jack Braxton; guards, George Howard, Monroe Kline; supporters to vice grand, George Ploub, Herbert Thurston; past grand "Bud" Young.

Installing officers, Carl Pressler, district deputy grand master, and Irvin Benscoter, district deputy grand marshal. Supporters to noble grand are Clarence Ritchey and Jess Sohn.

## West Salem Will Have Dress Form Meeting Jan. 23

The demonstration on "How to Make a Paper Dress Form," originally scheduled for January 9 in West Salem, was cancelled because of high water and will be given January 23 in West Salem at the city hall on Edgewater street by Viola B. Shaffer, Polk home demonstration agent.

Marion and Polk county home extension unit members attending will later act as project leaders in their communities for this project. Anyone wishing to attend this meeting may do so.

A talking moving picture in technicolor showing each step of the construction of a paper dress form will be shown at 9:45 a.m. before the demonstration. Those attending are asked to bring a sack lunch as only coffee and tea will be served by the West Salem home extension unit.

The original city of Philadelphia in what is now Trans-Jordan was named for its conqueror, Ptolemy Philadelphus.

## Independence PTA Has Meeting at High School

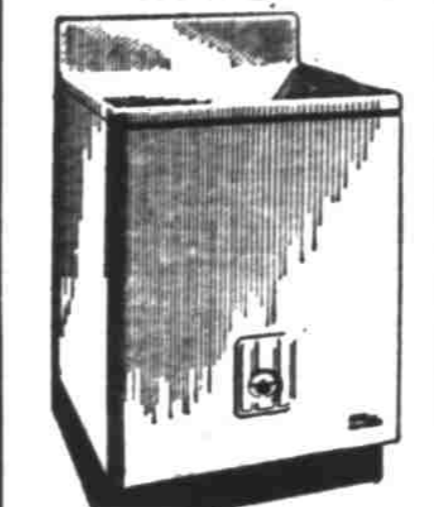
INDEPENDENCE — More than 150 attended the Parent-Teachers meeting in the high school at which Dr. Louis Kaplan, Oregon College of Education, spoke on "Resources of Youth."

Teachers who presented pupils in numbers to illustrate the talk were Paul Dodd, Elizabeth Bettinger, Thelma Tallent and Faye Knott. Founders' day will be observed February 2 when Mrs. Henry Klassen, vice-president, will be in charge of the program.

Mrs. Willard Laurence was chairman of the mothers of eighth grade pupils, who served. Those assisting were Creta Burch, Hulda Pippin, Mary DeForest, Florence Klassen, Lydia Franz. The local PTA unit now has a membership of 180.

## Now, California Grows Bananas, They Tell Us

LINCOLN — Wayne Williams of National City, near San Diego, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Williams, this week. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Williams have purchased two houses at National City with two acres of ground on which are avacados, apricots, grapefruit, orange and banana trees.



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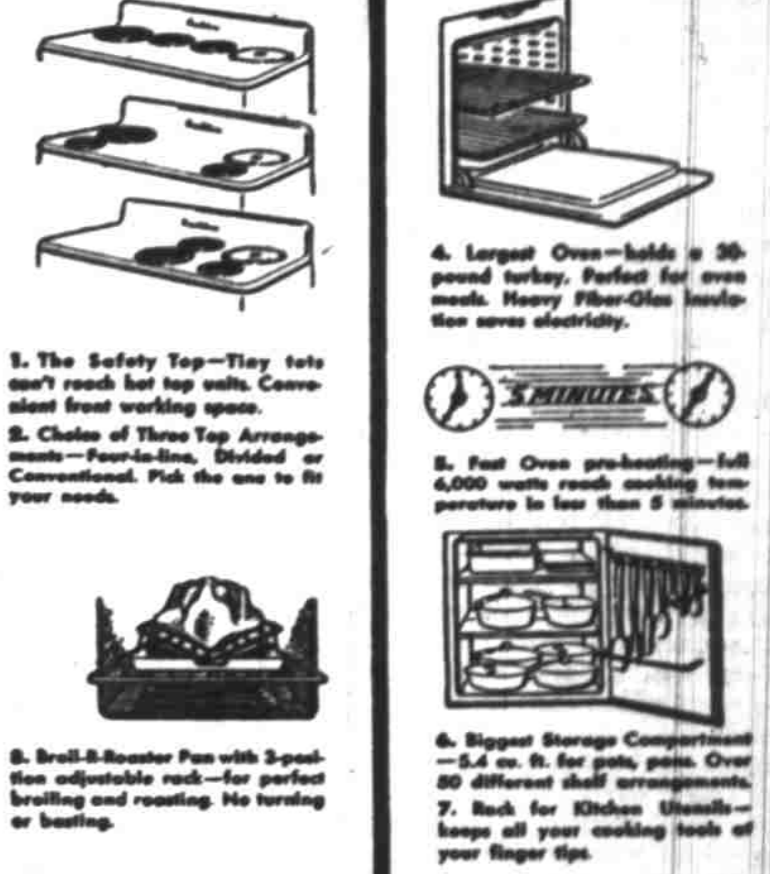
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