

## Firemen Slate Medford Meet

The second annual meeting of the Oregon Rural Fire Protection Districts Association will be held in Medford, May 26 to 28, with headquarters at the Jackson Hotel.

The first day of the meet is to be held jointly with the Oregon Fire Chiefs' Association at the Holly Theater, starting at 9:30 a.m.

The speakers will include Governor Douglas McKay; R. B. Taylor, state fire marshal; Jack A. Hayes, director of civil defense for Oregon; Frank S. Sever, attorney of Portland; and Loren Bush, chief engineer, board of Fire Underwriters of the Pacific, San Francisco.

The group will meet at the Jackson Hotel on May 27. A joint banquet will be held at the Elks Club at 7 p.m. All rural districts may send delegates whether or not they belong to the association.

## Oregon Crop Outlook Good

PORTLAND —(AP)— Oregon crop conditions last week were generally favorable, the summary of the weather bureau and department of agriculture reported Wednesday.

In the Klamath Basin and some scattered areas of Central Oregon there were some below-freezing minimums but elsewhere temperatures were listed as relatively moderate.

Showers aided some rain-shy wheat regions. Showers and warm weather also brought on the weeds and row crop cultivating is now urgent, the report said.

The outlook: In Western Oregon, cloudiness and cool temperatures through Sunday with some light showers Friday and again Sunday. Eastern Oregon, mostly fair with scattered mountain showers on Wednesday and again Sunday. No major frosts.

### Roberta Sue Glenn

Roberta Sue Glenn, 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Glenn of 318 Columbia Court, Cottage Grove, died in a hospital in Salt Lake City Tuesday, May 20, 1952 following a short illness.

She was born in Loma Linda, Calif., Sept. 27, 1940. She came to Cottage Grove at the age of 3 and she had attended the Harrison School. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints.

She is survived by her father and stepmother; her mother, Mrs. A. R. Robinson of Los Angeles; a sister, Mrs. Betty Linhart of Los Angeles; a stepfather, Mrs. Shirley Hess of Cottage Grove; three brothers: Robert with U. S. Army at Guam, Jack and Floyd, Jr., both of Cottage Grove.

Funeral services will be at Smith Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove Friday, May 23 at 2 p. m. (DST) with interment in West Lawn Memorial Cemetery, Eugene. Elder Virgil C. Hill officiating.

### Arthur C. Todd

Arthur C. Todd of 3515 Pattison Dr., Eugene, died May 18, 1952. He was born April 25, 1920, at Lisko, Neb., and had lived in Eugene for six years. The deceased was a Marine veteran of World War II and was employed by the Southern Pacific Co. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Todd of Klamath Falls; two sons: Ronald and Donald of Eugene; a brother, Albert R. of Eugene. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Poole-Larsen.



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500 YOUNG DOUGLES FIRS were planted by ten young 4-H members of the Mt. View Foresters Club on Bohemia Lumber Co. property last week. Dick Green, above, president of the club, led the group along with adult leader Ted R. Hudson. The young timber crop was planted in marked rows by the boys near the Table Rock Road up Sharps Creek. The club is composed of Cottage Grove-area youths.

## News Briefs



**U.S. WEATHER BUREAU FORECAST:** Eugene and vicinity: Mostly cloudy through Thursday, with showers Thursday afternoon. Little change in temperature. Western Oregon: same.

**Local Statistics:** Highest temperature Tuesday, 66; low Wednesday morning, 42; rain in 24 hours ending 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, 0 inch; total for month, .29 inches; normal for month, 1.80 inches; stage of river at 7:30 a.m., Wednesday 0 feet; wind at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, NE-2; prevailing Tuesday, SSW-11.5.

**Sunrise and Sunset (PST):** Thursday, 4:39 a.m., and 7:38 p.m. Friday, 4:38 a.m., and 7:40 p.m.

**LADIES AUXILIARY** of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. (DST) at the Knights of Pythias Hall. Mrs. A. R. Clough, Mrs. R. D. Busey, and Mrs. A. R. Cole are in charge of refreshments after the meeting.

**THE BAUGHMAN** family reunion will be held in Eugene, Sunday, May 25, 1 p.m. in the 4-H Club building on the Lane County square.

**SQUARE DANCING** programs, usually held each Saturday night at River Road Grade School, have been cancelled until June 17, Eugene's Bureau of Parks and Recreation announced Tuesday. The dances will be resumed then at Washington Park on the tennis courts and will be open to all persons.

**DEPRESSIONS** will be the topic at the Friendly House discussion hour Friday at 8 p.m. Discussion leader will be Harlow E. Hudson. Friendly House is at 2445 Kincaid St.

**MRS. JAMES E. Baker**, 2566 wishes to thank the persons who helped save her furniture and combat a fire which destroyed the Baker house Monday.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE** Class of the First Christian Church will have a hot lunch potluck Friday at 12:30 p.m. (DST) at the church. Mrs. R. R. Elmore is in charge.

**THE NEXT** meeting of the Eugene Kennel Club will be June 10 at Skinner's Butte Cottage at 7:30 p.m. At a recent meeting the group approved new by-laws.

### Spear Plant Burns

PORTLAND —(AP)—Fire early Wednesday razed a small lumber and planing mill north of Portland with an estimated loss of \$35,000. Spear Lumber Company operated the plant, located on N. Portland Road west of the old Vanport site.

### BARGAIN

CHICAGO —(AP)— Jack Shore's good news is bad news for some New York art experts. Shore, a Chicago art dealer, paid \$100 for a printing shunned by other bidders at a Manhattan auction recently. The painting was identified Tuesday as an original Lucrezia Borgia worth \$150,000.

## Swim Program Plans Studied

The summer schedule for the annual Red Cross swimming program is being worked out by the swim committee, Max Strauss, Junction City, chairman of the program, reported this week.

Strauss said that classes will be conducted in a large number of communities, with the first class to begin about June 16.

Volunteer instructors will teach the classes. These instructors will leave soon to attend Red Cross Aquatic School at Prescott, Ariz., and will begin teaching upon their return. They will include two from Florence, two from Oakridge, one from Springfield, two from Junction City, two from Eugene, and possibly others from other communities.

The Lane County Chapter sends the instructors to the school to learn the latest in teaching techniques. When they return they teach the free swim classes on a volunteer basis.

### Arvilla Briggs

Arvilla Briggs died at her home, 1890 Grant St., at the age of 66. She was born at Yakima, Wash. Nov. 7, 1885, and married Otis H. Briggs at Donna, Ore. Dec. 24, 1903. Her family settled in Lane County 62 years ago. Besides her husband, she is survived by four children: Edna McCue of Glide, Gerald of Lakeside, Virgil Briggs and Edith Weaver, both of Eugene; three brothers, Jess, Vern and Bryan Smith of Harrisburg, a sister, Mrs. Catherine Maxwell of Los Angeles, and five grandchildren. The funeral will be at the Poole-Larsen Chapel Saturday, May 24 at 2 p.m. The Rev. Clark Aydelott will officiate, with vault interment at West Lawn Memorial Cemetery.

## Cute Gadgets Fire Hazards

Those cute little celluloid merry-go-round gimmicks for Juniors birthday cake are fun—but they can be dangerous, Eugene Fire Marshal Lester Barker warned Wednesday.

Barker said he had received several calls from frightened parents who had lit candles near the contraption and the whole thing went up in smoke.

For sale at several bakeries, the gadget is celluloid structure which is mounted on top of the birthday cake. When wound, it whirls and simulates a merry-go-round.

Perfectly safe, says the fire marshal, except when near heat or fire. Then the whole thing is highly dangerous.

Barker warned parents to keep fire and heat away from the gadgets. He pointed out that a birthday cake is nearly always mounted on a table with paper table clothes or napkins and surrounded by children.

"No one wants a tragedy instead of a birthday party," was his comment.

### Guy W. Tilden

Guy Willis Tilden, 78, formerly of Fall Creek, died at Vale, Ore., while visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Cordelia Vaughn. He had been there only a week. He formerly lived at Vale from 1940 to 1944. He was born in Illinois. Survivors include his wife; five daughters, Mrs. Vaughn of Vale, Carol Zawyrucha, Patricia Davis, Mary Willis and Jeanne Donahou, all of California; one son, Lucius W. of West Linn, Ore., and two sisters. Services will be at San Bernardino, Calif.

## Bragging Americans Disliked in Europe

Eugene Rotarians Tuesday heard a European tell what Americans do wrong when they visit Europe. Some of them didn't like it.

The European was Wilhelmus Van Eekeren, exchange student from The Netherlands who is spending this year at the University of Oregon school of Journalism. He told the Rotarians that Americans brag too much, look down on Europeans, spend money too freely, and fail to appreciate what the war did to European standards of living.

**ROTARIANS INVITED** Van Eekeren, a Dutch radio news analyst, to present a critical picture of Americans overseas. He was asked not to pull punches and not to flatter. He followed his directions. The air in the Eugene Hotel Persian Room turned from stuffy to distinctly cool before he was half through his talk.

"New economic ideas, he said, are being tried in Europe by people 'who have seen old ideas and systems fail.'"

Yet, he complained, Americans regard new ideas as hare-brained socialist schemes.

Nonetheless, he admitted, "We in Holland were liberated by you Americans," and spoke of American cemeteries in his home country.

**AFTER** his talk, he was challenged by Rotarians who objected to his criticisms of the conduct of Americans abroad.

Frederick M. Hunter, former chancellor of the state system of higher education, asked him if he thought Rotary was wasting its money by sponsoring exchange student programs so "scions of cultured European families can come over here and live among us barbarians?"

Van Eekeren said he didn't mean that at all. He added he felt exchange student programs were an important step toward world peace and understanding. He appealed to Rotarians to realize that neither America nor Europe is all good or all bad.

### Springfield Council To Meet Thursday

Springfield City Council will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. The session will precede the meeting of the budget committee.

On the agenda will be (1) canvass of the bond issue election held last Friday, (2) consideration of the parking meter fund, (3) and transfer of sewage plant funds now in the city treasury to Springfield Utility Board.

### Officer Promoted

Officer Edgar Middaugh has been promoted to rank of sergeant on the Springfield police force, Chief Harry Howard announced Wednesday. Middaugh is 37 years old. He joined the force on Jan. 16, 1951.

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