

**FAMILY JACKPOT**



The three babies, pictured with their mothers at Burge Hospital at Springfield, Mo., made a man a father once and a grandfather twice within 24 hours. From left to right, Mrs. Edgar Brown and her daughter; her step-mother, Mrs. Fred Beasley, Sr., and her son; Mrs. Beasley's step daughter-in-law, Mrs. Bill Beasley and her son. The three mothers shared the same hospital room and the same doctor. (A.P. Wirephoto)

**Joint Rites for Catholic Order**

MT. ANGEL — The Catholic order of Foresters St. Mary's Court of Mt. Angel and the St. Paul's Court of Silverton, will hold a joint initiation of new members ceremony on Wednesday, Feb. 24, in the auditorium of St. Mary's school here. Candidates will be present 6:30 o'clock, and the initiation will begin at 7 p. m. The degree team of Sublimity, headed by State Ranger Ted Minden, will be in charge.

Following the initiation, a social hour with dancing and buffet lunch will be enjoyed, to which all Foresters and their families are invited.

A unique feature of this initiation is that for the first time in the 51-year history of the C.O.F. in the Mount Angel parish, several ladies will have the C.O.F. degree conferred upon them. For the purpose of fostering and encouraging family participation in C.O.F. social, spiritual and fraternal works, the C.O.F. has for the past year been inviting women to join with the men in this Catholic Fraternal Society.

The committee from St. Mary's court here, in charge of the arrangements are Chief Ranger William Blem; Juvenile director Joseph Wavra and Val Eberle.

**REDS FIND IRON**

TOKYO (AP) — Peiping radio says enormous new iron deposits have been discovered near Paotow, north of the Yellow river, in North China's Suiyan Province.

Tuberculosis causes about 25,000 deaths a year in the United States.

**Du Pont, Firestone Win Freedoms Award Again**

VALLEY FORGE, Pa., (UP) — The E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. and the Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. today won top honors for the second time in the Freedoms Foundation awards for outstanding contributions to the American way of life.

They were among more than 800 organizations and individuals cited for their patriotic work by the 34-member 1953 awards jury of the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, set up in 1949 in the cause of true understanding of America of true understanding of American freedom.

In all, the Freedoms Foundation gave out \$31,000 in cash prizes and hundreds of other awards at special George Washington's Birthday ceremonies at this historic spot. Firestone won the top award in the "Company Employee Publications" category, which it won for the first time last year. Du Pont's "Calvacade of America" series, which won top honors in the radio field in 1951, took the first prize this time in the television field.

Other awards included: Cartoons, Sheldon Starkman, Los Angeles, UCLA Daily Bruin, for a

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**Conditions and Problems Told at Farm Loan Meet**

Fred Muhs was re-elected president of the Willamette National Farm Loan Association at its annual meeting held Saturday at the Marion Hotel.

Ralph Otis was elected vice president, J. J. Sechrist, secretary-treasurer, and Carroll R. Nelson, assistant to Sechrist. The officers together with G. E. Lewis, Fred Diekmann and Robert Mitchell comprise the board of directors. Otis and Mitchell had been elected to a three-year term at the morning session.

Sechrist, addressing the meeting, said that from the beginning of the association up to 1945, when six associations in the Willamette area had consolidated, many changes had been made in the Land Bank system. This brought greater financial stability, he said, with respect to reserves for losses which are much greater than in 1945. The loan volume in that year, he said, was \$2,536,000, compared to a low of \$1,799,000 in 1947 and a balance of \$3,020,000 at the end of 1953.

Sechrist presented one of the major problems faced by the farmers in what he termed the present price-cost squeeze, namely the real estate tax problem. In some cases, he said, taxes have tripled the 1940 figure "with the result that the present annual tax payment is larger than the installments on loans on the farms. This tax problem is now the major factor in the present delinquency account list in the Salem office as well as other association offices in the State."

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retired 74, but with a net gain of \$179,200.

Dr. G. Burton Wood, head of the Department of Agricultural Economics at Oregon State College, gave the main address. Speaking of problems of the farmer, the labor-consumer, and the business man.

"There is," he said, "a necessity for a stable agriculture as well as a stable economy, and one of the main issues for the farmer in the years to come is that he will have to decide where he wants to go and what he wants in the way of a farm program as well as how much government is to be involved in agriculture, and whether he will follow a program that will lead to abundance or scarcity."

He stressed that all citizens should take a stand regarding agriculture that will be good for the farmer, the consumer and the business man.

**Nation Enjoys Nice Weather**

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Most of the nation had spring-like weather Monday.

Freezing temperatures were pretty much confined to the upper Mississippi Valley.

Southern California had another day of summer in February such as brought a 73-year record high temperature Sunday to Los Angeles.

International Falls, Minn.'s 7 degrees was the lowest overnight reading in the cold section of the Northern Midwest.

Southern California was expected to have almost as warm weather as Sunday, when thousands flocked to the beaches while thermometers read 85 at Los Angeles and San Gabriel, 84 at Burbank and 83 at Long Beach.

Most of the country early Monday had readings in the mid-30s to mid-40s.

The Atlantic Coast from Virginia northward and the Washington Pacific Coast had rain; The Northern

Rocky Mountain region, the extreme Northern Great plains and the lower Great Lakes region had light snow or snow flurries.

While clear skies were general in most other sections, there was still some dust reported in the air of the lower Mississippi Valley, remnants of severe dust storms in the Southern and Central Plains late last week.

Airborne dust from the Texas Panhandle, Oklahoma and Kansas cut visibility to a mile and a half at Springfield, Ill. Saturday, and muddy rain fell in Chicago's loop.

**North Howell Man Home on Furlough**

NORTH HOWELL — Recent dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Sawyer were their son, S. Sgt. and Mrs. Donald Sawyer who arrived home Thursday for several days furlough. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stark and children, Gar and Nikki from Sweet Home. S. Sgt. and Mrs. Sawyer arrived in the United States recently from Germany and will leave March 7 to

report to Barksdale AFB, Shreveport, La.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Espe drove to Jefferson Friday evening to watch the basketball game with Gervais and Jefferson.

There were 306,000 marriages in France in 1953, a drop of 8,000 from the previous year.

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cartoon titled "For All The World To See."  
General, Public Schools Week, San Francisco, for its 34-year-old program to encourage knowledge and interest "in sober, responsible citizenship" through training in the public schools.  
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