

Around Our Town
By Our Roaming Reporter

Mr. Bill Day, who joined the Marines recently, left last Thursday to report for duty. He served in the Marines in World War II. Mrs. Day (Louise Hale) and children are going to live with Mrs. Day's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hale, until they can go to Mr. Day.

Mrs. Len Taylor received word from Mrs. Harvey Taylor of Los Angeles, that Harvey had left recently by plane for Japan where he will be stationed for the next 2 or 3 years. Mrs. Harvey Taylor also wrote that her son, Howard, had been shipped out the next day after Harvey, for the Pacific. Howard is in the army.

Mrs. John Bohnert and Mrs. P. A. Tracy motored to Grants Pass last Thursday to visit with Mrs. Mal Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mathews of Alaska were guests last week end at the Rudy Frohreich home. Mrs. Mathews is an aunt of Rudy. They had not seen one another for 16 years. The Mathews are on their way to New York to visit their son, who flies for Pan America Airways. They expect to be gone for about two months.

Little Susy Lisenbee was quite miserable for two days last week with a stiff neck. The stiffness and soreness disappeared as suddenly as it had appeared.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Purdy and family have moved to Medford until they can build their new home on Grand Road. The Purdys were owners of the Willow Springs store. It was sold last week and will be torn down.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Eicher (Nancy Potter) returned last week from Portland with their son, Bill, age 2, where the little boy underwent eye surgery. Bill was injured in an auto accident when he was only a few months old. They will return him to Portland for further treatment in about ten days.

Recently, upon their return home, the Edward Inman family, Gold Ray Dam Road, were surprised to find a bullet hole through the window of their kitchen door. It was apparently caused by a B.B. gun but if they had been home and in the kitchen, one of them might have been injured.

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Aitkin recently enjoyed a trip to Hawaii; an expense-paid trip awarded by the Howard-Cooper Corporation to the five leading salesmen, two branch managers and their wives.

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S/Sgt. Robert Colley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Colley, arrived Wednesday in Seattle from the Far East. Robert is a former resident of Central Point. He attended schools here, graduating from high school in 1943. His parents now live at Prospect.

Howard Morris, Crater High, was one of the boys picked for the all star team that will play football in the annual Shrine game next August in Portland. Howard plays guard.

Although everyone is teasing Don and Vi Burelson about their impromptu housewarming about 8:00 A.M. Wednesday morning, it could have been a very serious affair. The floor around their gas floor furnace and the rug caught fire and although the fire didn't amount to much, the house was filled with smoke. Marlene woke and discovered the smoke and called her dad, who put out the fire.

Alison Pinkham is confined to her home with scarlet fever.

LaVal McIvor, who was burned badly just before Christmas, underwent surgery for a skin graft last Tuesday. The graft is on his back where the burned area was quite large and hadn't healed properly. He is getting along fine.

Mr. Charlie Cummings was hospitalized last week with pneumonia.

4-H Club Member of The Month
By Glenn Klein
4-H Club Work
County Extension Agent

(The first in a series of monthly articles featuring outstanding 4-H club members in Jackson County.)
Benson Foley, 18, senior at Medford High School, is the first 4-H club member to be featured as the club member of the month in a new series sponsored by the Jackson County 4-H Leaders Association.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Foley, Route 2, Box 380Y, Medford, Foley has completed eight years of 4-H club work in sixteen projects: These have included crops, garden, beef, woodworking, hobby, and his major interest—swine. He has kept one or two sows for the last six years and has been selling pigs to 4-H club members and others. The quality of his stock has steadily improved by getting and using registered Duroc Boars. The registered Duroc boar he now has is considered one of the best in the county. In the last five years, animals from his breeding have been the fat champion hog at the Jackson County 4-H fair four times. He won the championship honors in 1949 and 1950, and barrows from his breeding repeated in 1952 and 1953. The ability to handle hogs has paid off with three championships in showmanship in 1950, 1952 and 1953. This impressive record has twice—1950—1953—won him the Harold Frye, Jr. Trophy as the outstanding swine exhibitor at the county fair.
The family farms are located in

the Howard District, near Medford and about two miles south of Gold Hill on the Old Stage Road. Benson, along with his two younger brothers Winston, 16, and John, 13, helps his folks with their 160 acres of general farming land.

His leadership, 4-H, and school activities have made him one of the outstanding youth leaders in his community and our club member for January.

Outside of the county he has exhibited at state fair in 1950 and 1951, competing with the Jackson County Crops Judging Team, and exhibiting swine and woodworking. Foley placed first in the state in swine showmanship in 1950 and also won red and blue ribbons on his exhibits. In 1951, he was a member of the champion crops judging team at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition in Portland, against teams from seven western states.

At Medford High School, Foley is the school's best pole valuter. He placed second in the district last year with his best heights ranging from 11'6" to 11'9", and he hopes to better that this year. A good student, he is in the upper one fourth of his class and in his three and one half years at MHS has frequently been on the honor roll.

A busy young man with his farm work, 4-H, and school activities, he still had time last year to exhibit a passenger car of his own design in a contest sponsored by the Fisher Body Company and placed third in the state.

His leader, Mrs. Cathryn Gibson, considers him one of the best club members she has known and relies on his leadership to help with the younger members in the Howard 4-H club.

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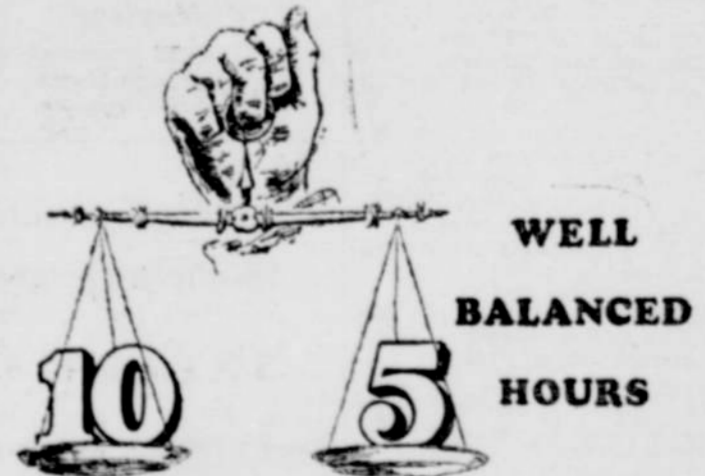
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