

building a house on the A. W. Weaver ranch.  
Clifford Weaver from Salem spent the week-end with his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Weaver.

Lawrence Baxter had the misfortune to cut his hand quite badly last Saturday while splitting wood. He was unable to return to his work at Wendling.

**McKENZIE BRIDGE MAN GIVEN SMALL FORTUNE**

Ten thousand dollars dropped as from the blue sky into the hands of George H. Moody, hunter, packer and trapper of McKenzie bridge, this week.

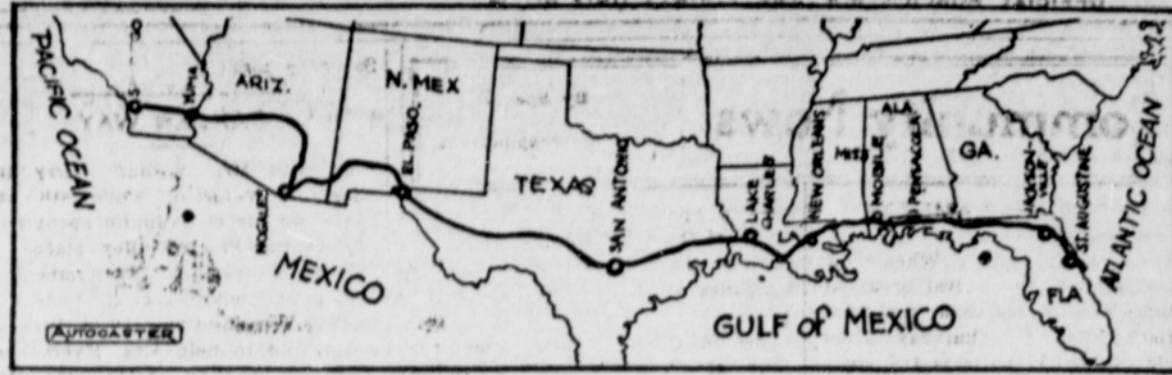
The small fortune became the property of the trapper as a result of his friendship with Herman O. Vogel, Los Angeles millionaire, whose favorite hunting ground was the Cascade region of this section. When Vogel visited the Oregon country, he always employed Moody to accompany him on his back-country jaunts.

Vogel died a few weeks ago in Austria. Out of his fortune, he bequeathed \$10,000 and a hunting lodge back in the Cascades to his guide and companion, his will has revealed. Moody was out on his trap line when the word came.

Leave for Bend—Frank Foot and his mother, Mrs. Katie Foot, who are traveling over the country in a "house on wheels," left Springfield today for Bend. They had visited here several days with Mrs. Casteel, a sister of Mrs. Foot.

Creswell Local Elects  
E. L. Clark has been made president of the Creswell local of the Lane County Farmers Union. He succeeds J. S. Davis. A program of year's activities is being shaped by the new officers of the unit.

**President Coolidge to Preside Over Greatest Road Conclave; Immense Building Program**



**OLD SPANISH TRAIL — The No Snow Route From Coast To Coast — A Fine Example of Good Road Building**

Written Especially for The Springfield News by A. A. HOOPINGARDNER  
Good roads have become the paramount subject in every township, municipality, county and state.

Good roads legislation will be of major importance in every state legislature next spring.

Boards of trustees, county commissioners, state and federal highway directors will bend every effort to make 1927 the banner good-roads year.

For 55,000 miles of improved highways are on the program for the United States in 1927.

With federal aid, state aid and local levies and bond issues, very few counties will not be included in the sweeping plans to "drag the people" out of the mud.

Majority of the states have gone forward as fast as possible with highways, inter-state and inter-county highways have been built at a cost of billions of dollars. Several states

which pioneered in good roads are now rebuilding, widening, opening new "feeders" into main arteries. Still there are a number of states, and dozens of communities, where good roads are still to come. It is in these districts that the intensive campaigns will be made and the combined power of state and county authorities will be used to start, at least, the cry for better roads.

The first gun in the gigantic road-building campaign will be fired when The American Road Builders Association holds its annual conference at Chicago, January 10-15, 1927. President Coolidge is to open the conference, and every governor in the United States will be there in person or be represented.

It is at this convention that detailed plans will be unfolded.

H. G. Shirley, of Richmond, Va., president of the association, says the 55,000 miles of good roads will be

built at a cost of one and a quarter billion dollars.

This amazing expenditure will be spent in all parts of the country. East and west, north and south, will be joined by new or improved trans-continental routes.

**Two Famous Transcontinental Routes**

The two outstanding routes at present are the Lincoln Highway, through the northern tier of states, and the Old Spanish trail through the south. This latter route, 2714 miles long, connects San Diego, Cal., with St. Augustine, Fla., extending along the boundary of Mexico and the Gulf of Mexico. The highway passes through California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida.

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**THREE WILL ATTEND METHODIST MEETING**

Three Springfield men have left for Portland to attend the Methodist Men's council, a convention of the ministers and laymen, to close after three days on Friday night. The local men attending are R. W. Smith, Dr. N. W. Emery and Dr. W. H. Polard.

The men expect to be back from the north tomorrow night or Saturday. Many prominent speakers will be heard at the convention.

**Eastern Stars Elect**  
Officers for the coming year have been elected by the Springfield lodge of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Bertha Rouse will be worthy matron; Mrs. Ida Swartz, associate matron; Mrs. L. May, treasurer; Mrs. Opal Roberts, conductress, and Mrs. Janet Wright, associate conductress.  
Bryson Kiwanis Head  
R. S. Bryson, county clerk, has been named head of the Eugene Kiwanis club, succeeding J. S. Maglary. Other officers elected are E. S. Kelly, vice president; A. E. Brigham, district trustee; P. E. Snodgrass, treasurer; David M. Graham, Stanley Stevenson and Fred Walters, directors.

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