



THEY REALLY GOPHER that chewy stuff—but such bad cable manners.

## Chewing Gophers Cause Headaches

Gophers are oftentimes smarter than people.

To avoid splitting headaches, they gnaw on hard objects — telephone cables for instance — instead of burrowing into the corner drugstore and gulping down a bottle of aspirin.

According to U. S. Fish and Wildlife rodent experts, gophers' front teeth grow more than 46 inches a year. This can lead to an Excedrin-sized headache, especially if the teeth grow into the gophers' skull.

Instinctively, then, the burrowing creatures avoid headaches by chewing on the most convenient hard substance to wear down their teeth. And oftentimes, underground telephone cables are close at hand.

In fact, dental health-minded gophers have acquired such a taste for cable, that the Bell System now uses as much as 1,300 tons of steel a year to

shield underground cables west of the Mississippi.

In Oregon, Pacific Northwest Bell cable experts point out, there are 14 different species of gophers. The most troublesome of all is the little "pocket" gopher, who burrows around to a depth of 30 inches under the surface.

Scientists at Bell Telephone Laboratories say steel armor for cable is necessary because gophers chew through most plastic materials, and even softer metals like lead and aluminum.

With Fish and Wildlife experts, Bell Labs scientists are conducting tests to find more effective and economical means of protecting buried wires and cables.

Like the gophers, they'd like to get rid of this headache, too.

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## Several Attend Lathrop Wedding

By FRANCES ROSE WILSON

IRRIGON—John Lathrop, formerly of Irrigon, and Elaine Henderson of Salem, were married in Salem on Sunday, March 23, at 2:30 p.m.

A number of friends and relatives from Irrigon attended the wedding, including his mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Morgan, his father, Olin Lathrop and Mrs. Lathrop, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. Terry McCoy and Mike Smith. His brother, Carrol Lathrop, also attended, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Volle.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hobbs and family visited their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hobbs, in Klamath Falls, during spring vacation from school.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McTae attended the Father and Son week-end on Campus at Oregon State University, Corvallis, where their son, Bob, is attending. They went to several basketball games while there and reported that they really had a nice time. They have also been enjoying the color TV, radio and stereo home entertainment center they won at the Umatilla Electric Cooperative meeting recently.

Pastor and Mrs. John Kenney attended the Oregon District Council of the Assembly of God, at Salem on March 18-20. The Rev. Richard L. Halton of Umatilla, was one of the young ministers who was ordained to the ministry at an ordination service during the Council meeting.

Mrs. Kenney, who is sectional Women's Missionary Council representative, attended a banquet for WMC's where 703 women were present from the State of Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Eppenbach of La Grande visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Isom, and Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Eppenbach, over the week-end. Don is a student at Eastern Oregon College of Education.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stewart, Sharon and Tom visited in Coos Bay during the spring vacation from school. Mr. Stewart's cousin, Ernest Stewart and family, were their hosts.

People of the community are invited to a special Palm Sunday service at the Assembly of God church, next Sunday night, March 30, at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Herbert Vaughn, pastor of the Baptist church will show Easter slides of the Holy Land.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Partlow traveled to Portland last Wednesday. Their daughter, Sheryl, and her cousin, Debbie McCoy, went to Portland earlier in the week. While there they visited Mr. and Mrs. Gene Berg and Ronald, the Russell McCoy family in Vancouver, and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Berry. The Vernon Partlow family of Hillsboro also joined them. Debbie traveled on to Corvallis where she is attending Oregon State University. She also visited Highland View school where Suzan was teaching as a student teacher. They returned home, bringing a friend, Pat Robertson, who is a senior majoring in P. E. for a short visit, with Suzan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coy.

The Lions Club had a work day Sunday to put siding on their building. The women's auxiliary served a dinner to the

volunteer workers in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Adams and family and Mrs. Mary Adams traveled to Wenatchee, Wash., to visit Mary Adams' brother, I. W. Rash, who has been in the hospital there.

The Junior High Sunday school class of the Assembly of God, met at the home of their teacher, Mrs. Albert Partlow, for a party one evening recently. Mrs. Vernon Stewart assisted Mrs. Partlow in giving the party.

Recent guests at the Rees Morgan residence were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pierce and Leonard Hawkins of Fruita, Colo.

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## Bauman Enters Marine Reserves

Pvt. Carl J. D. Bauman reported on Wednesday, March 26, for six months active duty in the U. S. Marines. He took the oath as a Marine Reserve on March 5.

He will take basic training at San Diego, advanced individual training at Camp Pendleton, Calif., and combat engineer training in North Carolina before returning to his reserve unit in Eugene.

Pvt. Bauman is a senior at the University of Oregon. The training will prevent him from graduating this year, but he expects to re-enter the university later to complete his work for a degree.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. D. Bauman.

## Walker is Chosen Agri-Business Head

Gordon Walker, 4th generation Oregon farmer, has been elected president of the Agri-Business Council. He succeeds Marion T. Weatherford, Arlington rancher, who had held the position since the Council was formed in 1966.

The election was held at the Agri-Business Council's annual meeting.

Walker, son of the late Senator Dean Walker, has owned and operated Walkdale Farms in Salem for the past twenty years. He received his M. S. degree at Yale University.

Active in agricultural circles, Walker currently serves on the board of the Willamette Cherry Growers and is immediate past vice president of the Agri-Business Council. He is former president of the Oregon Horticultural Society and trustee of the

Agricultural Research Foundation. From 1962-66, he served on the USDA Research Advisory Committee.

Home for the spring vacation holiday this week from Oregon State University in Corvallis are Frances Abrams and Margaret Marks. Also visiting at the Robert Abrams home for several days last week were Abrams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Abrams of Everett, Wn., who left on Monday to visit relatives in Woodburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Martin and family traveled to their former home at Hood River last week where they enjoyed visiting friends and skiing in the Mt. Hood area. Martin also attended an Oregon Education Association meeting one day in Portland.

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