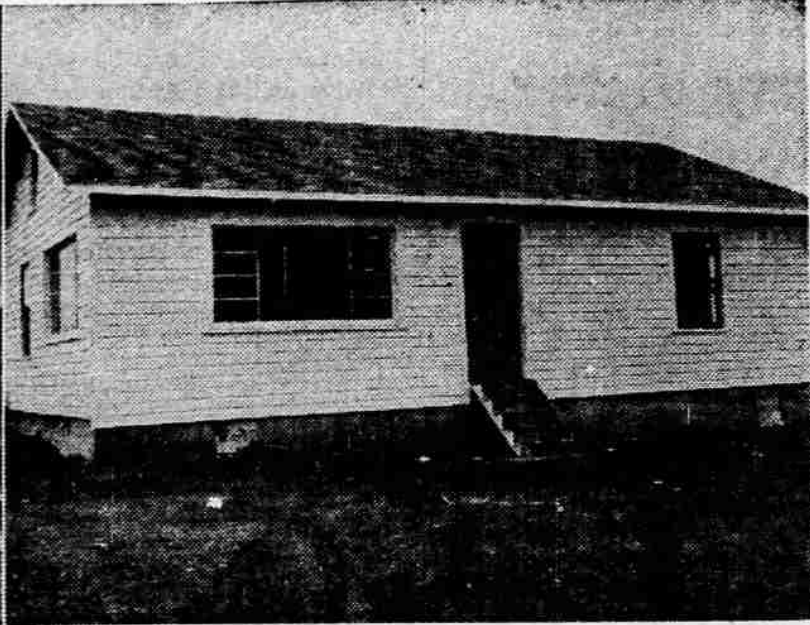




WOMAN BUILDER — Shown is Mrs. James Peacher, 53, of 2454 Delta Waters rd., who is building her own house on Springbrook rd. She has built two previously, utilizing only a few days a week. She hopes to have the pres-



ent two-bedroom structure (above) done by next August, two years after she started it. Mrs. Peacher baby-sits and works in the local fruit industry to earn enough money for her building "hobby."

Woman Building Third Home

Mrs. James Peacher, 2454 Delta Waters rd., has an unusual formula for women who think life begins at 50.

The 53-year-old woman "would rather do carpentry work than cook."

And, this isn't the first time she's spent all her spare hours building a house. She has constructed two previously. Incidentally, she has managed to raise her four children during the years.

She only spends about 2½ days each week working on her present project, which is located on Springbrook at Roberts rds. She hopes to be done by fall, and will have worked in it two years next August. Her first two houses took about the same time and were also built on a part time basis.

Raises Funds

The energetic woman baby sits to earn building funds and also works in the annual pear harvest as a sorter, with

the aid of wrecked material from an old house purchased for \$400, she hopes to complete her two-bedroom new one for a cost of a little over \$1,000, excluding her own labor and help from her son-in-law, William Schroeder, who lives next to her new home.

The new house will be 26 by 36 feet, including kitchen, utility room, living room, bath and two bedrooms. Mrs. Peacher had help from Schroeder on the framework, but made all her own doors, woodwork and did the plaster work. She installed her own switch-boxes, but had some help on the main line wiring.

One of the major jobs to be completed is a fireplace. She intends to work in the fruit to earn enough money to install this.

Cut Flooring

Much frame and floor material was used from the old house, with Mrs. Peacher cut-

ting over 1,000 feet herself of flooring.

All the walls of the house are insulated, with the ceiling scheduled for the same treatment next spring.

A garage, 14 by 22 feet, is planned sometime in the future.

She also finds time for other work too. She is active in the local chapter of the auxiliary of the Disabled American veterans, and is a past commander. She is formerly from Portland and has lived here for eight years.

Her first husband died and she later married Peacher who is a retired disabled veteran. The couple lives on 4½ acres on Delta Waters rd.

Mrs. Peacher, who built her first house 30 years ago this coming April, commented on any future project thusly, "I don't know if I'll ever start another house, but if my health holds out, who knows."

Winston Foley County 4-H Club Member for February

Winston Foley, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Foley, route 1, box 325, Central Point, is the Jackson County 4-H club member of the month for February.

Winston is in his ninth year of 4-H club work and has carried projects in swine, poultry, beef, bees, garden, fishing and crops. He has exhibited the reserve champion hog in 1950 and the grand champion market hog in 1952 at the county fair. His breeding stock brought him championships in '48 and '49 in swine.

Received Championships

In his poultry project he had both Indian Rivers and Reds and received championship in 1951 and '52 in market birds. Gardening won him a championship in 1952 and in 1953 and '54 his exhibit for bee keeping walked off



WINSTON FOLEY
4-H Member of Month

with top honors at the fair. Winston exhibited at state fair three years. He placed first with a Berkshire Gilt in 1952 and second in showmanship and in 1953 had the grand champion bee exhibit for the state of Ore-

gon. His bee demonstration in 1951 won him a trip to compete at the state fair in Salem.

Does Judging

Always interested in crops, Winston has done considerable judging. The team he was on representing Jackson county went to the state fair in 1951 and placed in the red ribbon group. In 1952 they went to the Pacific International in Portland and was the champion crops judging team from seven western states.

His activities in club work other than his exhibits includes attending 4-H summer school in 1951 and three years at the annual 4-H summer camp. Winston has been the president of his local community club in the Howard district, served two years as vice-president and two years as secretary. He is now serving as a junior leader for Mrs. Everett Gibson, leader of the Howard club.

Farm Near Gold Hill

The Foleys have over 200 acres that they are farming on the Old Stage rd. two miles south of Gold Hill. They are raising barley, oats, wheat, and alfalfa along with 15 head of beef cattle and about 12 head of pigs.

Mrs. Foley is a teacher in the Medford junior high school and an older brother, Benson, is now a freshman at Oregon State college. His younger brother, John, 14, is a freshman at Crater high in Central Point. Winston's hobbies are strictly those of an outdoorsman with fishing, hunting and trapping heading the list. His skill is shown by the number of steelhead he catches and by the shooting of his buck this past year.

A senior at Medford high school, Winston is an average student taking a college preparatory course. His spare time at school he spends in the wood-working shop. After graduation from high school this year, he plans to work as a carpenter's apprentice with hopes of attending Oregon Tech. at Klamath Falls in the future.

Jacksonville IRL Club Has Annual Dinner Program

Jacksonville — The International Relations league club of Jacksonville high school held its annual smorgasbord dinner last week, featuring a variety of foreign dishes, according to Clyde Sutherland, school superintendent.

Featured guests were Gloria Pedilla, Honduras, a student at Southern Oregon college, and Guillermo Dominguez, Colombia, senior student at Crater high school in Central Point. DeWayne Johnson, Southern Oregon college instructor, was the main speaker, along with the student from Honduras.

Mrs. Inch Speaker

Mrs. Una B. Inch, assistant to the county rural school board, also spoke on the history of IRL. Club President Allen Swearingin presided.

Sutherland reported that both foreign students made interesting comments on the habits and customs of their native lands.

Six members of the high school club will attend the annual IRL state meeting at the University of Oregon, Feb. 24-27. Included are Swearingin, Sydney Sutherland, Norman Pawlowski, Shirley Schultz, Phyllis Stevens and Tom King.

The conference is sponsored by the Oregon Education association and the UO political science department.

Weather Bureau Lists Arctic Job Openings

The U. S. weather bureau is now seeking applications for persons who can qualify as cooks, station mechanics and airstrip mechanics for duty at joint U. S.-Canadian weather stations in the Arctic.

The positions are located at Isachsen, Mould Bay, Alert and Eureka, all in the northwest territory of Canada.

Salaries for the jobs range from \$5,340, plus Arctic bonus, down to \$4,340. Applicants should be physically and mentally suited for a "considerable amount" of physical labor and have the characteristics necessary to enable them to live under isolated conditions, officials said.

Additional information can be obtained by writing to chief, U. S. Weather bureau, Attention: Arctic operations project, Washington, D. C.

Sewage Disposal Presents Serious Health Hazard In Jackson County, Speakers Say

The people of Jackson county face "a serious health hazard and tough problem" in working out a sanitary sewage system, declared Robert Hart, county sanitarian, to the Jackson County Public Health association last week.

Speaking on a panel at the group's meeting, Hart said that up to 95 per cent of the soil in Jackson county is unsuitable and unsafe for septic tank type of sewage disposal. Also, the problem has increased with rapid expansion in the fringe areas and with FHA and GI building loans being refused in many areas because of inadequate sewage provision.

Large Audience

The meeting was attended by a large group of interested citizens representing many areas of the county as well as civic organizations. Purpose of the meeting was to share information as to the seriousness of the sewage problem and to make plans for initial steps toward correction.

In addition to Hart, those appearing on the panel were Robert Duff, Medford city manager, Dr. A. E. Merkel, county health officer and Mrs. A. C. Uridel, chairman of the Association's sanitation committee. Miss Dorothy Huskey, health educator, was in charge of the discussion program.

Study Outlined

Mrs. Chester Guch, president of the association, outlined the health association's study to determine the most pressing health problems in the county. Inadequate sewage disposal was found to be the most urgent.

Hart displayed a map of the county showing the city of Medford to be surrounded by many new housing developments with no provision for sewage disposal. He stated in many areas septic tank effluent is running into the streets, onto neighbor's property, is producing obnoxious odors and a health hazard, and is a source of contamination for water supplies.

Declaring that many new large subdivisions during the past few years had intensified the situation, he stated there are now no laws which control it. The only control we now have is that provided for FHA and GI loan applications or an abatement for control of a public nuisance.

In the former case, there is nothing to prevent the builder from obtaining financing from a private source, though at a higher interest rate, and going ahead with improper installations. An abatement is impractical, he stated, from the standpoint that there is no solution in many cases and since it often involves a whole area.

Hart stated in many subdivisions improper installations of sewage disposal units creating a health hazard have caused the remainder of the division to be unapproved for further loans. Some subdivisions might also be approved for a few homes but not for further development.

When this happens, he said, the land becomes useless, hav-

ing already been cut up and of no value for farming. Each proposed subdivision should be thoroughly analyzed before subdividing, he stated.

Much of the trouble Hart declared to be lack of understanding on the part of the builder where construction is completed before plans made for sewage disposal. He emphasized that the county sanitarians are available for consultation on this and suggested that anyone planning to build ask for such help by calling the health department in the courthouse. He also cited practices of some in constructing below minimum units in order to reduce costs and urged buyers to check this.

Duff, speaking in the absence of Vern Thorpe, who was unable to attend, stated that the city of Medford has been aware of the problem for a number of years and has made an extensive study of it. He stated the city felt the fringe areas to actually be a part of the city since it is the hub of business, social and school activities.

"Of course, the city is also vitally interested from the standpoint of health," he stated.

He called attention to the fact that there are very few suitable building sites left within the city limits and with a predicted increase in population, the city needs room for expansion. Anticipating this, the city acquired the large Camp White disposal unit and has made plans for further construction so it will be in a position to furnish facilities when called upon to do so, he stated.

Only Service Left

"Because the city is already supplying water and fire protection to so many areas, sewage disposal is about the only service we have left to offer for annexation to help share the burden in paying for such facilities," he stated. In discussing annexation to the city, Duff stated, he personally felt this to be the answer for certain areas, though it would not be practical for others.

Dr. Merkel stated the valley has had an almost unbelievable growth during the 17 years he has been here and estimated there are more than 9,000 people living within the fringe areas. "I marvel that we have been getting along as well as we have without an epidemic," he stated. "However, it is an extremely dangerous situation and should a typhoid carrier happen to come into the valley, perhaps, from some other district, we could have an epidemic in no time."

Epidemic in 1934

Dr. Merkel cited the epidemic of typhoid in 1934 which resulted in an expansion of the Medford water system to an outlying area. He also pointed out that water contamination accounts for many other diseases. The doctor reiterated that Jackson county soil, with many areas of hard pan, is just not suitable for sewage drainage which an area become heavily populated and the saturation point has

now been reached.

Dr. Merkel pointed out that this is a state-wide problem with the large metropolitan centers such as Portland have a much worse problem than here. He said steps are now underway for some state legislation which may be presented at this session to provide controls.

Possible Solution

Mrs. Uridel listed the possible solutions which have come to the attention of the sanitation committee. These include city annexation, county zoning, individual sanitary districts, a metropolitan or county district, state-wide legislation and small temporary disposal units which are now under experimentation by the state board of health.

City annexation, she stated, would only come if the people in a district asked to become a part of the city and school districts would not necessarily have to be transferred.

Walter Sutherland, former county sanitarian who retired recently and who has given the matter considerable study, spoke for county zoning and stated if we had had county zoning six or seven years ago we would not now "be in the mess we're in."

Other Speakers

Others who expressed interest in finding solutions were Irving Allen, attorney for the Table Rock district, Earl Yoakley of Four Corners, Mrs. Eva Seggesman of Shady Cove, Jimmy Dunlevy and Dr. C. D. Lemley of the Verde Hills district and Mrs. John Hensen of Lozier lane. Conclusions drawn were that action would have to come from the people, not from the county or state officials. It was decided to form a committee composed

Medford Residents Honored at Ashland

Ashland — More than 260 members of Ashland Elks Lodge No. 944 attended an "old-timers" night last week when three living charter members were singled out for special recognition.

They were Thomas J. Fuson, Medford, and Barney Miller and Amos Nininger, both Ashland. Each of the three gave brief talks. They were introduced by Henry Enders, chairman of the special event committee.

First in Area

Enders told the members that Ashland was the first Elks lodge organization in southern Oregon, and that members of the local lodge took demits and became charter members of the Lakeview, Medford, Klamath Falls and Grants Pass lodges.

Three persons were introduced by Enders who were original Ashland lodge members. They were Earl Gaddis, Medford, Charles R. Miller, Klamath Falls, and Walter Newcomb, Grants Pass.

Longtime Members

Membership pins were presented as follows: 50 years, Fuson, Nininger and Miller; 45 years, A. M. Dryud, Walter

of people from all parts of the county to go into the matter in more detail and to obtain further information on each of the suggested solutions.

Those present agreed it will be an educational job in each community for those aware of the problem, and more information is needed. The central committee is to obtain all information possible to be presented to each community.

It was agreed, too, that the solution may be expensive but that it would be far more expensive to neglect.

550 Chest X-Rays

During the business portion of the meeting Mrs. Jack Walker, case finding chairman, stated 550 chest x-rays had been taken since opening of the Community hospital clinic each Wednesday afternoons from 3 to 6 p. m. Of the 550 taken at the "out-patient" clinic, 50 have been found to have enlarged hearts, one an enlarged thyroid, several emphysemas, 17 have been referred for further study and four have been suggestive of tuberculosis.

Mrs. M. O. Grove, county seal sale chairman, reported the total to date lacked a few hundred dollars of reaching last year's amount but returns are still being received.

Mrs. Melvin Hall of the Association's mental health committee called attention to the bill before the legislature which effects the pilot school program for mentally retarded children at Phoenix. In explaining the bill, she urged that those interested write legislators asking that the school be continued instead of passage of a new bill which puts the matter under jurisdiction of individual school districts.

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Newcomb and I. R. Fridegar; 40 years, Earl Hosler and Ralph Burgess; 35 years, M. E. Plymate, P. R. Hardy, V. G. Barnhart, Walter L. James, M. S. Hamaker and Frank Dunphy; 30 years, Melvin Kaegi, C. A. Cornelius, Carl A. McCune and Harry McNair, and, 25 years, Dr. R. L. Burdick.

TO INCREASE DUES

New York — (U.P.) — Delegates to the CIO Transport Workers convention voted Friday to increase membership dues and raise the salary of union President Michael J. Quill.

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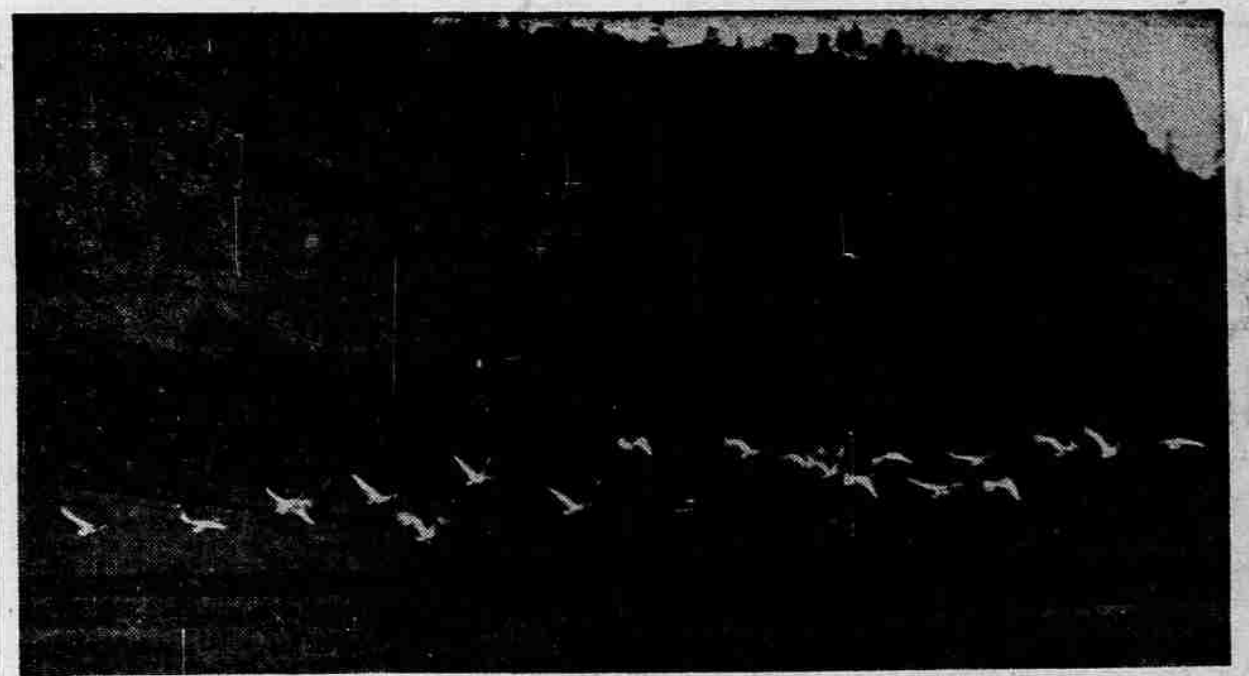


TABLE TOP RANCH SWANS
Or Someone's Clothing
on a Line?

Swans Give Bird to MT Photog

(Editor's note: The Mail Tribune's city editor recently noticed a paragraph in Emmet Nealon's Table Rock correspondence which reported that several swans were in residence at Table Top ranch. He passed the information along to Reporter Harry A. Nordwick, with the suggestion that it might make a good picture for the paper. Herewith are Reporter Nordwick's notes on his adventures, which, it is probably evident, he did not intend for publication.)

By H. A. (FLYAWAY) NORDWICK
Mail Tribune Bird Expert,
Pro Tem

H. A. Nordwick, "The Mail Tribune's finest" photographer of curbs, gutters and fire hydrants, attempted a new "first"

this week, with results that would make Osa Johnson and Walt Disney shudder.

Venturing from inanimate objects to wildlife, Nordwick, armed with camera and little else, ventured out to Table Top ranch, nestled between the Rogue valley's two Table Rocks, for a "closeup" shot of white swans wintering in the fields.

As he approached, the swans, about 19 of them, were peacefully scattered about 200 yards from the highway. Taking no chances, Nordwick took a long-range shot from a sheltering fence. Then, carefully checking the wind, he casually sauntered into the field, attempting to sidle near the swans for a close shot, without the aid of a telephoto lens, which he doesn't have.

At about 100 yards, the

birds flapped their wings and cast inquiring glances at Nordwick, who was nearing from what he hoped was down wind. Shortly thereafter the birds decided they'd had enough, and took flight, much to the consternation of the photographer, who quickly snapped a shot of the flying group . . . which was so far away that it was not possible to tell, on a small print, whether the white objects are swans or someone's clothing on a line. (See picture.)

When last viewed in the sky, the swans were high-tailing due south, possibly for warmer and less objectionable situations.

Nordwick was last seen dressed as a pheasant, crawling in the hay stubble of the field.



ROGUE RIVER TRUCK — Pictured are three city officials of Rogue River and the city's new fire truck which arrived in town last week. The truck, built by American LaFrance company on a Ford chassis, was purchased with part of the money from a \$15,000 bond issue voted last year. It is equipped with a 600-pound high pressure fog and spray system

and has a 500-gallon tank capacity. The city is also building a concrete-block fire hall on city property, which was expected to be completed by this week. Pictured, (left to right) are Councilman Harold E. Sander, Mayor Phil B. Engle, and Councilman Shade Combs. The latter's Dalmatian dog, Micky, is shown perched on the truck's hood.

SEARCH DELAYED

Rome — (U.P.) — Snow, rain and low clouds foiled plans Saturday for a "maximum" air search for a Belgian airliner missing since last Sunday with 29 persons aboard. Officials said the search probably would be abandoned until Monday.

WEATHER

By United Press
Northern California: Clear Sunday.

REVIVAL MEETINGS

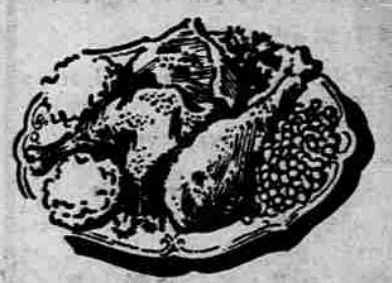
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