



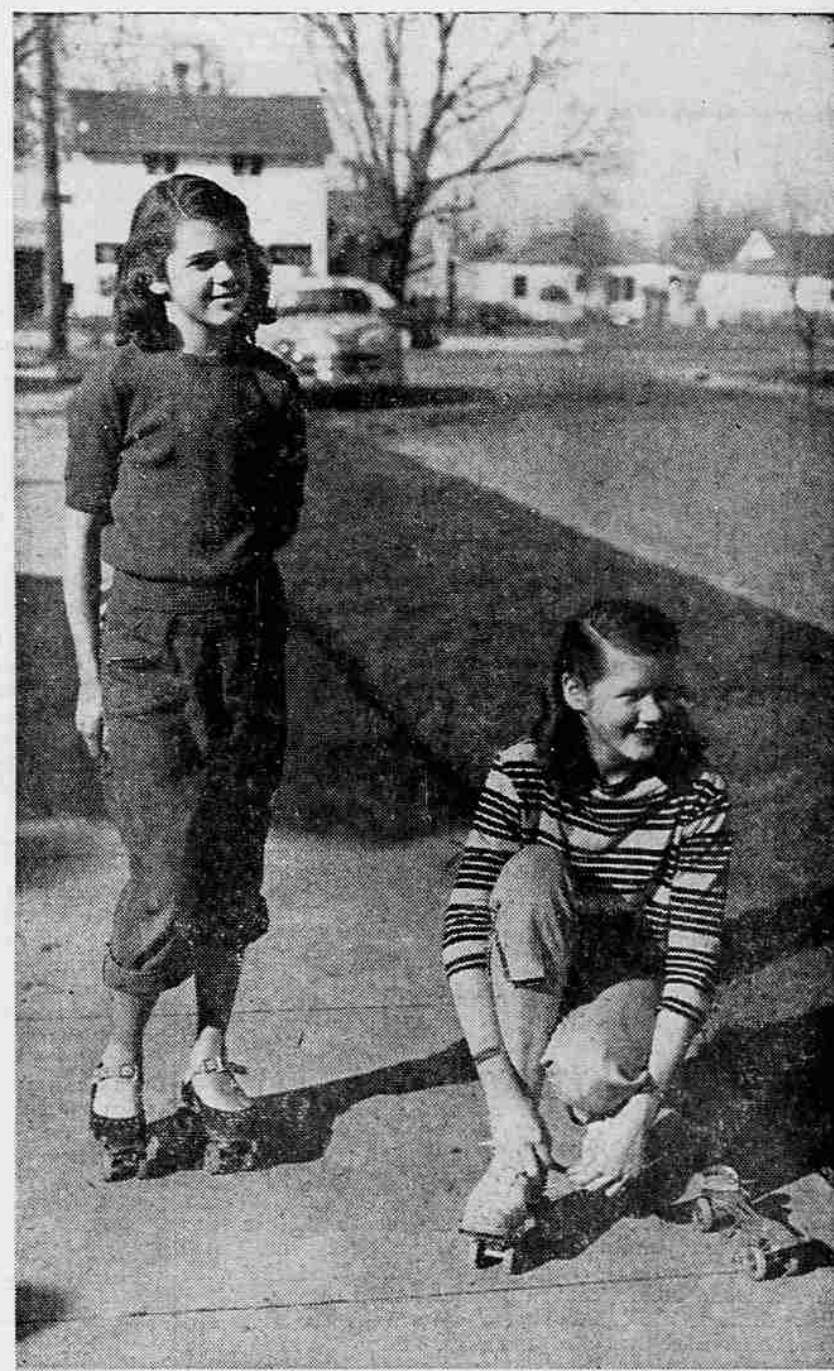
Couples strolling in the warm sunshine are a sure sign of spring. Pictured here are Dick Copple, Medford Senior High school athlete, and Delora Dunn on their way home after classes. Delora is a senior and Dick, a junior, played end on the football team and forward on the basketball team this school year. He was named to the All-Southern Oregon conference teams in each sport. Dick also plays golf.



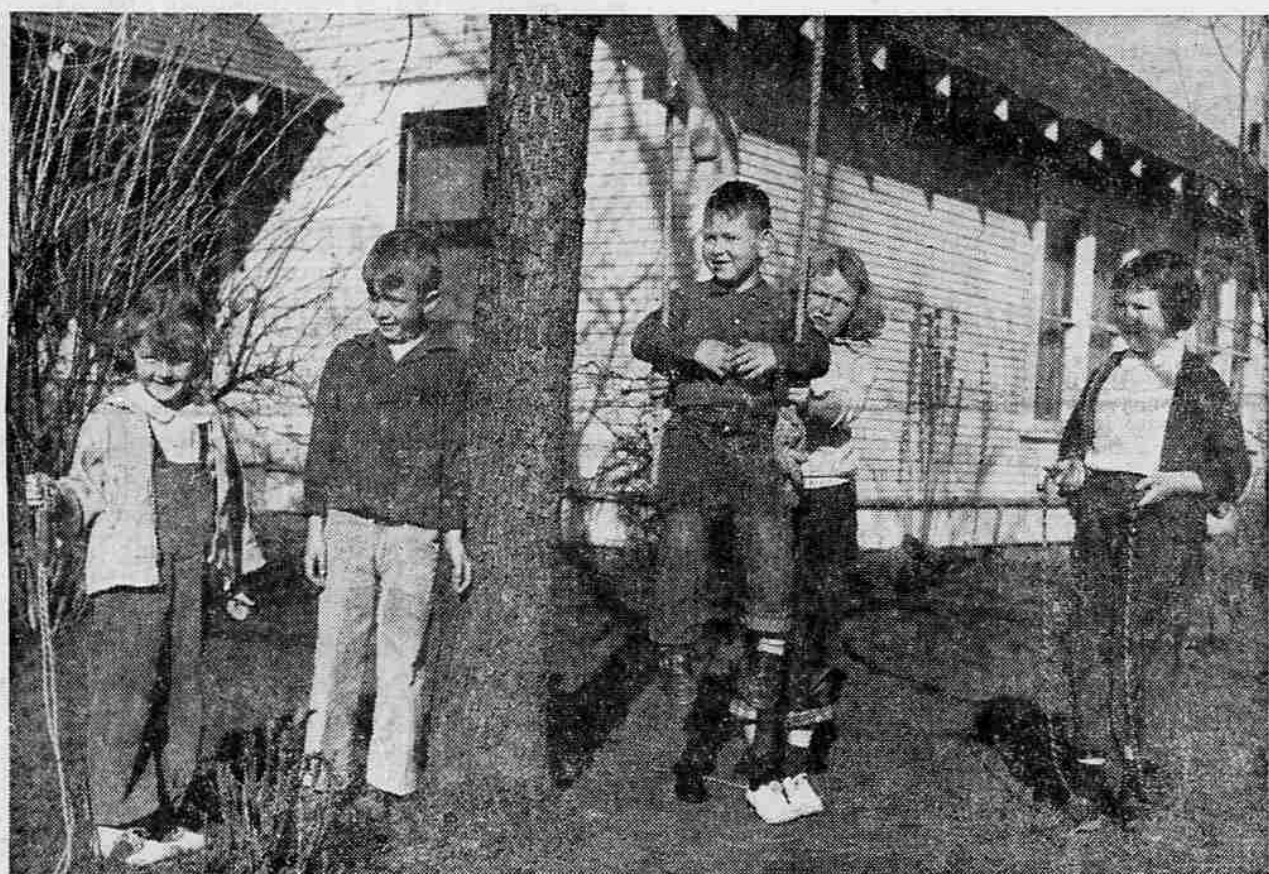
On a recent bright March day young Frank Van Pelt set up the archery target and tried out his bow and arrow. Eleven-year-old Frank is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Van Pelt, 64 Rose avenue.

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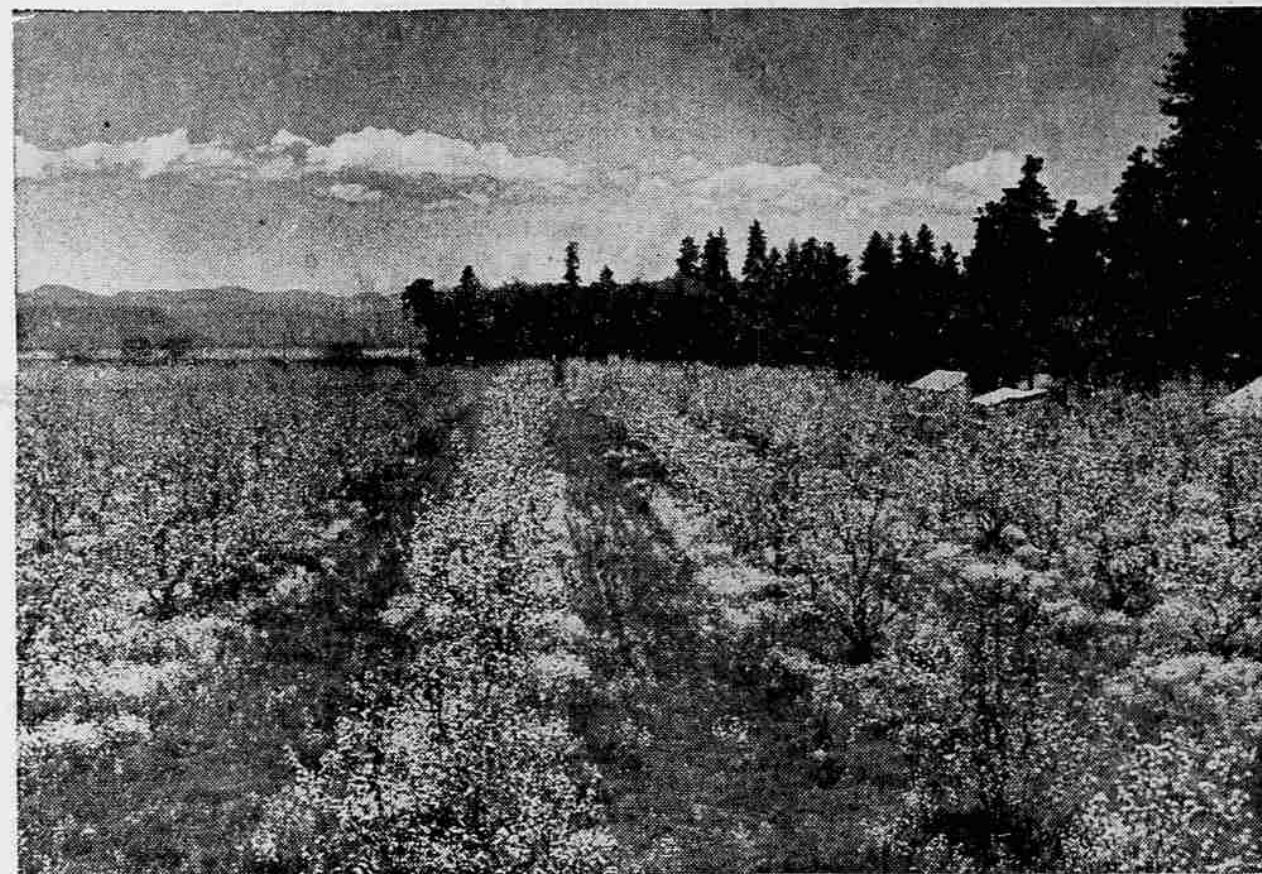
Spring Is Here



The first warm, sunny days bring out the roller skates on the streets of Medford's residential sections. Shirley Donahoo (standing) and her sister, Barbara, prepare for their first day of skating on the sidewalk in front of their home. The girls are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Donahoo, 53 Rose avenue. Shirley is a sixth grader at Jackson school and Barbara is in McLoughlin Junior High school.



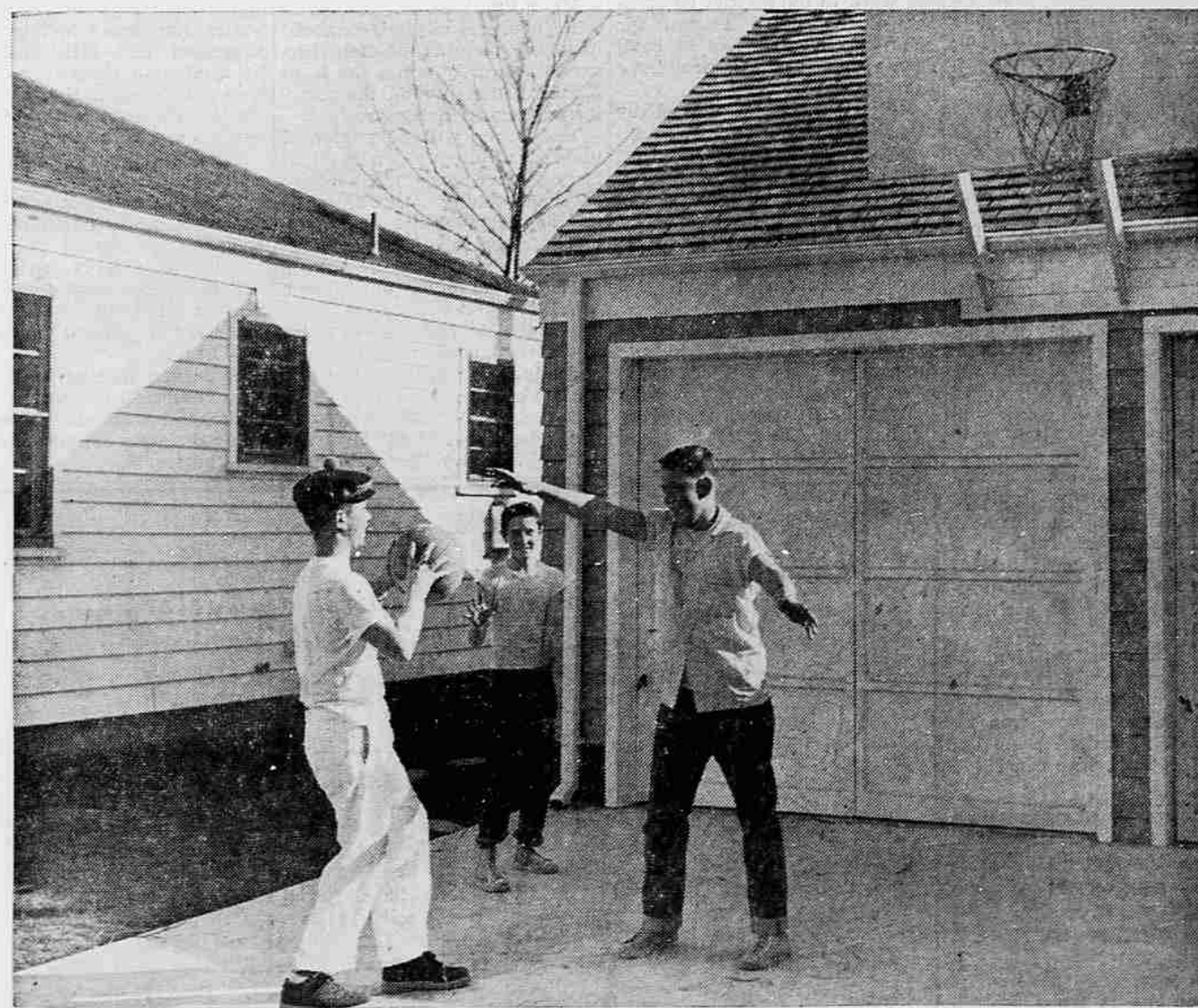
Children who live on West Fourth street were having a wonderful time playing outdoors when the photographer-reporter team for The Mail Tribune came by one recent sunshiny day. Shown (left to right) are Lynette Stinson, 5; Danny Stinson, in the first grade at St. Mary's school; Stevie Fixsen, 5, (in swing) and his sister, Karyn, 8, and Josephine Lowry, 7. Lynette and Danny are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Stinson; Stevie and Karyn's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Fixsen and Josephine is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lowry. Karyn and Josephine attend Jackson school.



Spring in the Rogue River valley means acres and acres of blooming orchard trees, such as shown in the picture above. While the earliest of the fruit trees put out their first flowers the past week, the pear and peach orchards will not be in full bloom for two or three weeks. Another sure sign of spring is the beginning of the first warning broadcasts, and these are scheduled to start Monday night over three of the valley radio stations. The above orchard scene is a photograph of the Perrydale orchard located on the highway between Medford and Jacksonville.



The call of spring means a game of marbles for Jimmy Donahoo (at left) and his pal Richie Bennett. The two boys set up the first game on the driveway of the Elmer Donahoo home, with Photographer Bob Dyer, a former master of the marble ring, offering advice and assistance. Jimmy, 9, is a fourth-grader at Jackson school and Richie, another Jackson school pupil, was 11 on St. Patrick's day, March 17. Richie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bennett, 23 Rose avenue.



Basketball is a year-around game with Medford boys, for they play indoors at school during the winter months and practice outdoors on backyard courts during warmer weather. Pictured above are Frank Van Pelt (wearing cap), Jody Griffin (at back) and George Clearwater who often practice in the Van Pelt's backyard. Frank, in the fifth grade at Jackson school, was 11 years old March 4 while Jody and George, both 12, are in the sixth grade.

(All photos by Brainerd)