

**Basin Briefs**

**SUMMER LAKE**

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Danford and son spent spring vacation in Dayton, Wash., with relatives. The Danfords are teachers at the Ann River School.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Elder were hosts recently to her grandmother, Mrs. Perry Ginter, and aunt, Mrs. Ruth Ricker, Lebanon.

Lora Carlon stayed overnight with her sister, Mrs. F. A. Graves, Bend, when she attended the golden anniversary of the Redmond Chapter of Eastern Star.

Terry Ann and Janice Foster, with their grandmother, Mrs. Maybelle Foster, have returned to Oregon State University for the spring term, following a week's vacation with the James Fosters.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schmidt of Lapine were week-end guests of his son, Bill Schmidt, and family.

Mrs. Clifford Schmidt and children came from Gilchrist to spend part of their spring vacation with the Bill Schmidt family.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Claggett and children motored to Stockton to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Tucker, during their recent vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Withers attended a Shrine Hospital craft in Klamath Falls during the weekend.

Mrs. Everett M. Michael and two daughters were visiting in Hermiston from Saturday to Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rice returned March 28 from Southern California to open the Summer Lake Lodge, which has been closed since the first of the year.

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**THE SQUIRREL CAGE**

A good day to you all, and particularly to chickens because when you consider that original jungle fowl from which



There is something in the name of the West German name of Prof. Erich Baumer of West Germany who claims to be able to understand chicken talk. He has been studying chickens for more than 40 years, and eating a few, too, now and then. I suppose, when he is short of grants and can't afford salary. This does happen on occasion and it is conceivable that a fellow experimenting with chickens might be forced to eat his experiment, and his life's work would be done. It is like that vaudeville actor who traveled with seals and was laid off for several months and had to eat the seal.

The professor says there are 30 basic sounds in chicken talk and that once you have mastered these sounds, you can very easily understand what the chickens are talking about, or talk to them yourself if they are willing to give you an audience.

Secret  
Unhappily for us chicken fans, Professor Baumer has not yet disclosed what he has heard chickens saying to one another, or even more important, to roosters. I imagine he considered what he heard chickens to be too shallow or too scandalous to be quoted. But who is he to judge? Perhaps chickens have a message for us that he may be equipped to translate but it is not equipped to evaluate.

I do wish he could be induced to talk to a British Columbia hen I read about the other day. She laid 33 eggs in 365 days and established a Canadian record. This means she laid an egg every 11 days throughout the year to stretch her wings and get her hair done. I believe if you asked her what she thought of life she would squawk plenty, and she would begin "Man, I'm beat." Of course it is in the nature of hens to complain. Did you ever see a happy hen? Roosters, yes, hens, hardly ever.

**Defunct Bank Chief Charges Directors Took Records**

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Don C. Silverthorne, 60, charged Wednesday that four directors of the San Francisco National Bank in Texas City, Tex., gave the bank "more than 100,000 dollars" for his own use.

He added, however, that bank records would verify that he gave the bank "more than 100,000 dollars" for his own use. Making his second appearance before the Senate subcommittee investigating the defunct bank, Silverthorne testified that he turned over to the now-defunct bank all fees and commissions he collected from borrowers.

Silverthorne identified the directors as Cecil Whitebone, A. L. Johnson, J. E. Eberich, and Carl McConnell. Without his records, Silverthorne said, he had no silver to dispute allegations by other witnesses that he kept fees and commissions for his own use.

He said he had made the loan to Morris and Garrett. He indicated the subcommittee's only interest in the bank at this time was its sale about two years ago to Joseph B. Norris and Bernard S. Garrett. Morris and Garrett were mentioned in earlier testimony in connection with their purchase of controlling interest in the bank, which government officials said was "milked of its assets."

Silverthorne said he loaned Morris and Garrett funds to purchase the Texas City bank he had the liens appraised at \$1.5 million.

Bank is Now Solvent  
Subcommittee Chairman John L. McClellan, D-Ark., emphasized that the Mainland Bank and Trust Co. now is under new management, is solvent and "there is no concern about its affairs at present."

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**Laos Rebel Officers Face Death**

VIETNAME, Laos (UPI)—The three rebel colonels who staged an abortive mutiny against the army high command this week will be shot to death if captured, the office of neutralist Premier Souvanna Phouma said.

Chaysan on Sunday seized control of the Mekong river town of Thakhek, 150 miles southeast of Vientiane in opposition to the army's decision to reassign them to other posts. They held on to the town for three days with 500 troops. The movement collapsed and the soldiers fled when government paratroopers entered the town. Military sources said Penm, who was also a police chief, has already crossed the Mekong River and fled to neighboring Thailand. The whereabouts of the other two rebels were not immediately known.

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