

Fire Department Speaks Up on Fire Prevention Week, October 6th to 13th

We read with horror the often-quoted statement that every ten minutes an ambulance somewhere in America screams of someone's death in a vehicle accident. Much oftener than this—every two minutes—a fire engine somewhere, hook-and-ladder truck, red and chromium combination pumper and hose truck is hurrying off to save someone's home, someone's job, someone's life. Somewhere, amid a tangle of hose and wreckage, firemen are risking their lives to lessen the cost in money and suffering of American carelessness. This cost doesn't come out of the other fellow's pocket; it comes out of yours, whether you know it or not. It comes in high fire insurance rates, maintenance costs of municipal fire protection apparatus—out of your tax bill—and in the cost of installing and maintaining hydrant protection for your home.

Next week, October 6 to 12, inclusive, is National Fire Prevention Week. Sponsored by the National Board of Fire Underwriters, an organization representing fire insurance companies, municipal and commercial fire inspection bureaus, and public bodies devising and enforcing building and safety codes, the week is designated to call attention to the value of urgent need of fire-prevention measures throughout America, in homes, farms and factories; to stress the proved facts that fully 75% of all fires are easily preventable with the application of sane and simple precautions.

Cottage Grove has a responsible part to play in this program. It is planning to enlist the cooperation of the school children, various civic bodies and, in fact, every citizen of the community in awakening interest in fire prevention. Next week self home inspection blanks will be made available, as will like blanks for checking fire hazards in mercantile and industrial establishments. These can be obtained at the city hall. School children will solicit the help of their parents in detecting and eliminating fire hazards in the home.

In 1939 the Oregon State Legislature, by enacting a modern rural fire protection law based on the principles of the water district law, removed many of the difficulties formerly encountered in attempting to form organizations for this purpose, and an average of one new rural fire protection district being created each month. The problem of rural fire protection is a difficult one, and a serious one: sixty-two percent of Oregon's \$4,000,000 fire loss in 1939 consisted of farm homes and equipment. It is expected that the granges and other farm organizations will take upon themselves responsibility for awakening interest in formation of the districts. Necessary information and assistance can be secured, as also the services of a speaker, if desired, from the state fire marshal's office in Salem, Oregon.

Two things to remember: First, that fire prevention is one form of prevention that actually pays cash; and second, it's time to be making your date now for the annual firemen's ball the week before Hallowe'en.

Mount View

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Arne and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Snauer and sons were week-end visitors at Winchester Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. James Nelson and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Seaver, all of Springfield, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Seaver.

Mrs. Phoebe Brumfield of Oakland, California, is a house guest at the home of her son, L. K. Brumfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney McBroom of Cottage Grove have purchased a lot from the Harvey Kelly acreage and have built a home in which they are now living.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Dowens were dinner guests Saturday evening of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cole. Other guests during the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Turner.

Dr. A. W. Sears, who visited here last week with his brother Clarence and sister, Mrs. L. K. Brumfield, left Wednesday for his home in Jacksonville, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williams visited Wednesday with Mrs. Williams' brother, Clifford Lebow, at Mosby Creek.

Mrs. James Humphrey of Eugene and Mrs. Finley of Roseburg were guests Tuesday of Mrs. Boone Humphrey.

Mrs. Charles Bales was hostess Monday afternoon at a shower for two recent brides, Mrs. George Berry and Mrs. Vernon Lamm. Mr. and Mrs. Lamm will make their home in Cottage Grove. Mr. and Mrs. Berry left Tuesday to make their home at DeLake.

PUBLISHES PAPER

The Silk Creek school district number 48 published the first publication of their paper, "Silk Creek Times," last Friday. The number sold was 53. The next publication will be October 11.

Mimeograph stencils. Sentinel.

London

Roberta, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Riggs, had her tonsils removed at Eugene Friday.

Mrs. Josie Phillips, who has spent the past several weeks in California, has returned to the home of her father-in-law, Robert Phillips.

Marvel Geer and Robin Woods went to Corvallis Thursday to register for entrance into Oregon State college.

Mrs. Dallas Brown and baby, who had been visiting at the C. H. Woods home, returned to her home in Portland, Thursday.

James Green of Seattle came this week end to take Mrs. Green and baby home. They had been visiting Mrs. Green's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lackey moved here this week from Cottage Grove. Mr. Lackey is employed at Black Butte.

The Otto Perini family have moved to Wendling where Mr. Perini is employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sutherland spent the week end visiting friends at Central View.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Medford and the L. R. Goodwin family spent Sunday in Eugene.

The James O. Wilburn family were overnight guests Sunday at the Samuel Medford home. The Wilburns left Monday for their home at Odessa, Texas.

The trailer on a truck load of piling went over the grade on the Shoestring hill last week, causing quite a bit of trouble getting the load back on the road. The Cottage Grove cream truck also went off the grade on the other side of the same hill.

Thornton Corners

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Castle and Leon Lancaster of Blue Mountain and Mr. and Mrs. George Foster and family were guests at supper Sunday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin McGuire.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Whitlock and family were visitors Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Potter at Culp Creek.

Mrs. Jesse Denney and baby of Cottage Grove visited Friday with Mrs. R. B. Dixon.

Mrs. Lawrence Chapman and daughter of Baker are guests of Mrs. Chapman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. LaSells Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Wells of Elkton were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Tonole.

William Habinck, who had spent the past six weeks at Klamath Falls has returned to the home of his sister, Mrs. Frank Gierau.

Mr. and Mrs. William Shriver, who have been at the home of Mrs. Shriver's mother, Mrs. Deere, for a visit have gone to Idaho to remain until spring.

Lieut. and Mrs. William Brinkley, accompanied by Prof. Carlen and Dr. Philip Stein of the Rujada 3-C camp visited the Redwood empire over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Siefert and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. McMillan of Dexter, have moved to the Fetters place which they recently purchased.

A car belonging to Lee Premazzi which he was teaching his father, Louie Premazzi, to drive, overturned onto its side Saturday morning when Mr. Premazzi turned too far out of the road to let another car pass and ran up against one of the guy-wires on an electric light pole at the corner here. Nobody but the two were in the car and neither were injured and aside from a door sprung and the fender bent the car was undamaged.

September Rainfall Is 2.37 Inches Above the Average for Month

Rainfall the past month was 2.37 above the average or 4.32 inches for the month of September according to measurements of C. E. Stewart, weather observer. The average precipitation for September is 1.95. In September of 1939 only .31 of an inch of rain fell.

The maximum temperature during the past month was 86 reached on the 1st while the minimum was 37 reached on the 20th. Number of clear days were eleven, number of part cloudy were three and the number of cloudy were sixteen.

OIL DILUTION

One of the commonest causes of rapid engine wear is oil dilution, according to the Emergency Road Service of the Oregon State Motor association. Suggested precautions are to use the best grades of oil; drain the crankcase regularly; flush with light oil, never with kerosene or gasoline; use good fuel; use the choke sparingly; do not idle the motor unnecessarily; be sure the motor has good compression and that valves are properly ground and adjusted.

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Visitors Monday at the Levi Russell home were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Russell and Mr. Russell of Goshen and Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Russell of Springfield.

Mrs. Edward Pettet of Cottage Grove spent Thursday at the Jay Burleson home.

Mrs. F. T. Benston went to Washington last week to visit with friends and relatives for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Williams and children spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Williams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Zumwalt, of Delight Valley.

Mrs. Charles Corbett of Amity spent last week at the home of her cousin, Lowell Benston.

Due to research, half of this country's supply of synthetic vanilla now comes from formerly wasted by-products of paper manufacture.

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Fire Prevention Week—October 6 to 13

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OBEY THESE RULES

AND BE SURE YOU ARE INSURED

1. Don't use cheap electrical wiring. Make sure that it's approved and safe. Have a reliable electrician do all of your electrical work.
2. Be doubly sure your match, cigarette or cigar is out before you throw it away. At home use deep ash trays.
3. Don't let rags which have been used for oil or paint accumulate. Throw them away, or burn them up if possible.
4. Do not overheat your furnace and check the chimney for leaks and sparks.
5. Teach your family the danger of fires and what to do in case of one.
6. Avoid using explosive fluids for cleaning or other purposes. If you must, be sure it is not near an open flame or burning cigarette. Avoid rubbing.
7. Don't use coins to replace burnt-out fuses and always fix defective electrical fixtures right away.
8. Be sure there are no gas leaks in your home. Have the system checked regularly.
9. Do away with old, defective appliances and machinery that could cause fires.
10. In case of fire CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RIGHT AWAY.



Official Proclamation

By Mayor Cleo Morelock

WHEREAS, it has been deemed a commendable practice by Federal, State and Community Governments to recognize Fire Prevention Week. WHEREAS, it is a worthy week observed to educate the public to practice safety methods and to inform peoples of the tremendous loss of life and property instituted by conflagration. THEREFORE, I, Cleo Morelock, Mayor of Cottage Grove, do proclaim October 6 to 13 as official Fire Prevention Week.



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