

County Civil Defense Reforms As Result of Summer Exercise

Revamping of the Marion County Civil Defense, to promote increased effectiveness in emergency relief, was announced Thursday by Wallace S. Wharton, director.

Wharton said the reorganization is the result of an exercise in procedure for CD organizations last August. "The county civil defense," he said, "very creditably executed all requests made on it for support by the state agency, but in doing so it became apparent that real emergency stress could cause trouble."

In the mobilization sub-division, with Frank Burlingham of Woodburn the deputy in charge, two subdivisions were consolidated into one and a new subdivision created.

The new facilities protection sub-division, under direction of Carl W. Chambers, takes over the function formerly in the industrial plant protection and the public facilities protection subdivisions. Sections of the new subdivision are industrial, commercial, public and utilities.

All civil defense transportation functions are centralized in the new transportation subdivision, with Russell Pratt assistant deputy in charge. Sections are dispatcher, vehicle pool, land transport, water transport and air transport.

The most extensive reorganization was in the operations division, under Deputy Paul M. Gemmill. The only unchanged subdivision is health, headed by Dr. W. J. Stone.

Two new sub-divisions were created, rescue under G. W. Boatwright and evacuation under E. F. Ross. The sections in the rescue unit are light rescue, heavy rescue, water rescue and heavy machinery rescue. Those in the evacuation unit are collection, assembly and routing.

An aid and welfare subdivision has been created for coordination and integration of activities responsible for non-medical care of disaster victims. Leo N. Childs is assistant deputy in charge.

Through agreement with Marion County Chapter of Red Cross, the normal disaster functions of the Red Cross have been made available through the mass care group, headed by Frank M. Doolittle. The welfare group is headed by Miss Marion Bowen. Sections under Doolittle are shelter centers, John Lamb; clothing, Loyal Warner; food, J. B. Cray, with C. J. Nelson in charge of mobile kitchens.

General assistance, registry center and rehabilitation are the three sections under Miss Bowen.

Prices of Eggs Said Steadied; Storage Rises

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After a few sharp adjustments in the Pacific Northwest egg market, the price seemed to have settled down rather steady by Thursday.

At Portland grade A large eggs dropped two to three cents a dozen while Seattle quotations at the jobbing levels dropped from 2 to 5 cents a dozen early in the week. The adjustment also involved increases of 1 to 2 cents on medium sizes. In California markets, large and medium eggs held mostly unchanged during the week, but small eggs advanced as much as four cents a dozen in the wholesale markets at San Francisco.

Large supplies of large eggs on the Seattle market were blamed for the unsettling effect earlier in the week. These however, appeared to be pretty well worked off by Thursday although slight accumulations were reported in some quarters. Supplies of small and medium sized eggs were still tight in the Portland area.

Cold storage holdings of shell eggs on national basis are up considerable compared to a year ago, Thursday USDA reports showed. The total holdings early this month were reported at 70 per cent more than at this time a year ago. This year's holdings were set at \$92,000 cases.

On the West Coast the storage of shell eggs at the beginning of this month were down, however, compared to a year ago. Total holdings in the three Coast states were about three per cent less than November, 1951. But eggs are moving out rapidly, USDA surveys were showing. Since Nov. 1, the out-of-storage movement of eggs has been exceptionally strong. On the West Coast total holdings have dropped nearly 31 per cent in the past 21 days. At the major terminals of the nation, egg holdings have dropped 38 per cent on the average, since Nov. 1.

Turkey growers were pulling a bit out of the mental doldrums as turkey markets continued firm throughout the week. Prices in the Valley for grade A young hens, heavy type on a dressed weight basis, this week are quoted at 37 cents a pound. Young Turkey toms, heavy type, are bringing 34 cents a pound. Light type turkeys are bringing 38 to 39 cents for young turkey hens with young turkey toms, light type at 35 cents a pound.

These prices are not what the housewife pays for her nicely dressed turkeys on the retail meat market. These are prices on New York dressed turkeys to the farmers.

Second Salem Firm Applies For TV Rights

A second application for a Salem television station on Channel 3 was reported Tuesday by Associated Press from Washington, D.C.

The application was made by the Willamette-Land Television, Inc., headed by Gordon Alen, who operates Salem radio station KGAE.

An application for the same channel was filed last July by Glenn McCormick, head of Oregon Radio, Inc., which operates KSLM.

McCormick said Thursday he had been advised by his attorneys in Washington, D. C., that the filing of the second application will result in hearings six months to a year hence. Previously, he said he had expected that KSLM-TV could be in operation within 6 to 10 months from now.

Spitzbart Attends Western Fair Meet

Heading an Oregon delegation to the 30th annual Western Fair Association convention this week in San Francisco is Leo G. Spitzbart of Salem, manager of the Oregon State fair.

There are some 800 representatives of 132 state, county and district fairs in six Western states and Canada attending the convention. They will consider methods of strengthening the drawing power of fairs in competition with television.

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