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Campaign to Prevent Fires

By order of President Truman the week from October 6 to 9 has been designated Fire Prevention Week, and of all the "Weeks" that are proclaimed to plague a careless American public, this is one of the few which merit serious attention. Of course every week in the year should be observed by fire prevention—and every day.

In this region we are extremely conscious of forest fires, and since Pearl Harbor, with its Jap scares, we have done a fairly good job in forest fire control, although not so good as should be in view of the enormous bread-and-butter importance of our forest resources.

However, at this time, we prefer to talk about fire danger in our towns. Dangerously increased fire hazards are among the penalties of our "shot and shell prosperity," otherwise called the post-war boom.

Because of the housing shortage, the tremendous development of industry, the amazing growth of the University, we have people packed into nearly every structure that can carry a roof. They are packed into flimsy temporary structures, into attics and basements, into remodeled sheds and garages. A branch fire department is being established on the University campus. The Eugene fire department has been expanded. But Springfield, with its tough tax situation, has not been able to increase its fire fighting forces as much as planned, and taking the area as a whole, the condition is NOT GOOD.

We heard Alice MacDuff, the University's housing secretary, put a question to Fire Chief Billy Nusbaum:

"What about all these people who are living in attics and basements?"
Chief Nusbaum looked pretty grim:

"We are going to have to enforce the regulations. They can't live in those places unless they have at least TWO exits."

But it takes a lot of manpower and time to make the necessary inspections and enforce regulations, and in the meantime the chief responsibility for fire prevention rests with each citizen. After all the fire department's main job is trying to stop fires AFTER they have started, trying to get people out AFTER they are trapped.

And there is one thing which 30 years of watching fires has taught—the first FIVE MINUTES are usually decisive. We can recall one fire, in the last post-war. It was in a remodeled garage within 600 feet of a top-flight fire company. Some neighbor phoned the alarm, and the company left the firehouse so fast they shook two firemen off the rig. The Chief took one look, and without waiting to couple hose he took two men and plunged in. They handed down three small children—all three dead from suffocation. Not a burn on them. Then they coupled up and "saved the building." When they got back to the firehouse, the Chief and his men wept and cursed. (A few years ago we had a fire killing almost like that one right here in Eugene.)

There is only one way to be safe and that is by prevention. The customary reminders: Check flues and heating equipment. Get rid of dirt and trash. And for the reckless or careless member of the household we know of nothing except "a punch in the snout."

Fire can be so incredibly fast! Since 1900, in the United States, we have had 22

million fires and killed and maimed 675,000 people. Most of them could have been prevented. In the Eugene-Springfield area we are facing some very bad conditions. Don't ever think that what happened to Astoria in 1922 "couldn't happen here." Mrs. O'Leary and her cow may be only Chicago legend, but the fire was a fact. Newspaper veterans are hard boiled, but they sicken at the memories of fried human flesh. Fire Prevention Week is one occasion which they all indorse.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By PETER EDSON
Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

More Pay for Teacher

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—(NEA)—In addition to national shortages of meat and housing, a national shortage of school marms and masters has showed up in Washington, and the National Education Association is swinging into action to see what might be done about it.

From all over the country come bad reports. Two hundred schools to be closed in Maine for lack of teachers. Forty-eight schools consolidated, but still 750 teaching vacancies in Kansas. Twenty-five hundred sub-standard substitutes hired in Virginia, 2800 in Oregon, 5000 in Kentucky. Two thousand more teachers needed in Ohio, 5000 in Texas, 7000 in Georgia. In Norwalk, Conn., a teacher strike for more pay.

What has happened is that the number of college and university students has jumped from last year's 1,400,000 to two million, while in primary and secondary schools the number is up from 25 to 28 million. And there are only 1,140,000 teachers to train them, says N.E.A. secretary Dr. Willard E. Givens.

To give all these 30 million youngsters a smattering of book learning, colleges are raiding high schools for teachers, high schools are raiding grammar schools, city schools are raiding country schools, and the rural schools are either hiring poor subs or closing down. Instead of the normal one-in-200 teachers being sub-standard and giving instruction under temporary licenses to teach, the number is now one-in-10.

War Years Wrecked the Machinery
The whole mess is the result of five war years in which the educational machine has gone to pot. Since Pearl Harbor, some 530,000 teachers have quit teaching—an average of nearly 100,000 a year. In most cases they were not replaced. Army and Navy took their share because illiterate men were too dumb to fight. Marriage, retirement for old age, and death took their normal quotas of perhaps 25,000 a year, which was an average, prewar annual turnover in teaching ranks. Normal schools did not turn out replacements for either loss, because of reduced high school and college enrollment.

But by far the greatest casualties in the teaching ranks were for purely economic reasons. Salaries paid teachers weren't high enough to enable them to pay their bills. They quit teaching to take war jobs that paid more money, says Dr. Givens. Teachers' salaries have increased from the pre-war average of \$1400 to \$2000 a year today. But that's less than most day laborers are getting now, and even the average government worker gets \$2600. Without casting aspersions on anyone, teachers should know more than either, or at least be paid as much.

Better Pay Is First Recommendation
Getting better pay to attract more and better-educated people into the teaching profession is the crux of the whole situation, as analyzed by the nine-member Commission on Teacher Education just organized in Washington under the chairmanship of Dr. W. E. Peik, Dean of the School of Education, University of Minnesota. Almost the first recommendation that the commission came up with was a proposal that minimum pay for teachers be raised to the equivalent of \$45 a week for all 52 weeks of the year, or about \$2400 annually. It was further recommended that after 10 years, the college-trained teacher should be making \$4000 a year.

Other recommendations are that the work load be reduced so that no teacher should be responsible for more than 25 or 30 students, in place of today's classes of 40 and 50, that better teacher pension plans be put in force, and that standards be raised for those admitted to teacher-training.

The need for federal assistance is also being given a good boost. The American education bill is now put at two and a half billion dollars a year. But expenditures range from \$35 a year per student in the poorer states to \$169 in the more populous and richer states. To equalize the educational opportunity, federal aid of two billion dollars a year is being advocated, and will probably be proposed in the next Congress.

Today's 30 million students will increase to 34 million in the next few years, according to population studies. The birth rate is up and more youngsters are going to school for longer periods. That will create a demand for 200,000 more teachers. And it takes from three to seven years to train a good teacher.

CARD PARTY GIVEN

Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen was host at a card party given recently at the River Road clubhouse. Both bridge and pinocle were played, with results as follows: Bridge, high, Mrs. Sherman Douglas, low, Mrs. Jacob Plotz; pinocle, high, Mrs. F. J. Drury, low, Mrs. Jack Palmer.

The next regular meeting of the order will be held October 9.

GUESTS EXPECTED

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gearhart of Ashland are expected in Eugene Thursday, to remain over the weekend visiting at the home of Mrs. Gearhart's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Dunlap.

THREE JOIN GROUP

At a recent meeting, Theta Rho girls initiated Suzanne Madsen, Christine White and Gwendolyn Londsbury.

Recipe

SPICED PEAR PUDDING

(Serves Six)

One envelope unflavored gelatin, 1/4 cup cold water, 4 pears, 1 1/2 cups boiling water, 1/2 cup sugar, 1 stick cinnamon, 1-inch piece lemon rind, 2 egg whites, 2 tablespoons sugar.

Soften gelatin in cold water. Peel and halve pears and drop into 1 1/2 cups boiling water to which 1/2 cup sugar, cinnamon, and lemon rind have been added. Cook until tender.

Remove pears, cinnamon, and lemon rind. Add gelatin to cooking liquid and stir until dissolved. Allow to cool until mixture begins to thicken.

Beat with a rotary egg-beater until frothy, then fold in stiffly-beaten egg whites to which 2 tablespoons sugar have been added. Heap into sherbet glasses. Chill until firm.

Garnish with maraschino cherries if desired.

Note: If canned pears are used, simmer pears for 5 minutes in pear juice to which cinnamon and lemon rind have been added. (Add water to juice, if necessary to make 1 1/2 cups liquid.) If pears are sweetened, omit sugar. Proceed as above.

DUV REPORTS

Daughters of Union Veterans met recently at the armory with nineteen members present. Fourteen calls were reported. The sewing group will meet Wednesday for a twelve-thirty potluck luncheon and sewing at 1253 Ferry Street.

LOE MEETING

Ladies of the Elks will meet at the Elks Club Thursday afternoon at two o'clock, for cards. Hostesses will be Mrs. J. E. Turnbull, at contract, and Mrs. Mary McPherson at auction.

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By ANN CONNELL

Programs Planned For Business Girls At Community Center

Young Business Girls of the Eugene YWCA will hold their first meeting of the season Wednesday evening at six-thirty o'clock at the Community Center, 1078 Willamette St.

Following a potluck dinner, the girls will participate in a program of singing and fun. Highlight of the evening will be a talk by Mrs. Helene Hoffman, executive director of the Eugene City YWCA, on the subject "What Are You Going to Do About Your Face, Figure, and Future?" Mrs. Hoffman's theme will also be carried through the fall season of Business Girls' programs.

Subsequent discussions this fall will be held on alternate weeks. The second meeting, the week of October 18, will have as its topic: "What Are You Going to Do About Your 'Facial Cocktail'?" and will consist of a demonstration and talk on complexion care and grooming by Mrs. John Francis White of Tiffany-Dave's Drug Company. "What Are You Going to Do About Your Crowning Glory?" will feature a hair-styling demonstration by Art Walters the week of November 6. A few timely suggestions on health habits and a real workout to illustrate proper exercise will give the club girls ideas on "What Are You Going to Do about a Slim, Trim Figure?" the third week in November.

Planning the first series of programs for the Business Girls are Miss Marjorie Krebs, president, Miss Mary Jane Nugent, secretary-treasurer, Miss Vera Scott, program chairman, and Miss Jean Goodwin, entertainment chairman. Assisting the girls is the club adviser, Mrs. Berlan Lemon, staff member of the Eugene City YWCA.

Miss Krebs has urged all former members and all interested girls to attend the opening meeting October 2. She states that club membership is open to all young women in business, industry or the professions who wish to join the group.

Reservations for the potluck dinner Wednesday night are to be made in advance. Members are requested to call the Community Center, 208, not later than Wednesday noon.

ALUMNAE CHAPTER HOST TO PLEDGES

Alpha Xi Delta Alumnae Chapter met Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Lora Shaffer for its first meeting of the fall season. Members were hostesses to several of the pledges of Alpha Xi Delta at a dinner served buffet style.

Following dinner, the alumnae group held a business meeting. Mrs. Lester Beck, president, appointed committees for the year and plans were made for a rummage sale.

Those present Friday evening included Mrs. R. W. Archibald, Miss Ella Carrick, Mrs. R. H. Lemon, Mrs. Lorna B. Massey, Mrs. Frances S. Newson, Mrs. O. P. Nordling, Mrs. Vivian Harper Pitman, Mrs. C. H. Shaffer, Mrs. R. S. Wells, Mrs. D. S. Thorland, Mrs. Lester Beck, Miss Norma Tully, Mrs. John Lorin Reynolds and Mrs. C. E. Aldridge.

From the chapter houses were Mrs. Evelyn B. Street, house-mother, and the Misses Jean Huffman, Gary Bradley, Dolores Beckner, Dolores Thornton, Adelaide Schollar, Lois Beamguard, Yolanda Stoll and Ellen Stilwell. The group also welcomed Miss Jane Ellen Bunch and Miss Olga Yevitch, new initiates of Alpha Xi Delta.

REBEKAHS TO MEET

Eugene Rebekah Lodge will meet Wednesday for a six-thirty potluck dinner at Knights' of Pythias Hall. Members of the Odd Fellows Lodge will be guests, as well as Theta Rho girls.

Officers will serve on the committee, with Mrs. A. G. Brooks, general chairman. Mrs. George Mast and Miss Myrtle Porter will have charge of the program. Lodge will meet at eight o'clock.

RIVER ROAD CLUB

River Road Women's Club will meet Wednesday from ten-thirty to three at the clubhouse. A potluck luncheon will be served at noon. Coffee and rolls will be furnished.

GUEST FOR WINTER

Mrs. Nellie Florence, of Denver, Colo., is visiting in Eugene for the winter with her sister, Mrs. C. B. Willoughby.



MISS ELLIS
Recently made known is the engagement of Miss Mary Ellis of Pennsylvania to Donald Muller of Springfield.



MISS MCGINNIS
Announced currently is the engagement of Miss Charlotte McGinnis of Springfield to Philip D. Hall of the same area. Their wedding is planned for November.

Club Calendar

Wednesday
Junior Chamber of Commerce Auxiliary, Skinner Butte Cottage, 6:30 p.m.
Epsilon Sigma Alpha, Mrs. Arthur Waters, Florence Apartments, 7:30 p.m.
Amaranth Bridge Club, Mirror Room, Eugene Hotel, 1 p.m.
Dakota Club, Mrs. Adolph Walder, 2:30 p.m.
All Saints Guild, Mrs. A. F. Seither, tea, 2:30 p.m.
Eagles Auxiliary, 8 p.m.

Thursday
Nature Study Group, Eugene Garden Club, at Clubhouse, 1845 High St., 2 p.m.
Fortnightly, Osburn Hotel, 1 p.m.
Kozy Korner Club, Mrs. Samuel H. Tyler, 45 Sunset Drive, 1:30 p.m.
Order of Rainbow, Masonic Temple, 7:30 p.m.

ST. MARY'S GUILD STARTS MEETINGS
First meeting of the fall for St. Mary's Episcopal Guild will be held Wednesday at the parish house, the women gathering at ten-thirty o'clock in the forenoon. They will take paper sack lunches which will be eaten at noon.

A new quilt is to be put in the frames, it is announced, and there also is other sewing. All women of the parish are invited to attend and take part. Meetings will be held each Wednesday from now on through the winter.

TWO INITIATED
Mrs. Frank Stronack and Mrs. Max Lake were initiated into Women of the Moose Friday evening.

Members of the bowling team met Monday at eight o'clock at the U-Bowl Alleys.

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Jarabek - Janelle Marriage Announced

REEDSPORT—Mrs. Albert Janelle of Gardiner announces the marriage of her youngest daughter, Laura, to Commander John Paul Jarabek of Chicago, which took place recently at the Naval Hospital Chapel in Seattle.

Miss Janelle was attired in a wedding gown of white brocade silk with fingertip-length veil of illusion attached to a seed pearl tiara. She was attended by her sister, Miss Florette Janelle, who wore a floor-length dress of aqua-colored crepe and bandeau of gardenias. Rudolph Jarabek flew from East Chicago to serve as best man for his brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Jarabek will live at Pensacola, Fla., where Commander Jarabek is serving with the Naval Air Corps. Mrs. Jarabek has been employed in Seattle by the I. Magnin Company as personnel director since her discharge from the WAVES, in which she served as lieutenant, junior grade.

Mrs. Janelle, Miss Florette Janelle and Mrs. Phillippe Jacques (Mary Janelle), all of Reedspott, drove north for the wedding. Lt. Phillippe Jacques, U. S. Army, of Washington, D. C., has joined his wife in Gardiner and they will remain for a short visit.

HILLSBORO COUPLE MOVES TO COUNTY
DEERHORN—The marriage of Miss Doris Eleanor Hawkins of Hillsboro to Donald Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wilson of Hillsboro was solemnized Saturday, September 7, at First Baptist Church in Eugene, Dr. Vance Webster officiating.

Attending the couple were Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Hubbard of Deerhorn, aunt and uncle of the bridegroom.

The bride was dressed in a gold-trimmed white silk crepe dress with black and gold accessories and wore a corsage of gladioli blossoms. Mrs. Hubbard wore white gardenias. The church was attractive with gladioli, ferns, and asters. Mr. Wilson recently was released from Army service, having served many months overseas.

Following the ceremony, the wedding dinner was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jarabek for the wedding party. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and the bridegroom, Mr. and Mrs. Jarabek, are now in their home at Deerhorn.



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Armed Men, Woman Loot Chinese Store
BRENTWOOD, Calif. — Five men and a woman, masked in black and heavily armed with automatic weapons, clobbered a Chinese-operated grocery store of \$17,971 in cash late Monday night. The robbers, who carried a sub-machine gun, a Browning automatic rifle, a .38 pistol, left \$7,000 in checks strewn about living quarters above the store. The store is operated by six Chinese who were at dinner in their living quarters. The robbers climbed to the roof by means of a ladder and stepped into the dining room through a door opening to the roof.

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