

Justice Court Reports
Over \$5000 Taken In

John Bryson, justice of the peace, sent in his report Friday to the county and state showing a total of \$5103.75 in fines collected for the month of May. The reports were accompanied by the checks addressed to the treasurer's office in each case.

Fines remitted to the county amounted to \$2966.48 and the state's share was \$2136.67. Excess over deducting salary for Judge Bryson, totaled \$921.10. This sum is paid over entirely to the county treasurer.

The state is entitled to half the total amount of fines assessed, in

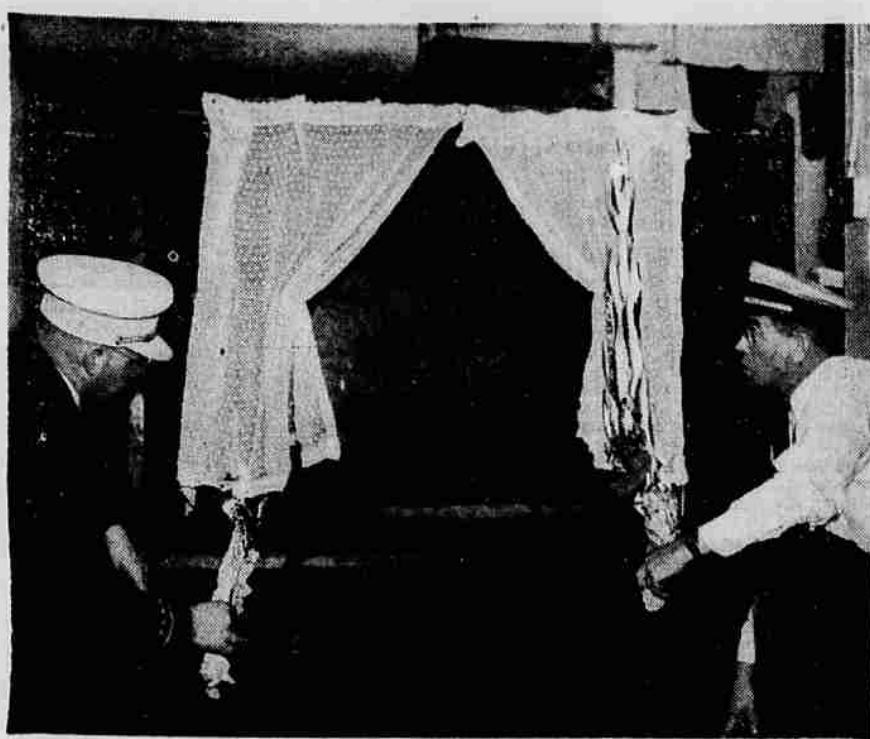
cases where a state officer made the traffic arrest. The balance goes to the county, as do all fines levied in cases where county officials make the arrest.

Creswell Man Fined On Driving Charges

Charles Curtis Fox of Creswell was fined \$150 in justice court here Saturday morning, after his arrest by state police Friday on charges of drunk driving.

Justice court said Fox' driving license was suspended for one year, after he pleaded guilty to the charge.

A Nebraska state senator once opposed a tax levy of one-tenth of a mill because it was too much, and offered an amendment of one-fifth of a mill.



FIRE CHIEF Ed Surfus (left) and Fire Marshal Lester Barker prove that a simple mixture of boric acid, borax and hot water will fire-proof curtains and other inflammable materials in the home. The treated curtain resists the torch; the other flares up. (Wiltshire photo and engraving).

Simple Solution Proves Effective on Fabrics
Home Fire-Proofing Urged

By JEANNE PETERS

Eugene's Bureau of Fire Prevention this week is trying to help housewives prevent home tragedies by advocating the fire-proofing of clothes and other inflammable materials.

While thumbing through a Department of Agriculture bulletin, Fire Marshal Lester Barker learned that garments, curtains, and other household materials may be fire-proofed by simply dipping or spraying them with a solution of household products found in every kitchen.

Simple Solution

The Department of Agriculture said that a mixture of seven

ounces of borax, three ounces of boric acid and two quarts of hot water would safely fire-proof materials to the point that they will scorch, but not burst into flames, when in direct contact with heat or fire.

To learn for themselves if the solution really works, firemen asked Mrs. Barker to donate some old kitchen curtains. They dipped one curtain in the solution and let it dry, then tacked both curtains to a make-shift window frame.

Use Torches

While one fireman held an extinguisher in case of emergency, Fire Chief Edward Surfus and Barker put paper torches under the treated and untreated curtains.

fire-resistant until the next washing.

Safety Measure

The importance of fire-proofing children's clothing was strongly emphasized by firemen. Ironing board covers also may be dipped in the solution, thus taking the hazard out of leaving the iron down while the housewife answers the telephone or the door bell. Curtains and drapes may be dampened with the aid of an ordinary garden spray, but they should be dampened thoroughly.



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and allowed to dry. The solution will not change the appearance of materials.

Stops Acids

The solution not only prevents spread of fire, but protects materials from acidic acids in the air. These acidic gases, which result from the burning of coal and gas, contain sulphur.

All kinds of fabrics are injured by the gradual absorption of these strong sulphur acids, but special tests by the U. S. Bureau of

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Chemistry and Soils show that fabrics treated with the fire-proofing mixture are almost entirely protected for a considerable time. The mixture is not satisfactory for materials used outside, because it is easily washed out.

Manufactured solutions for fire-proofing in the home are now reaching the market, but Eugene firemen advocate the simple mixture of borax, boric acid and hot

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