

City Firemen Compile Reports, Aver Carelessness Still Present

Eugene city firemen Thursday presented the press with a somewhat belated semi-annual report on fire damage, but with the report went the opinion that fire losses in the city are making little improvement.

Firemen said total fire losses from January through June of 1947 are \$145,158, compared with months of 1947: a total loss of \$241,385 in 1946. Sound value of properties at

Losses for the first half of 1947 are less than half the total losses for 1946, but firemen nevertheless think too much property is needlessly destroyed by fire.

First Six Months.

The semi-annual report, compiled for the first time, shows the following facts for the first six months of 1947:

Receipt of Stolen Property Admitted

Hilda May Springstead, 18, Roseburg, was arraigned and pleaded guilty in circuit court Thursday on the district court's information accusing her of receiving stolen property. She was placed on probation for two years to the Oregon State Parole Board.

The accused was arrested by San Francisco police at the request of the Lane County Sheriff's Office, after she allegedly accompanied Arthur and Oscar Bailey and Edward Ridenour when they assaulted and robbed Kenneth Mangrum of \$180, June 27, near the state game farm.

The three men were sentenced to four years each in the penitentiary.

risk by fire, \$3,249,058; Total insurance carried on property insured by fire, \$2,139,767; Insurance collected, \$63,600.76.

Other Fires

There have been 140 fires in dwellings, outbuildings and their contents, with a loss of \$7510; the University of Oregon warehouse fire loss was estimated at \$68,000; potato chip factory at \$56,021.

Losses appear to run higher when caused by electricity and defective wiring, without counting blazes caused by forgotten appliances. There were 24 such blazes during the first half of the year, with a total loss of \$4328.50. Twelve fires started from matches and careless smokers caused \$774 damage; 111 overheated or defective flues caused \$2560 damage.

FORD MAKES STUDY

DETROIT—AP—A Ford Motor Company spokesman said Saturday that officials of the auto firm were reviewing the problems of increased costs on a day-to-day basis to determine whether Ford could continue to hold the price line.

In properly lubricated bearings, oil separates the metal surfaces completely and there is no appreciable wear.

Nine Teachers Rehired by City

Nine teachers will return to their duties in Eugene public schools next month after absence of one or more years for military service, study or other reasons, Superintendent Clarence Hines announced Thursday.

Ambrose Huff and Bert C. Kerns, former social living and biology instructors at Eugene High School, are the last of the men returned from military service. Huff, however, spent the past year at Columbia University in advanced study while Kerns received his discharge last June.

Miss Opal Woodson, on leave during the war years to work for OPA, will return to her fourth grade room at Edison in September. Other teachers on leave during the past year and returning to Mrs. Gladys Douglass and Mrs. elementary teaching positions are Frances Hatch. Both will teach at Frances Willard School.

Four teachers who have been out of the employ of the district, but who formerly taught here, have been reemployed. Mrs. Martha Jane Culp, who taught at Edison in 1943-45 will instruct the second grade at Whiteaker. Mrs. Alice Guiley, former teacher at Washington and Santa Clara Schools, will return from Watsonville, Calif., to instruct the fourth grade at Lincoln this year.

Mrs. Roberta Gravois, former sixth grade teacher at Condon who has been at Lowell the past year, will return to her former position at Condon. Mrs. Lois McKern, who will teach a first grade at Condon, formerly taught at Edison.

Airlines Advance Time for Flights

West Coast Airlines announced here Thursday that all flights out of Eugene would be advanced 10 minutes beginning Friday with the exception of the last flight daily which is being moved up from 6:02 p.m. to 5:02 p.m.

The new winter operating schedule will provide an additional early morning flight from Portland to Seattle, the company announced, but no major changes affecting Eugene.

The new line has flown over a million passenger miles since its service began in the Pacific Northwest last December, the local office said.

Two Boys Injured As Auto Hits Bike

Eighteen-year-old Robert Foster of Eugene suffered severe back cuts and a companion, 16-year-old Louie Torricellas, had slight head bruises after the bicycle they were riding was struck by a pickup truck here Wednesday night.

Both boys were taken by Arrow Ambulance to Sacred Heart Hospital after the bicycle was struck at 10:35 p.m. at the intersection of Seventh Ave. and Grant St. Driver of the pickup, Lee A. Koffler of City View Road, was not held, after witnesses said the bike had no tail or headlight. Foster, who lives at 1442 Lincoln St., remained in the hospital Thursday, but Torricellas was released after treatment. Torricellas lives at 1572 Polk St.

New York Markets

NEW YORK, Aug. 28 (AP)—Special stocks performed fairly well on the recovery side of Thursday's market but dealers remained pessimistic and many leaders shifted over a narrowly irregular route.

The ticker tape listed from the start although fair-sized blocks of low-quoted issues put volume above Wednesday's three-year minimum. While price of fractions to a point or better were well distributed at the close, declines of as much as 10 points were noted. The full stretch ran to approximately 600,000 shares.

The creeping pace of the first hour was exemplified by a turnover of only 95,300 shares, a boom for this period since April 10, 1943.

Pleasant dividends lifted American Agricultural Chemical, Abbott Laboratories, Black & Decker and Thomas Steel, some to tops for the year, but increases or extras were ignored elsewhere.

Resistant were Norfolk & Western, Colonial Mills, Mary Commercial Solvents, Celanese, American Telephone, Phillips Petroleum, Goodrich, Boeing, Union Pacific and International Nickel.

N. Y. & Harlem Railroad broke 12 points at 23 on the first sale since July 1 before meeting support. Backward were Woodworth, American Can, Anaconda, J. C. Penney and Owens-Illinois. The majority of steel, motors, rails and oils did little either way.

Bonds steadied. Commodities were positive. Cotton, toward the finish, was off 30 cents a bale to up 50 cents. At Chicago wheat ended up 1 1/4 cents a bushel, corn down 1 to 3 and oats of 1 to 1/4.

ERC Ex-Prisoners May Get Promotion

Members of the Enlisted Reserve Corps who were former prisoners of war and who did not receive a promotion of one grade following their return to duty may now receive that promotion, according to General Mark W. Clark, Sixth Army Commander.

Under a new directive announced in a War Department circular, promotions for members of the Enlisted Reserve Corps are authorized for those eligible with ratings of technical sergeant or below.

Members of the Enlisted Reserve Corps who are eligible may submit a letter of application direct to the Adjutant General, Washington, 25, D. C.

Rail Car Supply Slightly Better

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brought in, including some refrigerator and stock cars, said Nelson, and most of the additional supply is coming from California.

Last Thursday at a meeting of lumbermen and railroad men here, called by the Willamette Valley Lumbermen's Assn., Rep. Harris Ellsworth announced that the SP was to be relieved for four days of an order for diversion of 100 cars a day in southern California to be used for crop shipments, and that when the order was resumed last Sunday, the diversion requirement was to be cut to 50 cars.

It was hoped Oregon would get half of the cars released in this way. He also announced that the SP had been instructed by the Office of Defense Transportation to equalize its distribution of cars in the Portland division with allotments in other parts of the nation, which were estimated to be as high as 75 per cent of requirements.

Mills able to adapt their shipments to the type of cars received better than the average. In other cases it was reported that there is a tight situation on open cars for export.

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Noii, Colin Kelly Girls To Enter Fair Contest

Two 4-H experts at preparing lamb meat and vegetable dinners—Betty Peterson, 16, of Noii, and Noma Jeanne Otto, 15, of Colin Kelly school—were awarded an expense-free, three-day trip to the Oregon state fair at Salem, as the result of the county dollar dinner contest held Wednesday at Colin Kelly school.

They are expected to make a good showing in their respective senior and junior dollar dinner contest fields at the fair this fall, county 4-H leaders said.

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