

## Chief Outlines Problems Department to Kiwanians

Surfing, Eugene fire chief, outlined some of the obstacles that have been overcome in the past year, and some that are still to be overcome by the department when it meets Monday noon before the Kiwanis club.

Pointing out that the vote of the people has made more money available to the department, the chief announced that the department's ladder truck should be delivered within ten months, and bids were being opened Monday afternoon on the new fire alarm system for downtown Eugene.

"The alarm system will not be as large as we had hoped," Chief Surfing explained, "but enough cable will be laid that it will be easily expandable. We will cover the downtown area first as that will give the most credit on insurance ratings."

### Lack of Phones

Three serious fires have been reported recently from a small restaurant at Sixth and Williamette, the speaker declared. This has been the only place where a phone is available at odd hours. The new boxes in the heart of town will be automatic, and anyone will be able to use them.

The next project will be the substations of the department, Surfing said. Tentative locations have been chosen and sketches have been drawn. These have been accepted by the underwriters. The west area will probably receive the first substation because it has high hazard areas, such as mills and gasoline storage.

### Cutting Grass

Currently the department is trying to cut heavy stands of dry grass in town, and so far has cut 150 lots, with many remaining to be cut, the chief reported.

He also mentioned that arson fires are on the increase, with a 100 per cent increase showed recently. The trend is moving to the west, he declared, and several people have been confined the past year or are under observation for starting fires in this area. The department is also having trouble with juvenile and infant age groups, the chief declared. The same problem is occurring all over the nation, and no solution has been found.

The department here will do its part with fire safety and fire prevention.



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## Wanted Crash Near His Home

SEATTLE—(AP)—"If I'm going to crash, I want to be close to home."

That was the explanation given by Grover C. Greimes of Seattle why he and a companion flew a rudderless small plane across the Cascade Mountains after striking high-tension wires near Yakima.

The plane lost its rudder and damaged its propeller when it struck the wires on a flight from Kennewick to Seattle. Greimes said he was "blinded by the sun" at the time.

A few moments later when Greimes flew low over the Yakima field to drop a note telling his destination, Civil Aeronautics Administration officials said the plane's course was so "erratic" that all crash equipment at the field was mobilized.

Similar precautions were taken at Seattle's Boeing Airport where it was presumed the plane would land after its hazardous flight over the Cascades.

But Greimes brought his crippled craft to a safe and uneventful landing at Lake Air Park, a small private airstrip east of Washington's Mercer Island.

Greimes said he steered the plane by "opening and closing the doors during its cross-mountain trip."

### Wedding Dates Come All in One Bunch

LEOMINSTER, Mass. — (AP) — When Armand Murray and Blanche Tatro were married here, the wedding guests included: The bride's grandparents, who were celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary. The bride's parents, celebrating their 31st wedding anniversary. The bride's brother, celebrating his 11th wedding anniversary.

### Seats Reserved

HUNTINGTON, Ind. — (AP) — The case of the missing playground swing seats was solved by Elwood Close, city park superintendent.

During the daytime the seats were on the swings. Toward dusk they disappeared. Close discovered that some of the swing devotees would take the seats home with them when they went to supper and bring them back when they returned to the playground the next day.

### WOOF-WOOF DOES IT

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — (AP) — You couldn't blame the baby for crying. The bus was hot and crowded. Suddenly an elderly passenger started barking. Passengers chuckled, but the baby quieted down searching for the man with the bark.

vention programs, but a children's court is needed to deal with these and other problems, he believes. Recreation programs, civic centers, and church groups have helped, the chief said.

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## Education Hope Of World Peace

BELLINGHAM—(AP)—Dr. Paul Misner, nationally known educator from Glencoe, Ill., said here that, against a background of compulsory military training and aggressive preparations for another war, the real hope for world peace rests squarely on the youth for living.

Leader of the annual summer conference of western Washington College of Education which opened with several hundred educators of the state attending, Dr. Misner outlined the new trend in education toward the community school and described the transition from a subject-centered to a life-centered curriculum which the schools of today are adopting.

The state institutes of the Washington Congress of Parents and Teachers, elementary school principals and school supervisors opened simultaneously on the college campus, to continue through Friday.

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## White House Remains Mum

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The White House was silent Monday on Democratic National Convention maneuvers.

Presidential press secretary Charles G. Ross declined comment on published reports that President Truman had sought Justice William O. Douglas of the Supreme Court as his running mate.

"There's no news here. It's all in Philadelphia," Ross told a morning news conference.

While it is regarded as probable that President Truman will fly to Philadelphia to accept if he is nominated for the presidency, Ross said that no firm plans have been made for such a trip.

### PRINCE HAS A TIME

ELIZABETH, N.J. — (AP) — Prince is only a milk wagon horse but he felt his oats. While his driver was making a delivery, he decided to sprint. Five blocks later when he was caught he had shattered a grocery store window, grazed a dozen cars and wrapped his milk wagon around a tree.

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## Gasoline! He Snorts, Give Me Water!

DENVER—(AP)—Gasoline is expensive nowadays, so you'd think the Denver man who struck it while drilling for water would be glad to see it oozing to the surface.

But Philip Schwieden isn't happy.

The gasoline obviously is leaking from a nearby refinery, but state and federal officials can't find out which one. In the meantime, Schwieden finds obstacles in the way of using or selling it.

Being on his property, the fuel

is his to sell, if he wants to pay a state tax and collect a state tax from whoever uses it.

"It hardly seems worth the trouble," Schwieden explains unhappily. "I wish they'd find the leak and let me get some water."

### Cleveland Boys and Girls Develop Thrift Habit

CLEVELAND — (AP) — Greater Cleveland boys and girls of school age hold a record \$1,000,000 in school banking accounts.

Student accounts average an

all-time high of \$22 per individual, compared to \$11 one year ago, according to the Society for Savings, sponsors of the 23-year-old program. The society also reported youthful depositors now number 46,000, up 3000 from last year.

Clayton J. Hamilton, the society's savings manager, said the upsurge in school banking was due to high employment and thrift lessons taught during the war years.

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Aero Mechanics Lodge No. 751 is currently on strike at Boeing Seattle. However, the Federal Court has found the strike unlawful and that the union has lost its collective bargaining status. More than 4,500 workers have been hired since the strike started — more than half are former Boeing employees.

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