

September Fire Damage \$3000

Eugene's fire losses during September totaled \$3000.

This estimate, quoted in the city fire department's report on September operations, brought the city's 1949 fire losses to \$264,889.19. Mill and lumber yard fires this summer account for the major portion of the losses to date.

The fire department also reported Saturday that September was marked by 121 fire alarms. Added to those of the previous eight months, these calls brought the 1949 total to 833.

In 1948, when the entire year's fire toll was but \$58,283, only 467 alarms were received through the end of September.

Fire crews spent 45 hours in action last month. The alarms they answered included 10 building fires, 6 chimney blazes, 14 grass fires, 5 overheated stoves, 10 car fires, 1 false alarm and 2 smoke scares.

Two hundred and sixteen runs were made in answer to reports of automobiles leaking gasoline into city streets. All of these were handled without actual fire resulting.

Fears Prompt Bride's Suicide

VISALIA, Cal. — (U.P.) — Mrs. Nancy Doyle Ferguson, 27-year-old bride of less than two months shot herself through the heart because she was "afraid she couldn't become a wife and mother as she should." Coroner Roy Brooks said Saturday.

Brooks said that Mrs. Ferguson was heirless to an estate of approximately \$300,000 left by her father, Jay M. Doyle, an agricultural implement dealer who died two years ago. He denied reports that the estate was 10 times that figure.

Mrs. Hazel Ferguson, mother of the girl's husband, Carl, told Brooks she became worried Friday when her daughter-in-law failed to show up for an appointment. She found her on the floor beside the bed in her home. She had been shot with a .32 caliber pistol belonging to her husband which she apparently had taken from her mother-in-law's home.

Brooks said an 11-page note to her husband said the bride had a "guilt complex" and blamed herself for not "becoming a mother." She graduated from the University of California at Berkeley last June and was married two months later.

Tuberculosis Cases Show Up in Tests

Two moderately advanced cases of tuberculosis and two suspected cases in the Florence-Mapleton-Swisshome area have been turned up through the X-ray program conducted there in June by the Lane County Tuberculosis and Health Assn.

In the area, 703 X-rays were taken. Fourteen of these were requested to return for larger X-rays, and to date ten have returned. It is among this ten that the actual and suspected cases showed up. Three cases of other pathology were also found out of the ten.

The Lane County Association will begin a big county-wide X-ray program Oct. 6, that will run through Oct. 28.

Cattle Stage Rodeo As Truckload Escapes

CORINTH, Miss. — (U.P.) — This north Mississippi town got a free rodeo when a truckload of cattle escaped. One would-be cowpoke grabbed a heifer by the tail. The frightened cow jerked him off his feet, turned quickly and slung him against a brick building.

A second man jumped on the cow's back, rode her around and then took off his belt to use as a halter around her horns.

Big Pickles On Route F?

Frank Miner, who resides at 549 1/2 16th Ave. E., laughs at Route F. Or so he did when he called on the Onion Editor Friday.

He brought into the editor's wickup a cucumber—one foot long which weighed 5 lbs.

Miner's prize cuke last year only weighed 4 lbs. He used the seed from that one to raise this one. Next year 6 lbs., Mr. Miner?

Vet Students Told of Delay

Veterans attending college this fall under the G. I. Bill should be prepared to finance themselves for a period of at least 30 days before they receive their first subsistence checks, it was announced Saturday by the Veterans Administration.

The VA explained that heavy fall enrollments and the large volume of work in setting up necessary records will cause some delay in the issuance of first subsistence checks to student-veterans. In most cases, the VA said, veterans will get their first subsistence checks in first of November, although in a few instances checks may be delayed a little longer.

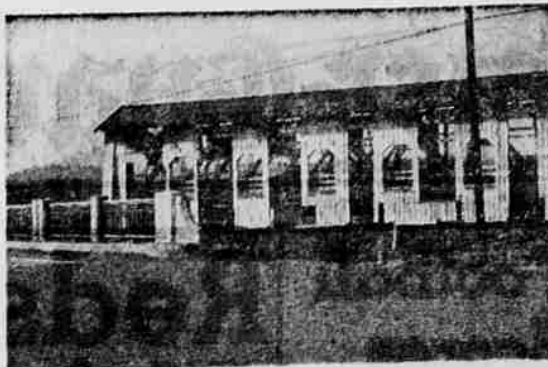
Initial checks will include all payments due, retroactive to the date of enrollment.

Accidents Hit Peak At Certain Hours

CHICAGO — (U.P.) — Accidents don't punch a time clock on the job—but they hit their peak during certain hours of the day.

According to the National Safety Council, more workers suffer disabling industrial injuries between 10 and 11 o'clock in the morning and between three and four o'clock in the afternoon than at any other hours of the day.

Dr. F. A. Elliott, X-ray, Chiopracor, 62 W. 10th. Ph. 4-4021.



DEXTER—"The old covered bridge, yielding place to new," and here we see the old covered bridge near Dexter being dismantled after many years' service, and the new highway which bypasses the old bridge. Horse-and-buggy days are gone forever. (Bob Frazier photo, Wiltshire engraving.)

First Federal Notes Home Loan Increase

An increase of \$100,000 in home loans last month over September of 1948 has been noted by the Pacific First Federal in Eugene, Frank Cashman, manager, reported Saturday.

Forty-five loans were made in September, 1949, for a total of \$294,250, covering Eugene, Springfield and Cottage Grove. Of these, 25 were FHA insured mortgage loans and 20 were conventional Pacific First Federal loans.

An FHA official in Eugene Friday told Cashman he believed the large increase in volume was due to people buying homes because of the recent rent decontrol in Eugene and vicinity. Cashman said that large and substantial cash payments have also gone into the purchase of the homes.

BETTER HARBORS SOUGHT

VANCOUVER, Wash. — (U.P.) — The Northwest Rivers and Harbors Congress has recommended improvements of the harbors at Port Townsend, Snohomish River, and Willapa River in Washington, and Yaquina Bay in Oregon.

Police Explain Deer Tagging

State police at Eugene Saturday reminded hunters that when the owner of a deer tag legally kills a deer, he must punch out the date of the kill, sign his or her legal signature, and attach the tag to the carcass in plain sight.

This tag must stay on the carcass. It must also accompany the meat when it goes to the locker.

State police will not replace a deer tag with a metal seal except in cases where the meat is separated, and part of it goes to a person other than the owner of the deer tag. For instance, if a hunter with a tagged deer gives a friend half of the animal, a metal seal must be secured for that half which is given away. This is also true of hides which are to be sent to the tannery.

TRAPPED IN PHONE BOOTH

NEW ORLEANS — (U.P.) — Telephone repairman Frank McAllister reported Saturday that when he investigated to see why a booth phone was off the hook for an hour, he found a fat man had slipped from the seat and wedged himself between it and the door. He and police ripped off a wall of the booth and freed the man.

Police Check Three Robberies

Theft of \$115 from the cash register of the College Side Inn, 885 Thirteenth Ave. E., was reported to Eugene police Saturday.

John F. Alpine, owner of the campus restaurant, said the cash disappeared sometime between 7 and 8 p. m. Friday night while the business was open and operating. Alpine told officers that the currency may have been taken during one of several periods that he stepped away from the register to attend to other matters.

City Transit Lines, 532 Oak St., also reported a Friday night loss of approximately \$90. This sum, \$50 in cash and the rest in fare tokens, was contained in a fare box that disappeared from a bus in the company's service garage.

Eugene police Saturday also were investigating a burglary of the M and K furniture market, which occurred Thursday night.

The furniture store is at 11th Ave. W. and Chambers St.

Police said that a door was found open and a window had been forced. Missing were two .22 calibre pistols, a compass and an undetermined amount of cash.

Ex-Oregon Teacher On Illinois Faculty

CHICAGO — Appointment of Dr. Charles A. Reed as an assistant professor of zoology at the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy has been announced.

Dr. Reed was a member of the faculty of the University of Arizona during the past year. He has taught at the University of California, Reed College at Portland and the University of Oregon.

A native of Portland, he received the bachelor of science degree from the University of Oregon, and the doctor of philosophy degree, in zoology, from the University of California.

Neuner Ruling Angers Holmes

ASTORIA — (U.P.) — State Sen. Robert D. Holmes, Clatsop, said Saturday that Attorney General George Neuner was going "beyond his scope and invading the powers of the State Board of Education" in ruling against the hiring of Dr. Thomas Holy to conduct an educational survey of Oregon.

Sen. Holmes, a member of the interim committee on elementary and secondary education which recommended Dr. Holy to the board, said he hoped that the board would hire the noted educator despite Neuner's ruling.

Holmes said that in expressing a legal opinion Neuner was attempting to influence the policy of the board.

It's ridiculous to believe that the Attorney General can hide behind a technicality to help obstruct the intent not only of the 1948, but of the 1947 legislature in setting up the education survey study," Holmes declared here.

Study Made Of Chilope

Chilope, located in south Indian Reservation, was the scene of a social study conducted last summer by Theodore Stern, professor of anthropology at the University of Oregon.

Dr. Stern was accompanied by a small group consisting of nor. C. Ribben, of the department at the University of Oregon, Patricia H. anthropologist, department of anthropology at the University of California, and Zakari, of the department here.

Grain Loading
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