



**Faught and Baggett Case Goes to Hearing**—First session of a hearing before the civil service commission on appeal of Ben O. Faught and J. F. Baggett, demoted fire captains, was held Wednesday. From left, seated at desks, Ben O. Faught, Allan Carson, attorney for the two firemen, J. F. Baggett, Mrs. Eva Rush, taking report for commission, City Recorder Alfred Mundt, City Attorney Chris J. Kowitz, Chairman W. J. Entress of civil service commission, Commissioner Kenneth C. Perry, Bruce Williams (standing), attorney for Chief W. P. Roble, Commissioner Monroe Cheek, and Chief Roble. On the stand is W. F. White, chief engineer of Oregon Insurance Rating Bureau. At desk in center, Miss Hattie Brazel, taking report for appellants. Most of the people in the foreground have been summoned as witnesses.

## Chief Roble Quizzed in Faught - Baggett Case

Fire Chief W. P. Roble was on the stand most of the time, and most of that time under cross-examination, in a four and a half hour session of the Faught-Baggett hearing at City hall Wednesday afternoon.

The hearing before the city civil service commission is on the appeal of Ben O. Faught and J. F. Baggett who were demoted by the chief from the ratings of captain on charges of insubordination and inefficiency and disrespect toward other department members.

Less than half the subpoenaed witnesses have been called, and the hearing was adjourned until Friday afternoon.

Important in the case were questions to bring out whether Faught, who headed the fire prevention bureau, considered the bureau as not a part of the fire department, and so operated it.

W. F. White, for 27 years chief engineer for the Oregon Insurance Rating Bureau, said in answer to a question by Bruce Williams, Roble's attorney, that he considered Roble "one of the best fire chiefs in Oregon." As to the attitude of subordinates, he said: "I wouldn't care if a man was the best fire fighter in the world. If he is an agitator, get rid of him."

**Fire Marshals on Stand**  
Jack Hayes, deputy state fire marshal, was a Roble witness. Also called by Williams was M. J. Gilson, another deputy fire marshal, who said he had often worked with Faught on inspections and that he had heard Faught say the prevention bureau was separate from the fire department, and that he was answerable to City Manager J. L. Franzen. On cross-examination he said he didn't recall that Faught said the city manager required him to answer to him.

Chief Roble said that only once had he himself gone to the city manager with a department problem, and that was because of Faught.

"Who is running the fire department?" Roble said he had asked the manager. "Am I, or is someone else?"

"You are," was the manager's reply, he said.

"Then I wish you would tell Faught that," Roble said he told

that I wanted to be chief. I ought to be chief."

He said Baggett had been critical of improvements made in the department, and had failed to have his shift care for equipment as required. He said Baggett had said of the department salvage operations "there's no sense in it."

The chief testified that he had been informed that Baggett had spoken of him in profane and obscene words in conversation with other persons, and told what some of the words were.

On cross-examination by Attorney Allan Carson the chief was asked if he hadn't received a good deal of praise that rightfully belonged to the fire inspection service. Roble said he hadn't failed to praise the prevention bureau when there was opportunity to do so, and cited one instance in which he thought the bureau had done good service.

## Head On Crash Kills Anton Berg

Silverton—Anton B. Berg, 68, of Woodburn died instantly Wednesday when his car and a log truck driven by George Leslie Ledbury of Colton collided near here. His wife, Mrs. Ellen Berg, 65, was in a Silverton hospital today with a fractured skull, a fractured leg, and multiple facial lacerations.

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## Health of Keizer Pre-School Children Generally Good

That the health status of pre-school children in the Keizer community is generally good and that there is no urgent need for regularly scheduled well-child conferences in the area are conclusions reached by the Marion county department of health following an exhaustive survey conducted by the department with the cooperation of volunteer workers.

It was revealed that a majority of the 463 children of pre-school age are under regular care of family physicians. Further immunization of children against diphtheria was recommended to prevent a possible outbreak of that disease.

Some 336 families were contacted by the workers who asked a series of pre-determined questions. The survey revealed 787 children of all ages among the families interviewed. One hundred and thirteen families had

lived in the Keizer area one year or less, 78 for two years, 70 for three years and 75 for four years or more.

Eighty-nine families reported incomes of \$4000 or more, 155 families with incomes of \$3000, 87 with \$2000 and 19 under \$1000.

Of the children of pre-school age 314 had been immunized against diphtheria, and whooping cough, 240 against smallpox and 205 against tetanus.

It is estimated the district has a population of 3500 and that the Keizer school has an enrollment of 600 in the first eight grades.

The survey revealed no racial minority group in the district. "Most of the homes are average with a few expensive ones and some sub-standard dwellings."

The 14 volunteer workers were Mrs. Hugh Adams, Mrs. L. C. Anderson, Mrs. M. J. Baker, Mrs. V. G. Billings, Mrs. Zelma Conroy, Mrs. Ray Cowan, Mrs. C. W. Earnest, Mrs. Ruby Holden, Mrs. E. R. Hoxsey, Mrs. A. Kilday, Mrs. George Klein, Mrs. A. C. Miller, Mrs. E. W. Robertson and Mrs. Jean Sizemore.

Back from Washington  
Falls City—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lehner and family recently returned from a two-weeks vacation trip into Washington.

## Boots and Spurs

At the meeting of the Oregon Mounted Posse held at the Fairgrounds stadium last Thursday evening with Captain Walter Leth presiding it was voted that the posse would meet in the future every Thursday night to practice. It was decided also to go to Vancouver, B.C., as the guests of the Moreland Rotary club horse show, September 21-24.

also, that applications for new members would be considered at once. A trail ride and picnic are planned at the rodeo grounds July 30 with George Arbuckle chairman of the committee.

For the time being, applications will be accepted for membership in the posse under the following conditions: That the applicant have a suitable horse over 15 hands and less than 16; that applicant is able to and willing to drill and will attend, barring sickness, all calls of the captain; and that he will serve on all committees to which he is appointed.

Friday night the Saddle club members were the guests of the Silverton riders at the Waldo Hills community house on the Silver Creek highway. It was a grand get-together with movies and square dancing, followed by a no-host supper put on by the group and a little singing, of course.

Many plans are being talked for a week-end at the beach—if the trails committee would point at a certain date the rest would be easy. Last year the members who took this ride came back with the best sunburn, the most laughs and the funniest experiences—all from a day or so at the beach with a horse.

Skeeter, the champion cutting horse that everyone admired so much, met with quite a serious accident when he was unloaded from the trailer at Caldwell, Idaho. A stray mule was out in the yard and as horses and mules never did get along this was no exception. Skeeter got tangled in some barbed wire and it is still doubtful whether they will be able to save him. Fortunately, Mr. Williams purchased Patches when he was here so he will have a horse that has what it takes to get in the money in cutting contests.

At the monthly meeting held Monday night in the club room David Rhoten and Nancy Brownlee were both voted into the membership of the Saddle club. A motion carried to have a glass case built to display the cups

and ribbons that the club still has after more than 12 years of exhibition drills, contests and trail rides.

The called drill is just as popular as ever and before the meeting 28 members attended with Ralph Stangeby as drillmaster. Right now hay is the big problem with the club for this is the time to arrange commitments for the coming year. Grain could also be a problem but with the present arrangement this is under better control than ever before.

Mr. Cordray, who patrols the grounds and puts the loose horses back in their stalls, on three occasions now has seen a deer grazing to the east of the beef barn. In mentioning this to the county humane officer, Ervin Ward, it was said that it is possible the animal is one that escaped from the Pohle farm out past Turner.

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