

Emergency Organization Set Up by Oregon Fire Chiefs

Statewide civil defense fire fighting organization was established yesterday at a meeting attended by fire chiefs from 30 counties.

The chiefs divided the state into eight fire defense areas, and set up a program to help each other in emergencies.

Maynard on University Staff

Dr. Arthur H. Maynard who completed his work for the Ph.D. at the University of Southern California this summer, has been named assistant professor for religion at Willamette university.

In making the announcement of the appointment, President G. Herbert Smith said Maynard would replace Dr. Norman A. Huffman of the Willamette faculty, who has been granted a year's leave of absence to study under Fulbright scholarship in Italy.

Dr. Maynard received his A. B. degree in 1935 from Cornell college in Iowa, where he majored in philosophy. He was awarded A.M. and S.T.B. degrees at Boston university. His bachelor of sacred theology degree was granted cum laude. He is a Phi Beta Kappa, member of Phi Chi Phi, religious honorary, and Tau Kappa Alpha, debate honorary.

A minister of the Methodist church since 1939, Dr. Maynard has had pastorates in Wisconsin and California.

2 Men Treated, Broken Backs

Two men, both with possibly broken backs, were taken to Salem General Hospital Wednesday by city first aid.

Carl Blackwood, 35, 5904 NE 13th avenue, Portland, was working at Fairview home for the Pacific Asbestos company when he fell from a scaffold in the boiler room. He fell about 10 feet and landed on a pile of bricks. There were indications that he suffered fractures of the back and ribs.

L. U. Kounty, 46, was working under a car at Lancaster drive and Auburn road when the jack gave away. The car fell upon Kounty and he was taken to the hospital with a possible back fracture. He lives at 455 Columbia street.

The condition of both Blackwood and Kounty awaits X-ray examination.

Russell Gilpatrick of Portland and four children were in a car that overturned in Polk county near Lincoln Wednesday morning. None of the children was hurt, but Gilpatrick got general cuts and bruises, non serious.

Tropical Storm Drifting Westward

Miami, Fla., Aug. 16 (AP)—Winds up to 135 or 140 miles an hour were found in the tropical hurricane wallowing some 725 miles due east of Miami early today.

The U. S. weather bureau said a navy "hurricane hunter" plane reported that "the eastern quadrant has winds over 120 knots and it is beginning to drift in a westerly direction."

"This is now a severe hurricane," commented chief forecaster Grady Norton. "It has picked up considerable intensity in the last six hours."

Eastern Oregon Will Organize Regiment

Portland, Ore., Aug. 16 (AP)—Brig. Gen. Harry Brumbaugh, commander of the Oregon National Guard reserve, today said a complete regiment would be organized in eastern Oregon.

The regiment, to be designated the 8th Oregon Infantry, would be comprised of approximately 100 officers and 3000 enlisted men.

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List Benefits To Servicemen

The state veterans department prepared a special news letter today listing all benefits for servicemen and their dependents.

The publication points out that there are no family allowances in the lower pay grades, although congress is considering a bill to provide these allowances. There no longer is the home town maternity and infant care provided for servicemen's families in World War II.

Benefits explained in the publication include:

War time rates of compensation for disability and death incurred as a direct result of armed conflict. For instance, a widow and a child of a man killed in Korea would get \$105 a month. A soldier 100 per cent disabled in the fighting would get \$150 a month.

New government life insurance up to \$10,000, even though the serviceman had surrendered his government insurance in World War II.

Reemployment rights upon return from service.

Federal and state civil service preference.

The soldiers and sailors civil relief act.

Security Bill Passed by House

Washington, Aug. 16 (AP)—The house gave its final approval today to legislation vastly expanding social security coverage and increasing benefits. The vote was 374 to 1 (Rep. Byrnes, R., Wis.).

The house accepted a compromise version of different bills passed by the house and senate. The compromise now goes to the senate.

An effort to knock out one provision of the bill was defeated 188 to 185.

This was aimed at the so-called Knowland amendment, sponsored by Senator Knowland (R., Calif.), and opposed by President Truman.

The bill as approved by conferees would:

1. Freeze the payroll tax at its present 1 1/2 per cent level until 1954.

2. Increase the maximum salary taxable from \$3,000 to \$3,600 a year to boost the payroll tax for high-salaried workers by \$9 a year.

3. Increase the average individual benefits from the \$26 to \$45 a month.

4. Extend coverage to 5,000,000 self-employed, 1,000,000 full-time farm workers, 1,000,000 servants, 1,400,000 state and municipal employees, 50,000 state and local transit workers, and 600,000 employees of non-profit organizations.

5. Shepherds Killed

Tunis, Tunisia, Aug. 16 (AP)—Five Tunisian shepherds took refuge in a haystack during a storm yesterday. All were killed when lightning struck the stack.

Crash Fatal to Eugene Women

Oregon City, Aug. 16 (AP)—Two Eugene women were killed early today and two men were critically hurt in a truck-crash south of here.

The victims were Mrs. Alfred Broe, 54, and Catherine Emise Baird, 47.

The husband of Mrs. Broe, believed to have been driving the car in which the women were riding from Portland to Eugene, suffered a skull fracture.

The truck driver, Orison Cummins, Portland, suffered a possible back fracture.

State police reported that the Broe car apparently had started to make a left turn and was struck by the northbound truck. The three occupants of the car were hurled to the pavement.

Mr. and Mrs. Broe formerly lived in Portland.

Old Maids Have Their Day In Texas Town

Denton, Tex., Aug. 16 (AP)—Denton rolled out the carpet for the old maids—and they giggled and joked about their spinsterhood—and loved it!

"Bless their hearts, why didn't somebody think of this before," one man remarked.

It was an old maid who thought about it. The idea took hold. The mayor proclaimed yesterday as old maid's day. Merchants gave free corsages, free movies, free taxicab transportation, free shampoos all during the day. The Denton Record-Chronicle gave a tea.

Unashamedly, the old maids admitted their emphasis was on presents.

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The government will list as defendants all corporations, firms or individuals whom they believe may have an interest in the land. Among these are Southern Pacific company, whose tracks run through the area in question.

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