

Salem Will Be Host to Police

Salem will play host Saturday to some 50 law enforcement officers from four north-west states and Canada at the quarterly meeting of the Northwest Check Investigators association at the Senator hotel.

In addition, a number of bankers and other businessmen interested in the problem of controlling the passing of bad checks will attend the meeting.

From the Salem department Detectives Ernest Finch and Wayne Parker will attend the afternoon business session and probably several other officers and detectives will attend if "business" will permit, Police Chief Clyde Warren announced. A considerable number of officers are expected to attend this 7 p.m. banquet and program, he added.

Officers are also expected here from departments in other cities in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Canada and from state police departments.

Purpose of the meeting is to discuss new methods of solving bad check cases and to swap information on current cases. A recent meeting in Olympia resulted in the apprehension of T. J. Short of Texas, now awaiting trial in Marion county circuit court on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. Short is accused of passing a number of bad checks on check blanks that mysteriously disappeared from a gravel company office in Salem about a year ago.

The group is meeting at the Senator hotel for its first Salem meeting in several years. Captain Max Alford of the Oregon State police is in charge of arrangements.

Blaze Damages Albany Hotel

Albany—Searing fire, and water used to bring it under control, caused damage estimated at more than \$50,000 to the Morris hotel and five ground-floor establishments housed in the First Avenue hotel building early Tuesday morning with 500 persons looking on.

Some 35 firemen battled the blaze for an hour before controlling it and fought for an hour more to quell the last of the flames.

The roof, ceiling and hotel bedrooms in the two-story structure were most seriously damaged in Albany's worst fire since the zirconium plant at the Bureau of Mines laboratories was burned about a year ago.

The metal roof crumpled in several places but was kept from falling by the charred rafters below.

All of the bedrooms were damaged although some partially escaped the steam and water bath. The China cafe, where the costly fire began, was almost a total loss. The kitchen was ruined by fire and water and the front of the establishment was heavily damaged by water spray and intense heat.

Fire Chief Don Hayne said the fire began around a stove in the China cafe and from there leaped through a broken window and fed up an unprotected wall to the second story. No one was reported injured.

Four Sisters Die in Fire, Parents Absent

Dayton, Ohio (AP)—Four sisters, three of them under 5, were killed today in a fire which destroyed their modest three-room house while their parents were gone.

Nancy Louise, 13, Linda Mae, 4, Sharen Elizabeth, 2½, and Linda Sue, 1½, children of Mr. and Mrs. Earl West, were asphyxiated, Montgomery County Coroner Robert Zipf said. Cause of the fire was not determined.

TWO BIG SMILES



President Eisenhower and Chief Justice Earl Warren turn to each other with big smiles as they posed at the White House (Nov. 9) with other members of the Supreme Court. The occasion was the annual dinner-reception for the high court at the Executive Mansion. In background are Associated Justices Robert H. Jackson and Tom Clark (right). (AP Wirephoto)

Driver Test Unit Arrives

A new driver training field unit arrived in Salem Tuesday for a one-day stop to test drivers of the Union Oil company on traffic safety.

In the 26-foot trailer training unit, a series of five optical and mechanical devices test drivers for distance judgment, reaction time, night vision, field of vision, visual acuity, glare resistance and glare recovery. In addition, written tests check the driver's knowledge of safe driving procedure and his driving attitudes.

"The results are used to advise the drivers on methods of improving their driving safety," said G. C. Alexander, resident manager for the company. We want them to operate their vehicles in the safest manner possible, making allowances for careless actions and mistakes of other drivers."

J. G. Brown, operator of the driver training unit, expected to test all the company's Salem drivers by Wednesday noon and then to leave for Eugene for similar testing there. He showed the equipment to interested city and state officials Tuesday. "We review the results with the drivers taking the tests and recommend that they see their doctor for new glasses, if needed, and point out how new driving procedures or a different attitude could help them become a better, safer driver," he explained.

The company acquired the unit early this year and thus far has tested drivers in all of Washington, most of Oregon and Arizona and part of California, he said.

SOCIAL SCUFFLERS



A man identified as Italian movie director Pietro Mele (left) sits in a New York police station, accused by police of assaulting two patrolmen. Disturbance occurred when police were summoned to the Park Avenue apartment of Brenda Frazier Kelly (right), after a neighbor heard a disturbance. Police said Mele assaulted two policemen when they were escorting him from the building. Mele is being held for questioning, but no charges have been placed against him. (AP Wirephoto)



Coast Guard Fliers Meet

Lebanon — Members of USCG auxiliary, Flotilla 70, spent the week-end at the coast guard air station at Port Angeles, Wash. Their planes left the Lebanon airport Saturday morning and they were joined in Portland by Jerry Wildman, commander of Portland's air wing Flotilla 75. The men were guests at the air station over night and on Sunday flew to Tacoma-Seattle airport in one of the two new Gruman U-F planes which the coast guard recently purchased along with two new 11-passenger helicopters.

The Lebanon planes returned home Sunday evening. K. R. Harris and Leland Tucker, commander and vice-commander of the Lebanon Flotilla attended division elections in Portland Monday. At the next meeting of the local Flotilla on Nov. 30, new officers will be chosen.

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Woman Killed at Sea Lion Caves

Florence, Ore.—A car plunged 300 feet down a steep slope south of Sea Lions cave Tuesday morning and there threw the driver, Mrs. Eugene Dame of Tenmile another 200 feet to her death.

The two Dame children, a boy and a girl, were taken from the car with what appeared to be non-critical hurts.

The victim's husband, an appliance dealer, sped toward

the scene when notified of the accident and his car left the highway. Dame suffered minor hurts.

Mrs. Dame's body came to rest beside the ocean. A Florence physician, Dr. Navarre Dunn, was lowered by rope and pronounced her dead.

LOG LOADER KILLED

Enterprise, Ore. (AP)—Merle David Adrian, 39, of Enterprise was fatally crushed Monday when a log rolled off a truck he was loading for the Harris Pine Lumber Co. at Joseph.

Price of Fescue Seed Cut Sharply

Increased quality decreased quantity and a market price of 12 to 13 cents, about half of the 1952 market price, is the picture confronting Marion county alta fescue growers this year County Extension Agent Hollis Ottaway reports.

While only 65 percent of the county's 1952 crop passed as blue tag, 76 percent of the 1953 qualifies for the blue

tags. These figures were computed from the first 652,000 pounds of alta cleaned and sampled last year and from 551,000 pounds cleaned thus far in 1953.

Certification records indicate that alta growers have been plowing up some of the poorer fields.

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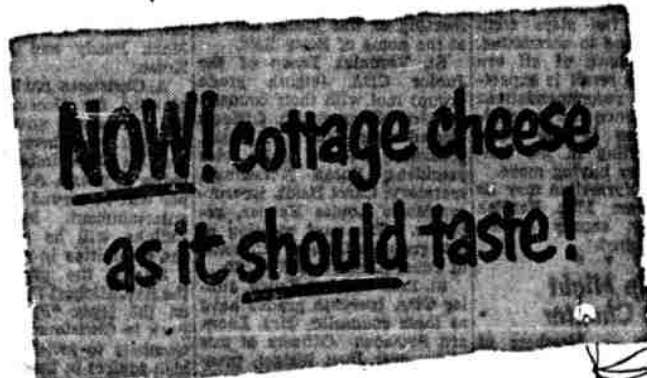
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