

Fire Safety Stressed During Farm Week

Will your home be included among the estimated 15,000 that will suffer fire damage in Oregon this year? Spend a few hours correcting fire hazards around your home or farmstead this week — National Farm Safety Week — and you will remove most of the danger says N. C. Anderson, county extension agent.

Fires in dwellings continue to run high in Oregon. There were more than 10,000 home fires in Oregon last year for which insurance claims were made, and many more not covered by insurance. Actually, it is figured that one Oregon home out of five will suffer some degree of fire loss during its existence.

The actual dollar loss from dwelling fires for the last year reported by the Oregon Fire Marshal was over \$4,000,000 for the insured homes alone.

It is doubtful if a house holder could spend time to better advantage than the short time given periodically to the elimination of home fire hazards. For example, you can remove over 80% of your risk by these steps:

1. Make sure your heating system is safe. Watch out for overheated stove, flues, and chimneys. Heating system should be cleaned and inspected regularly.
2. Follow safe smoking habits and be careful with matches. The smoker must have safe habits if the family is to be safe.
3. Make sure your electric wiring is all right. It pays to know that wiring, cords, and appliances are in good condition, and circuits are not overloaded.

Most Home Accidents Happen Outside House

More than half of the home accidents happen outside the house, according to Mary Beth Minden, Oregon State college extension home management specialist.

She offers these seven clues to finding danger lurking near the home.

Porch, steps and walks are frequent scenes of fall, she says. With emphasis being placed on safety during National Farm Safety week, July 25-31, she suggested checking the approaches to the house.

Do you keep the walks, steps and porches clean of children's toys and garden tools? Are the steps and porch floors in good repair—no broken boards, no splintered edges, no nails sticking up? Do you make repairs as soon as they are needed? Are all entrances to the house well lighted—and the path lighted from the parking area, barn, etc? Do you use a flashlight when following an un-

"Death Trap"

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road just after passing the curve by the Flying A motel. All were attempting to get back into the right hand lane of traffic. In only one accident, in which liquor was considered the primary reason for the crash, did a car hit the bridge abutment on the left hand side of the road.

In some of the accidents liquor and excessive speed were listed as contributory causes, but the occurrence of many other mishaps in which these were not involved seems to rule them out as far as a primary reason for the accidents.

Three possible factors that singly or together may be responsible are apparent:

Cars leaving Heppner on the somewhat steep grade are unable to pick up much speed until they begin to approach the curve near the Flying A motel. It is possible that drivers fail to adjust the gas throttle to the changed driving conditions and enter the curve at a faster than normal speed.

The curve itself is banked or "supered" at a fairly steep pitch. Cars entering the curve at an increased speed are thrust outward or to the right by centrifugal force. Coming out of the curve, the bank or super apparently flattens out in the right lane of traffic faster than the driver can make the adjustment and the car swerves off the highway to the right.

There is still considerable distance between the spot where most cars leave the highway and the bridge abutment itself, and the shoulder appears wide enough to allow a car to return to the highway in time to miss the bridge abutment. The shoulder, however, drops off suddenly on the other side of a driveway about 35 feet from the bridge and is also somewhat deceptive in appearance. A single right car wheel hitting the ditch might be enough to pull a car from its intended angle and send it careening into the abutment.

Just what or which of the factors involved are most responsible for the recurring accidents or how to eliminate them may not be clear. But, it is certain that Heppner is on its way to notoriety in state-wide headlines because of its own private "death trap" on highway 207.

lighted path after dark? Have you painted the front edge of poorly located or poorly lighted steps white? Are the paths well drained to give a firm footing, winter and summer?

Mrs. James Sumner returned Saturday from a ten-day vacation in Washington where she visited friends in Spokane and also took a trip to Victoria, B. C.

HOSPITAL NEWS

New Arrivals—To Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Kennedy, Condon, a 6 lb. 10 oz. girl born July 26, named Sheryl LuAnn. To Mr. and Mrs. Gene Roark, Fossil, a 10 lb. 4 oz. girl born July 28, named Florence Arinda.

Major Surgery—Betty Estberg, Los Angeles, dismissed; Frank E. Bennet, Condon.

Minor Surgery—Clement Stockard, Heppner, dismissed; Richard Springer, Heppner, dismissed; Mrs. Edna Nelson, Fossil, dismissed; Mrs. Julia Harrison, Heppner, dismissed; Mrs. Stella Palmer, Olex, dismissed; Mrs. Elaine Bietmann, Ione; Gene Bauerenfeind, Heppner; Mrs. Esther Hinkley, Umatilla, dismissed.

Medical—Kenneth Hardeman, Monument, dismissed; Kerman Kennedy, Service Creek, dismissed; Merlin Anderson, Lexington, dismissed; Harry Harrington, Condon; Stephen Lindstrom, Ione, dismissed; Kathy Ann Croissant, Spray, dismissed; Bob Jepsen, Ione, dismissed; William Dungan, Hermiston, dismissed; Mrs. Frankie LeBlanc, Hermiston, dismissed; Walter Farrrens, Heppner; Floyd S. O'Neal, Kinzua.

Out-Patient—Van Richards, Spray.

TWIN GRANDSONS

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Hughes have received word that they are grandparents of twin boys born July 22 at Dallas, Oregon to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hughes. Michael weighed 5 lbs 4 ozs. and David weighed 5 lbs 8 ozs.

They have an older brother and sister.

Mrs. Herbert Ekstrom and son from The Dalles have been visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ball.

County Agent News

(Continued from Page 2) could be checked this week. Of the eighty Oregonians who lost their lives by fire last year, more than one-third of them were rural residents. Forty percent of the victims of these home fires were children under 10, and in three-fourths of our fire fatalities families are trapped on the top floor. Where there are two story buildings, training should be given so that in case of a fire, people will know how to get out. Fire daily seeks out for its special target, seven hundred seventy-five homes, eight schools, nine churches, and three hospitals in the United States.

A check list of ten farm safety commandments for living safely would be well to keep in mind this week. 1. Keep machines in good repair. 2. Operate tractors safely. 3. Know and obey all traffic laws. 4. Be fire sited. 5. Speak to animals when approaching them. 6. Be a good housekeeper. 7. Watch your step to prevent falls. 8. Follow safety instructions. 9. Know and obey water safety rules and 10. Apply first aid promptly.

Monument News

Vic Du Bosch was called by the army to Walla Walla for a physical checkup last week. Mr. Du Bosch made the round trip in one day.

There was a grass fire on the Herb Showalter place on Thursday. It was feared at first it might spread to their grain field but all the neighbors and the Forest department responded to their call for help and the fire was soon out.

Bob Damon, Martin Braggs and Earl Cummings have been making regular trips to Monument this week. Someone had taken gas from the school's pump also a pump belonging to Elmer Matson was molested and the parts thrown in the river.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mantis and son Dickie left Wednesday for Sweet Home to visit their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Peck.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Vawter visited Mrs. Vawter's mother, Helen Brown this week. They took Mrs. Brown to their home in Idaho where she will spend a week of her vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Sweek were pleasantly surprised Sunday evening when their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson (nee Rhoda Sweek) of Los Angeles drove up. They were on their way home after visiting Mr. Robinson's relatives in Nebraska. They could only stay one day so left Tuesday for Los Angeles.

DANCE INSTRUCTION SET

Etta Shepard, dance instructor from Kennewick, Wash., is planning to hold dancing lessons for children this fall in Heppner if enough prospective students are interested. Mrs. Robert Gammell announced this week she will teach ballroom, tap, acrobatic and ballet.

Interested parents should contact Mrs. Gammell for information.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Green of Gresham were visitors recently at the home of Mrs. Green's mother, Mrs. Mattie Green. Mr. Green is traveling for Portland Tideland Water Works.

Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Abercrombie were Monday business visitors in Heppner.

Local News In Brief

Mr. and Mrs. Vince Genteman of Reno, Nevada visited overnight Wednesday of last week with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ruggles.

Ellis Thomson, former Heppner resident now living in New York City was visiting friends and relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Green of Council Bluffs, Iowa were week end visitors at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Mattie Green.

Jack Meeke of Hillsboro was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Van Marter.

Ted Ferguson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ferguson is home assisting with harvest for two weeks. He operates a men's clothing store in Gold Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parrish, Mrs. Sarah McNamee, Mrs. Lucy Peterson, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vaughn spent Sunday at Lehman Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Blakney and children are on a ten-day vacation to Seattle and to the Oregon coast.

Mrs. Fred Parrish was at The Dalles July 22 to attend a meeting of county clerks of Morrow, Wasco, Wheeler, and Gilliam counties.

Mrs. Dale Fuller of Orchards, Washington was visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Thomson last week. The Thomson's daughters, Meredith and Bernice, were visiting Shirley Ann Fuller and Dale Fuller at Orchards.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Steinberger and four children, Seattle, Wash., were overnight guests Sunday and Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Ernsdorf. While here they also visited Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Worden.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson, Heppner band instructor, were here over the weekend from the University of Washington where he is attending summer school. E. J. Dobbe and Stanley Holm, are also taking summer school courses at Seattle.

Rev. P. M. Henderson, Pasco, Wash. will conduct the preaching services at the Ione Nazarene church in the absence of the present pastor, Rev. W. C. McKay, and family who are on a three weeks vacation. Mrs. Henderson will accompany her husband.

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THIRTY YEARS AGO

From Files of the Gazette Times July 31, 1924.

W. E. Bell, proprietor of Hotel Heppner, has purchased the entire holdings of the Heppner Hotel Company.

With the completion of its new station here this week the Union Oil company of California will begin operation in this field tomorrow, August first. Andrew Olson is the local agent.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Troedson of Morgan were visitors in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Palmateer of Windybrook were visiting in Cecil Sunday.

Kenneth DePew, winner of the bucking contest at Ukiah on the 4th of July, is coming to the Heppner Rodeo, September 25-26-27.

A small fire at the home of J. J. Wells, county assessor, in the lower end of town Friday afternoon was the cause of considerable excitement.

David and Will Hynd in passing through Lexington Monday stopped long enough to say hello to some of their friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Redding of Eight Mile were Heppner visitors on Saturday.

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