

CITY'S FIRE LOSS LOWEST IN YEARS IS CHIEFS REPORT

\$11,171 Total Past Year— 193 Alarms Answered By Department — False Alarms Said Dangerous.

A check-up made today of the records of the Medford fire department revealed that the loss reported for the year 1934 was the lowest ever recorded in Medford, as well as the lowest since Fire Chief Roy Elliott took office, and one of the lowest ever recorded in the state for cities the size of Medford.

The annual report of the fire chief of Medford, for losses sustained, calls answered, and work done on fire prevention for 1934, was submitted to the city council at its meeting Wednesday night, by Fire Chief Roy Elliott.

The smallest loss since Elliott has been in office (11 years) was shown, \$11,171.49, the smallest yet reported in the state for cities the size of Medford.

The complete report is given below: Fire Chief's Annual Report.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council, Medford, Oregon, Gentlemen: As Chief of the Medford fire department, I submit my annual report for the year ending December 31st, 1934, as follows:

The Department responded to one hundred ninety-three alarms as listed below:

- 59 Grass Fires
- 32 Fires
- 27 Responses
- 10 Autos
- 7 Garages
- 7 False Alarms
- 8 Roofs
- 5 Rubbish
- 8 Sawdust
- 4 Woodsheds
- 3 Light Poles
- 3 Hotels
- 1 Apartment House
- 3 Lumber Yards
- 2 Electric Shops
- 2 Oil Fires
- 2 Awnings
- 2 Electric Motors
- 1 Grease
- 1 Playhouse
- 1 Culpdore
- 1 Clothing
- 1 Car Not
- 1 Milk Depot
- 1 Oil Burner
- 1 Office Building
- 1 Gas Main
- 1 Box Car
- 1 Davenport
- 1 Shack

Total, 193.
The department used 800 gallons of soda and acid chemical, laid 11,550 feet of 2 1/2-inch hose and 2,200 feet of 1 1/2-inch hose.

The total fire loss for the year was \$11,171.49, in which \$11,110.49 insurance was paid.

Insurance carried on the above property was \$707,102.93. The estimated value of the property that was actually on fire, was \$922,778.43.

The department received cash as follows:

- Sale of expansion rings \$ 30
 - Recharging chemicals 13.30
 - Gas, oil, etc., at the Timber Products Co. fire 20.18
- Total \$53.78
- All cash received has been turned over to the City Treasurer and his receipts are on file.

I have made three hundred eighty-five personal inspections of buildings and property during the past year, with recommendations to remedy conditions where fire hazards were found.

I have made a thorough inspection of all the schools in the city and called for a fire drill at each one. They are well organized on fire drill and other fire equipment is in good condition.

Medford's fire loss this year is about ninety-six cents per capita. The lowest of any year since I have been Chief of the Fire Department, and from what information we can obtain, it is one of the lowest in the state for cities of our size.

We had seven false alarms the past year and we again call the attention of the public to the fact that false alarms are expensive, with the possibility of an accident. Make sure there is a fire before turning in an alarm where smoke is seen at a distance or the reflection of colored lights through a fog. I also wish to call the attention of the people to the smoking of cigarettes and to a ruling by the insurance companies that they will not pay claims for holes burned in davenports, chairs, rugs, table covers, etc., traceable to cigarettes.

An unfortunate accident occurred during a fire at the Hotel Medford, which was no fault of the department, and I wish to call to the attention of the people the necessity of staying a good safe distance away from a fire and moving apparatus.

I wish to thank the volunteer firemen for their support and willingness to aid whenever possible. At the fire of the Timber Products company they worked hard and helped to save a lot of property that at first looked like a sure loss. Their services were taken care of by the Timber Products company. This fire was just outside the city so does not count against the loss for the city of Medford. I also wish to thank the public for their hearty cooperation toward the prevention of fire by keeping waste and rubbish cleaned up.

We desire to thank the Mayor and City Council and the Fire Committee for their support and cooperation with the Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) ROY ELLIOTT, Chief
Medford Fire Department

The statistics available today indicate that the loss last year was \$920 lower than the former low record, year, 1928, when a loss of \$12,000 was shown.

'C'MON IN, THE WATER'S FINE'



Lake Michigan's icy waters held no terrors for these members of Chicago's Polar Bear club, who saluted the lake's first ice of the winter with a rush to the shore and a plunge among the white cakes. A few minutes was enough to cool them off. (Associated Press Photo)

BUDGET BALANCING TO AWAIT ERASING OF UNEMPLOYMENT

(Continued from page one.)

was confined to the White House with a cold.

The new deal accounting allowed for the spending of \$17,101,000,000 in the two-year period ending 18 months hence.

The total asked for the year beginning next July 1 was \$8,520,413,600, with receipts estimated at \$4,991,904,639. This would mean a \$4,528,507,970 deficit, compared with \$4,869,418,338 expected for the year closing next June.

Congress was informed the government's income would meet all expenditures except those "to give work to the unemployed." Mr. Roosevelt did "not consider it advisable at this time" to propose new taxes, but asked the continuation of existing levies.

Inflation Not Needed.
To newspapermen, the President said there was no need for "inflation" to finance his huge 1936 budget. The treasury planned to borrow needed funds. But he warned simultaneously any extra appropriations by congress must be paid for with new taxes. Significantly, there was no budget provision for cashing the \$2,100,000,000 soldiers' bonus. Friends of that payment plan to press for it regardless.

The goal set a year ago for balancing the budget in the 1936 fiscal period with a peak debt of \$31,800,000,000 was recalled by the President with the remark:
"Unemployment is still large."
"The states and local units," he continued, "now provide a smaller proportionate share of relief than a year ago and the federal government is therefore called upon to continue to aid in this necessary work."

Relief Bars Balancing.
"For this reason it is evident that we have not yet reached a point at which a complete balance of the budget for the fiscal year 1936, which balances except for expenditures to give work to the unemployed."

Reviewing the budget with reporters, Mr. Roosevelt said he expected the \$4,000,000,000 work program to get started by early April and reach full swing by fall. Out of unexpended recovery balances, he asked congress for the immediate reappropriation of \$400,000,000 for direct relief grants until July 1, to tide over the transition period.

For "regular" government costs, exclusive of "recovery and relief," the President asked \$3,928,000,000 in 1936, compared with the current \$3,321,000,000. Major items in the increase:

1. A \$180,000,000 boost for national defense to \$792,484,000.
2. A \$65,000,000 increase for restoring the government pay out next July 1.
3. A \$20,000,000 allotment for non-

The Latest



Judith Allen, film actress, displayed the latest in aviation togs when she disembarked at Newark, N. J., airport after arriving from the west coast. She was wearing a beige and white checked tweed suit with trousers. (Associated Press Photo)

POMONA GRANGE COMMITTEE LIST GIVEN FOR YEAR

George A. Andrews, newly installed master of the Jackson County Pomona Grange, has compiled his list of appointive committees for 1935. There are 51 appointments with the first named on each committee acting as chairman. The list is as follows:

Finance committee—Theodore Sims, Jacksonville; Wm. Foley, Central Point; and C. P. Davies, Eagle Point.

Legislation—E. E. Nealon, Sams Valley; Warren Patterson, Central Point; O. C. Maus, Phoenix; Carl Borg, Talent, and F. O. Greenwood, Live Oak.

Agriculture and marketing—C. C. Hoover, Roxy Ann; Henry Conger, Jacksonville; Arnold Bohnert, Central Point; Geo. E. Dunn, Bellview, and Perry Wait, Live Oak.

Resolutions—F. E. Kiersey, Live Oak; H. W. Helm, Bellview; Victor Bursell, Central Point; Edwin Taylor, Applegate, and W. E. Davies, Eagle Point.

Education—Mrs. Bertha Bursell, Central Point; Mrs. Mildred Ward, Phoenix; Dr. R. A. Elliott, Central Point; Mrs. Luella Kline, Eagle Point, and Mrs. Mabel Mack, Central Point.

Ways and means—Arnold Bohnert, Central Point; Frank Jackson, Enterprise; Floyd Charley, Lake Creek; Max Schultz, Sams Valley, and Mrs. O. T. Wilson, Sams Valley.

Reception—Mrs. Eudora Bohnert, Central Point; Mrs. Elsie Hoover, Roxy Ann; Ray C. Ward, Phoenix; Mrs. Ethel Hockersmith, Phoenix, and Mrs. Frank Jackson, Enterprise.

Home economics—Mrs. Emma Conger, Jacksonville; Mrs. H. F. Whetstone, Central Point; Mrs. Edwin Taylor, Applegate; Mrs. Jay Frink, Sams Valley; Mrs. T. T. Taylor, Eagle Point.

Good of the order—Mrs. Florence Drake, Phoenix; H. B. Carter, Bellview; John Bohnert, Central Point.

Home products campaign—Ralph Billings, Bellview; Tom H. Pankey, Central Point, and Harry Weigant, Talent.

Membership committee—Masters of all Granges of county.

Juvenile matron—Miss Eula Benson, Central Point.

Plantist—Mrs. Mable Sims, Jacksonville.

Song leader—Mrs. Eudora Bohnert, Central Point; first assistant, Mrs. Frances Tonn, Lake Creek; second assistant, Miss Doris Conger, Jacksonville.

Publicity agent—Miss Doris Conger, Jacksonville.

Installing officer—Mrs. Gertrude Hawk, Eagle Point.

Pomona Grange will meet for an all-day session at Sams Valley on January 26. District Deputy Arthur Brown will be present for the purpose of helping to reorganize the Jackson County Grange Council, and the new officers will preside for the first time.

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Jackson County Building & Loan Association

MEDFORD, OREGON
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
December 31, 1934

RESOURCES	
Cash	\$ 9,418.75
Real Estate Loans	365,535.86
Real Estate Owned and Foreclosed	332,771.69
Real Estate Contracts	61,538.29
Stock Loans	6,357.07
Government Bonds	15,875.00
Other Bonds and Warrants	7,174.58
Shares in Medford Federal Sav. & Loan Assn.	40,500.00
Shares in Federal Home Loan Bank	4,900.00
Office Building and Furniture	25,781.57
Other Assets	6,203.59
	\$876,056.40
LIABILITIES	
Stock	\$730,149.58
Accounts Payable	499.33
Advance by Federal Home Loan Bank	56,250.00
Reserves:	
Contingent Fund	\$48,847.84
Surplus	22,958.63
	71,806.47
Deferred Profit	3,284.14
Undivided Profit	14,066.88
	\$876,056.40

STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF JACKSON, ss: We, the undersigned, C. M. Kidd, President, and J. H. Fletcher, Secretary of the Jackson County Building and Loan Association, being first duly sworn, on oath, depose and say, each for himself and not the one for the other, that we are respectively the President and Secretary of said Association; that we read the foregoing statement of Assets and Liabilities, and know the contents thereof, and that the foregoing statement of said Association for the period ending December 31st, 1934, is true and correct as we verily believe.

C. M. KIDD, President.
J. H. FLETCHER, Secretary.
H. F. ELDEN, Notary Public for Oregon.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of January, 1935.
(SEAL) My Commission expires: February 13, 1937.

WASHINGTON HAS POLITICAL GROUP LIKE EPIC OUTFIT

SEATTLE, Jan. 7. — (AP) — The commonwealth builders of Washington state, whose program is closely allied with that of Upton Sinclair's "end poverty in California" plan today expressed a belief they had a "fighting chance" to control the Washington state legislature which meets a week from Monday.

Howard Costigan, executive secretary of the organization, said he was "under the impression" that 53 members of the house are in favor of his program and 23 or more members of the senate. Both figures constitute a majority of the chambers, which contain an overwhelming number of democrats.

The commonwealth builders will sponsor one major bill, he said, to be known as "the production for use" bill or the "economic rehabilitation act of 1935."

Under it a state industrial commission would be set up to organize a system of state owned farms and industries "wherein those whom private industry can not employ can produce and distribute among themselves and their families."

Costigan insisted that in the "present political set-up" there is machinery to accomplish the abolition of poverty and unemployment without resort either to fascism or communism.

He declared the commonwealth legislators are pledged against a sales tax and will refuse to vote for any appropriations which would be financed by such a tax.

Bills to wipe out the criminal syndicalism act and to make military training optional instead of compulsory at state institutions of higher learning will also be sponsored by the commonwealth legislators.

Oregon Weather
Unsettled tonight and Tuesday, occasional rain west portion and local rain or snow east portion; not much change in temperature; fresh southerly wind off the coast.

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W. J. Warner, vice president of the Jackson County Building and Loan association, is authority for a statement that a remarkable activity in the sale of real estate is noticeable in the association. During the past year some 63 pieces of real property have been disposed of by the association, totaling over \$116,000.

This real estate activity is attributed by Mr. Warner to general improvement of business conditions, scarcity of houses, increased rental charges, and the desire for home ownership. Some of these properties have been sold for cash and others on contract plans with moderate down payments and easy payment plans with a low rate of interest.

Mr. Warner further states that the people appear to be making home ownership their prime objective and of all the properties sold by the association, a disposition has been shown by the purchaser to make the regular payments, for only one property has reverted to the association.

From the number of inquiries reaching the association, indications point to continued demand and general rise in real estate values throughout the coming year.

CLAIM GEO. CLEMONS GAVE MINOR LIQUOR

George Clemons, 36, of Central Point, was arrested Saturday, January 5, by state police on a warrant charging him with having unlawfully given alcoholic liquor to a minor girl.

Clemons is lodged in the county jail, pending arraignment in the justice court.

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