

MEDFORD SECOND IN STATE FOR LOW LOSS FROM FIRES

The city of Medford has been fortunate in fire losses for the first six months of 1935. It is shown in a recent statement from the fire marshal's department of the state of Oregon. With property valued at \$250,800 catching fire, a loss of only \$116 was sustained, a percentage of loss of .47 per cent to the value of property on fire.

This record is surpassed only by that of Marshfield, with property valued at \$924,500 endangered, and an actual loss of only \$890 for a percentage loss of only .10, the lowest in the state for any city. They had only five fires, compared to 21 for Medford.

Salem had the greatest number of fires outside of Portland, with 28, with a loss percentage of 5.08. Astoria, with seven fires having been registered, and \$183,950 worth of property endangered, suffered a loss of \$5,553 for a percentage loss of 3.14, one of the highest losses in the state.

A summary of insured fire losses in other cities and towns of 1,000 or more population showed: Albany, 13 fires, \$4,597 loss; Ashland, 7, \$5,553; Astoria, 25, \$5,234; Bend, 17, \$30,799; Corvallis, 25, \$52,118; Eugene, 31, \$6,693; Klamath Falls, 25, \$12,547; Marshfield, 5, \$890; Medford, 21, \$116; North Bend, 3, \$3,782; Oregon City, 11, \$3,255; Portland, 1,062, \$315,001; Roseburg, 6, \$217; Salem, 36, \$18,598; Silverton, 16, \$16,664; The Dalles, 20, \$37,069; Burns, 6, \$3,951.

MAGAZINE EDITOR HERE PARK TOUR

Elmer Peterson, editor of Better Homes and Gardens, national magazine with a large circulation, accompanied by Mrs. Peterson and their small son, were visitors in Medford yesterday. The family is on a 7,000-mile tour of the national parks.

Mr. Peterson was a friend of S. M. Smith of this city over 25 years ago. In Kansas, where, until eight years ago, he was editor of the Wichita Beacon. He was very sorry to hear of Mr. Smith's illness. At one time, he said, he very seriously considered joining Smith in Medford in a business venture.

The material that Peterson gathers on his national park visits will be run as a regular feature of the Better Homes and Gardens magazine. The party left Medford yesterday afternoon, driving to Crater Lake. From there they will return to Grants Pass and start a trip down the Redwood highway, visiting Yosemite, Sequoia and Grand Canyon parks before returning to his home in Des Moines, Iowa.

PLACE FIRE CREW IN PROSPECT AREA

CAMP WIMER, Aug. 24.—(Sp.)—With the establishment at Prospect of a firefighting crew detached from Wimer CCC main camp, District Warden Dwight Phillips drove another wedge into forest fire territory as a strategic move in his summer campaign against the forest fire enemy. Eight Wimer men were assigned to the new camp which will be in charge of Fire Warden Ludo Grive. The new camp is Wimer's most distant, 63 miles from the main camp.

Three camps have detached themselves from Wimer for summer duty. A camp at Murphy, 5 miles south of Grants Pass, has 6 men under Warden Perry. At Jack Creek side camp, 5 miles north and west of Grants Pass a flying squadron of 4 men are stationed under Warden Bill Merritt. These are in addition to 32 men engaged in road building.

Spanish Classes In New Quarters

Commodious quarters have been secured for the Spanish classes conducted by J. C. Hunter and the Spanish club will be enlarged and additional classes and private lessons arranged. The Spanish club will meet in the new quarters, at 116 Laurel street, each Friday at 2 p. m. Mr. Hunter will give class instruction at nominal rates and private instructions at a slightly higher figure.

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NIGHT COP ROUTES STORE PROWLERS

The timely arrival of a night patrol officer Friday night apparently frightened thieves away from the Groceries No. 2, preventing their taking more loot than the \$2.25 that was in the till, in small change, according to the city police blotter.

A night officer on his beat heard sounds about 2:30 a.m. coming from the grocery building, and ran to investigate. Upon his arrival, however, the thief, or thieves, had fled, after leaving the same way they went in—by a transom over the sixth street entrance. The small chain that held the transom window open had been broken. As far as the store employees could discover Saturday morning, nothing else was taken.

W. M. Kleinschmidt, 214 Cottage street, reported to city police that his house was broken into the night of August 22, and completely ransacked, but he could find nothing missing.

OFFER PRIZES IN CAMERA CONTEST

The photographic contest conducted annually by the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland association will be an even bigger event this year than before, when the convention is held in Red Bluff, Cal., on Oct. 21-22. Prizes, ranging from a \$5 cash award to ribbons have been offered.

Prizes will be given in the following classifications: Recreation, scenery, snow sports, wild life, collection of five prints, colored photos, smiles, and wonders of the Wonderland. The contest is open to either amateur or professional picture snappers, and entries must be in by Oct. 10. All pictures must have been taken in the Wonderland. Entrance blanks can be obtained at the Jackson county chamber of commerce.

Forester To Talk At Kiwanis Meet

K. F. McReynolds, administrative assistant in charge of fire control for the forest service, will be speaker Monday noon when the Kiwanis club meets at the Hotel Medford for the regular weekly meeting.

McReynolds will speak on "Fire Control in the National Forests." The subject has specific interest for all Medford Kiwanians in view of the approaching deer season, the fire danger always present in the woods, and the heavy losses already sustained from forest fires.



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