

# Medford Rural Fire District Patrons Hear Details of Plan

Petitions were passed out last night to solicitors for the proposed Medford Rural Fire district at a meeting held at the Jackson school which was attended by 45 interested persons. The petitions are to be returned to the Medford city fire hall by 8 p.m. next Tuesday with at least the required 200 signatures

or 25 per cent of the registered property owners in the proposed area, whichever is less.

At last night's meeting, the group heard M. J. Gilson, deputy state fire marshal from Salem, explain the problems and procedures involved in the formation of a rural fire district. He was introduced to the group by Mrs. W. M. Neal, a member of the local rural fire committee.

**Would Not Regret**  
Gilson told those in attendance that "the people would not regret forming such a district. There never has been a rural fire district formed in Oregon that has been dissolved. It is entirely up to the interested citizens to go ahead with the circulation of the petitions."

In answer to a question regarding the minimum amount of equipment needed, Gilson said that the district must find out

from the insurance rating bureau the maximum reduction in rates. However, he did recommend for a district of the proposed size of Medford that not less than one 500-gallon pumper be obtained and not less than two, and possibly three, men be available for its operation.

**Recommend Contract**  
Gilson was also questioned on whether it would be best for the district, if passed by the voters, to furnish its own protection or to contract with a city. He replied, "I think the district would be missing a bet to not buy from the city—they cannot build and maintain an efficient department as well as a city. I don't know of any organization where a district is set up outside of a town for location except the larger cities, such as Portland. When you step outside of a city, you have to have available manpower. I don't believe you can get a concentration of manpower 24 hours a day."

Medford's Fire Chief Gordon Barker was questioned as to the possibility of a contract with the city for protection. He told the group that he "had been authorized by the council to say if the city had something concrete to go on, such as a set mill levy, the city would take the proper steps and cooperate in every manner."

**Not Enough Equipment**  
"At the present time, we do not have enough equipment to serve the district. We are partially equipped with one tanker and will have a small pumper available this summer. We would undoubtedly have to have more equipment. We will hold up action, however, until we receive something concrete that the district will pay for and the city dwellers will not be penalized for."

At earlier meetings, Barker noted that a consideration had been made of hiring four additional men, obtaining a 750-gallon tank truck, radio-equipped, and a 1,600-gallon tank truck. He said they already had a tank truck that could be used. He cited the cost of a completely equipped new pumper at between \$23,000 and \$25,000 and the annual total salaries of four men at \$14,400 (\$3600 a month).

**Tells Millage**  
In response to a question concerning the average millage levied throughout the state, Gilson said that "most districts are operating on a 4-mill levy, or under and most are volunteer groups. A few are on bond issues with 6 to 8 mills assessed." He also noted that the volunteers in the state are doing a "good job" and that there were 4,000-5,000 volunteers as opposed to only 1,200-1,400 paid firemen.

Gilson pointed out to the audience that there were 130-odd rural fire districts in the state. "These provide an insurance reduction of from 5 to 10 cents a hundred dollars on suburban property." Such a reduction is based on the quality and certain other requirements of service by the companies, Gilson added.

**Solicitors Named**  
Citizens desiring to sign the petitions being circulated may contact the following solicitors, according to Mrs. Neal: Olive Curry, 2224 Jacksonville highway, phone 3-1947; Mrs. Ray Price, 2702 Buckshot road, phone 2-7546; Mrs. H. V. Martin, 1386 Hilton road, phone 2-9011; Carl W. Norris, 103 Lozler lane, phone 2-4677; Allen Harris, 340 Charlotte Ann road

# New Austin Showing Scheduled Thursday Baptist Association Sets 2-Day Meeting

The new British-built Austin for 1932 makes its debut in Medford Thursday at the showrooms of Miles Motors, 1201 North Riverside avenue, according to an announcement today by Claude Miles.

The Austin Somerset four-door deluxe sedan has new styling, with widely heralded steering ease, and the traditional economy of this line is retained as a feature of 1932 models. Among the other features which distinguish the '32 line are Quick-Vu control panel, synchromesh column steering, hydro-power four-wheel braking, fender guide lights and Austin's usual extra heavy steel body.

All extras come with current Austin cars, including comfort control heater, all-weather air conditioning, children's safety door locks and posture-adjustable front seats. As a feature of Miles Motors' showing of the New Austin, the company will give to some youngster in the Rogue River Valley the Austin J-40 racing car, which has attracted widespread attention here. The little racing car, acclaimed as one of America's most sought-after toys, sells for \$129. Mothers of children nine years of age or under will be eligible for this car, which will be given away Saturday, April 26, at 3 p.m.

# Cotton, Textile Price Ceilings May Go Off

Washington—(U.P.)—Price ceilings may be lifted on cotton and all types of textiles and clothing within a couple of weeks. Price officials indicated Wednesday that they think prices of most textiles and clothing have stabilized at levels far enough below legal levels to warrant suspension of ceilings. But they are still a bit wary of cotton. It is selling only 4 to 5 cents a pound below ceilings and "shows every indication of being a dangerous commodity" price-wise in the next few months, one official said.

If ceilings are suspended, the phone 3-2877; Melvin J. Lattie, route 3, box 200, phone 3-2833. E. R. James, P. O. Box 1175, phone 2-6055; Mrs. Tom E. Popham, Lone Pine road, phone 2-5830; C. P. Marshall, 360 Charlotte Anne road, no phone; J. R. Chenault, 1735 Orchard Home court, phone 2-2183; and Alvin Boswell, 539 Palm, phone 2-8642.

A general meeting with the other districts will be called after the petitions are returned, according to Mrs. Neal.

The Shasta Cascade Conservative Baptist association will meet at the Medford First Baptist church for two days starting tomorrow, it was announced today. Registration will begin Thursday at 9:45 a.m., and the morning speaker will be the Rev. Charles Losie, director of Christian education.

The annual luncheon will be served at noon, and the annual sermon Thursday afternoon will be by the Rev. Douglas Field, Selma. Later, the Women's Missionary fellowship will meet. The Rev. Kenneth Palmer, missionary to French West Africa will be guest speaker.

Thursday evening speakers will be Dr. Alfred Danielson, western representative of the CBFMS from San Francisco, and the Rev. Mr. Palmer.

Sunday morning speakers will be the Rev. Kenneth Tobias and Dr. Earl Kalland from the Western Baptist Theological seminary, Portland. The closing session before noon on Friday will hear an address by the Rev. Mr. Palmer. All meetings will be at the Medford church at Fifth street and Central avenue.

# President Approves O & C Salvage Funds

Portland—(U.P.)—A supplemental request of \$2,700,000 by the bureau of land management for a timber salvage program has been approved by President Truman and sent to the Senate, the bureau's regional office here said Wednesday.

The fund would be used in Oregon, Washington and California to start salvage of timber on bureau lands, which include O & C and public domain timbers. Specifically, the funds would be used on lands swept by 1951 forest fires or areas of timber blown down during the winter.

Bureau officials estimated that 1,000,000,000 board feet of timber was salvageable in Oregon. Word of the President's action was sent here by Regional Administrator Roscoe Bell who is in Washington, D. C.

A Detroit city ordinance prohibits persons from sitting in the middle of the street to read a newspaper.

action probably would have little effect on prices consumers pay, officials said. Office of Price Stabilization standards call for suspension only if OPS is convinced selling prices will not rise substantially as a result. If and when prices do rise near ceilings, controls go back on.

# Obituary

**RICHARD JACOBSON**  
Services for Richard Jacobson, 62, who died Monday, will be held at the Camp White chapel Thursday at 2 p.m., with Chaplain Henry Anderson officiating. Committal will be in the Camp White cemetery. Conger-Morris funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Jacobson was born Jan. 9, 1890, in Tranahy, Minn. He was a veteran of World War I, serving from Sept. 21, 1917, to Aug. 5, 1919, as a private, Headquarters company, 16th Field Artillery. He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Otto Geske, Portland.

**MRS. MARGARET DYER**  
The remains of Mrs. Margaret Hutcherson Dyer, 69, who died Saturday, were forwarded last night to Salt Lake City for services and interment. Conger-Morris funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Dyer was born July 10, 1862, in Kentucky. She had lived in the Applegate valley for the past four years, coming here from Southgate, Calif. She is survived by her husband, Frank H. Dyer, and a brother, Walter C. Hutcherson, Hickman, Ky.

**FRED W SMITH**  
Fred W. Smith, 80, 510 South Oregon street, Jacksonville, died Tuesday morning at his home. Conger-Morris funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

# Daily Weather Report

**FORECASTS**  
Medford and vicinity: Thickening and lowering cloudiness tonight with occasional light showers Thursday. Low tonight 40. High Thursday 68-70. Western Oregon: Increasing cloudiness tonight. Occasional rain on Coast Thursday afternoon spreading to interior by evening. Lows tonight 35-45. Highs Thursday about 55 on coast and 62-72 in interior.

**LOCAL DATA**  
Temperature a year ago today:  
Highest 72, lowest 43.  
Total monthly precipitation, 22 inch.  
Deficiency for the month, 79 inch.  
Total precipitation since September 1, 1931, 18.40 inches.  
Excess for the season, 4.22 inches.  
Relative humidity 4:30 p.m. yesterday 37%; 4:30 a.m. today 53%.  
Observations taken at 4:30 A.M., Meridian Time

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| Boise            | 72 | 47 |
| Boston           | 73 | 60 |
| Chicago          | 71 | 43 |
| Denver           | 44 | 31 |
| Eureka           | 53 | 43 |
| Havre            | 73 | 38 |
| Klamath Falls    | 69 | 36 |
| Los Angeles      | 66 | 53 |
| Medford          | 72 | 39 |
| New York         | 79 | 64 |
| Omaha            | 56 | 46 |
| Phoenix          | 78 | 57 |
| Portland         | 48 | 40 |
| Reno             | 74 | 31 |
| Seattle          | 64 | 36 |
| Salt Lake        | 63 | 40 |
| San Francisco    | 63 | 46 |
| Spokane          | 56 | 33 |
| Washington, D.C. | 86 | 63 |
| Yakima           | 71 | 35 |

**Tomorrow**  
Sunrise 5:16 a.m. Sunset 7:02 p.m.  
Fire claimed 200 lives and caused property damages totaling \$9,113,366 in Kentucky last year.



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# How Do You Like the Smudge?

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Smudge is not apt to kill you nor completely ruin your belongings, but it is possible for it to do irreparable damage. Why put up with it? Los Angeles County residents finally had enough and passed an ordinance to end this abuse there. Aren't we smart enough to do the same? Orchardists will complain of the cost of installing smokeless type heaters. Well, what of the cost of ruined clothes, cleaning bills and other damage done by the smoke. Not to mention the opinions of the visiting tourists who drive down the Siskiyou trail, with its sparkling, clear atmosphere, into our smoke-filled purgatory.

The citizens of a community have the right to abate any public nuisance if it is deemed detrimental to health or property. While the below coupon will not replace the petition, it will tell the committee whether enough of the people of Jackson county are sufficiently disgusted with the smoke situation here to want it stopped. If so, petitions will be prepared for presentation to county officials.

If you would like to see the smudge-smoke stopped, sign the coupon below and mail to P. O. Box 929, Medford.

Most Sincerely,  
Jackson County Committee for Smoke Abatement.

RESOLVED: That inasmuch as the use of Smoke-type orchard heaters has become a Public Nuisance in Jackson County, and the resultant air pollution places an unreasonable burden on the public, I hereby request that the County Officers prepare and pass an Ordinance prohibiting the use of any Orchard Heating Device that emits smoke in measureable quantity.

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