

Firemen's Convention Opening Sessions Slated Here Tomorrow

The first of some 400 Oregon firemen and fire chiefs and Pacific Coast fire department equipment dealers will start registering here tomorrow at 8 a. m. for the annual convention of the Oregon Fire Chiefs' association and the Oregon Rural Fire Protection Districts association.

Convention and registration headquarters for the joint convention will be the Jackson hotel.

Mayor To Speak

The invocation will be presented by the Rev. George R. V. Bolster, rector of the Medford Episcopal church. Medford Mayor D. L. Flynn will give the address of welcome and the response will be presented by William Roble, chief of the Salem fire department.

Highlighting the first session will be talks by Gov. Douglas McKay, State Fire Marshal R. B. Taylor, and Jack A. Hayes, state director of civil defense.

Speakers during the afternoon will include Chief Fox, Chief Ivan Pearson of McMinnville, Loren Bush, chief engineer of the Board of Fire Underwriters of the Pacific, San Francisco; Fire Marshal Miles Woodworth of the Portland fire bureau, and Frank S. Sever, Portland attorney.

The Fire Chiefs association and the Rural Districts association will meet separately on Tuesday.

Those speaking before the



CHIEF LEO WEIDNER
To Address Convention

Fire Chiefs association will include Hayes, Max M. Manchester, executive secretary of the state public employees retirement board; Battalion Chief Leo Weidner of the Portland department, and Chief William J. Taylor, president of the Inter-Mountain Association of Fire Chiefs.

Association "old timers" will hold a luncheon at noon in the Medford hotel and Medford department "old timers" will meet at noon at the west side fire station, Eighth and Lincoln streets.

During the afternoon the chiefs association will conduct competitive drills and will hear a talk by Lewis F. Shaw, secretary of the Oregon Petroleum industry. A banquet is scheduled at 7 p. m. in the basement of the Medford Elks club with Elmo N. Stevenson, president of Southern Oregon college, as main speaker.

Panel Discussion
Speakers before the Rural District association Tuesday will include Norma Pfeiffer, director; E. A. Taylor, chief deputy of the state fire marshal's office, and Chief Ivan Pearson, McMinnville. A panel discussion of rural fire district problems will be conducted by Taylor, Frank S. Sever, Jack A. Hayes, a representative of the League of Oregon Cities and a representative of the Oregon state forestry department.

Wednesday morning speakers before the Chiefs association will be A. Gordon Fraser, special agent of the Fire Association group, Portland; Robert A. Duff, Medford city superintendent; Chief Jay W. Stevens, chairman of the International Fire Pre-

vention committee, San Francisco, and Oren L. King, Eugene city manager.

The Rural Districts association will conduct business meeting and election of officers Wednesday morning and the Fire Chiefs association will conduct similar business Wednesday afternoon.

Ladies Program

A ladies program has been scheduled for the three days. It includes tours of Lithia park in Ashland, a tour of the Rogue valley and a tour of Jacksonville and the House of Mystery and luncheon each day.

The convention is the first held in Medford by the Fire Chiefs association since 1936 and the first joint convention with the Rural Fire Districts association.

Members of the Medford fire department who have taken a leading part in preparing the program include Chief Gordon Barker, general chairman; Capt. Wesley Coleman, registration; Capt. Earl Harrison, competitive drills; Capt. George Shreeve, exhibit booths; LeRoy Williams, decorations; Dale Davis, entertainment, and Truman Nelson, hospitality. Others include Mrs. Truman Nelson, ladies program; Al Moulton, courtesy cars, and Don Lane, secretary-manager of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, housing.

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Big, Old Black Oak Tree Felled Here

A black oak tree, so large and so situated that it took 2½ days to cut it down, was removed last week from 722 North Riverside avenue. Rings of the tree, which had four trunks at the base and then fused into one, indicate that the tree is just under 100 years old.

The rings vary in width, with some about twice as wide as others, which according to the tree fallers, shows that some years were twice as dry as the others. The tree measured eight feet in width and was estimated at 90 feet in height.

In addition to the 2½ days used in cutting down the tree, the tappers spent 4½ hours Saturday night, May 17, by flood lights taking precautionary measures to avoid having one of the trunks from damaging the house at that address. One trunk already had fallen to the back of the yard and one was giving away toward another home.

The men working on the tree



BOY OF YEAR — Jimmy Carlick, 13, of Pittsburgh, Pa., holds trophy and 10 feet of bus tickets given him at New York City Hall as the nation's "Boy of the Year." Jimmy, bedridden most of his life with spinal tuberculosis, was able to solicit 8000 pints of blood for Red Cross. He is mascot of Seabees.

Oregon Switzerland Road Open To Travel

The road into Oregon Switzerland, located nine miles east of Medford via the Roxy Ann road, is now open to travel, according to W. Schmidt, proprietor. The road has been closed since November.

Schmidt extended an invitation to the public to visit the area and "enjoy the splendid view of the valley and the Cascade mountain range."

Boy Scout News

Troop 9
Ten boys from Troop 9 have started a conservation project with the help of Clem Ault, of the soil conservation service and Scoutmaster "Doc" Roberts.

James Corum, Troop Scribe.

had to take care and time in felling it because of its proximity to the homes and street.

A. A. Young, owner of the Ray Chamberlain tree service, and his crew were in charge of cutting and removing the tree.

Jacksonville 'Phone Switchover Tomorrow

The change-over to dial telephone operation in Jacksonville, which will also permit Medford and Jacksonville telephone users to dial each other directly without a long-distance charge, will go into effect at 12:30 p. m. Monday, a half-hour past noon.

The change will give Jacksonville subscribers five-digit numbers, according to J. H. Creager, manager of the Medford exchange of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company.

A special telephone supplemental directory, already distributed in both Medford and Jacksonville, contains the new Jacksonville numbers, and instructions for making inter-city calls.

Creager yesterday urged customers to check listings, as well as dialing instructions on the information page of the directory, before making calls.

Although several months of planning and preliminary work were needed to ready the new system for operation, Creager said the actual "cut-over" is expected to be completed in a matter of moments and with virtually no interruption of service.

Simultaneous Cut-Over
Special crews, under the di-

rection of Wire Chief H. E. Morris will be stationed in both the old and the new Jacksonville telephone offices. At approximately 12:30 p. m., when calls going through are at a minimum, the signal to "cut" will be given.

Instantly, protective devices known as "heat coils" will be pulled out to silence the old equipment. At almost the same moment, blocking tools called "picks" will be removed from banks of line relays to put the new dial apparatus in service.

The closely coordinated double operation, which Creager says must be performed "with split-second timing all along the line," will introduce a service improvement plan generally welcomed by telephone users in this area.

All Interrupted United Air Lines Flights to Resume

United Air lines, on Monday morning, May 26, will resume operation of all DC3 Mainliner flights west of Salt Lake City which were temporarily suspended May 12, it was announced Saturday by Walter Carson, local UAL manager.

The action follows lifting of the defense petroleum restrictions on 91 octane gasoline, of the type regularly used by the company's DC3 Mainliners in the western region.

The company's move gives all intermediate stations in the west normal DC3 mail, passenger and cargo service, Carson said. At the same time, he added, UAL is

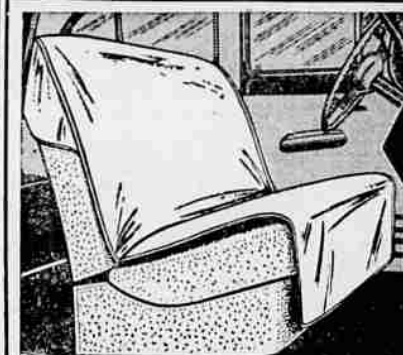
Mill Fire Damage Set At \$50,000 in Albany

Albany — (U.P.) — The Hazel Glen Lumber Co. mill here was destroyed by fire Friday. The loss was estimated at \$50,000. The mill was owned by Floyd Hopeman who had just bought it two months ago. Firemen said the blaze started in the head rigging at the mill. The mill employed 11 men and sawed 20,000 to 25,000 feet of lumber a day.

continuing operation of virtually all DC6 Mainline flights between key cities from coast to coast and the length of the Pacific coast and a full schedule of 12 weekly roundtrip flights between California and Hawaii.

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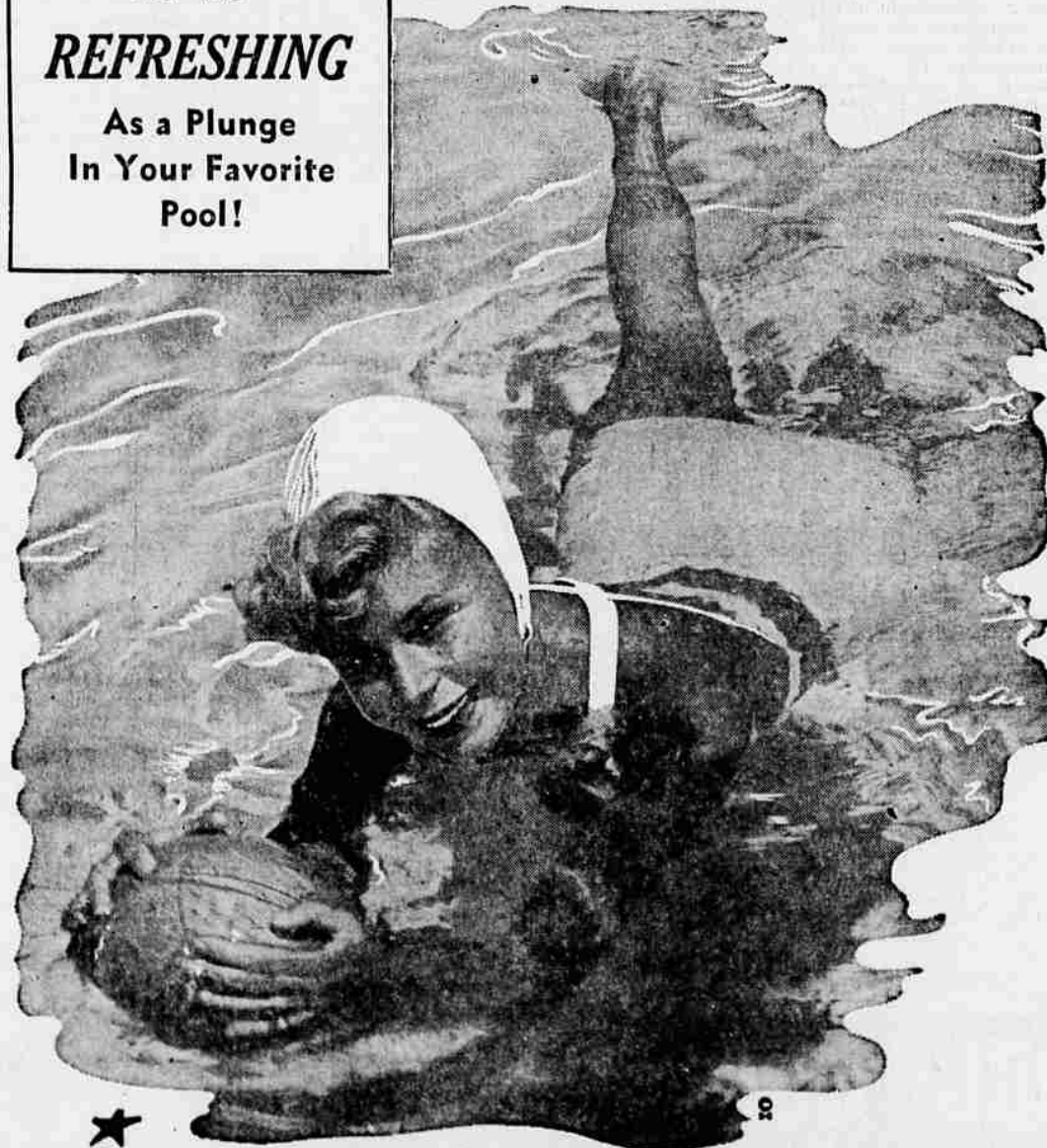
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