

Three Fire Departments Join In Annual Inspection Program

The Medford, Central Point and Central Point Rural Fire departments will cooperate in a statewide program of home inspections for the elimination of fire hazards starting next week, it was announced today.

The program is purely voluntary on the part of home-owners, but is designed for their protection and safety, according to the fire chiefs of the three areas.

Medford Chief Gordon Barker, Central Point Chief Oran Chastain and Central Point Rural

Chief Dick Krupp said it is hoped to reach each home in the areas regularly served by their departments.

To Use Trucks
In Medford, three fire trucks, each manned by three men, will tour the city. One man will stay with each of the radio-equipped trucks, one from each station, while the other two men make the inspections. Each will be in radio contact with the main station in case of fire alarms.

The inspecting firemen will call at all homes, and, where permitted by the resident, will check the house for all types of fire hazards, leaving a written check - list of recommended changes at each home. They will also answer questions the resident may have, and will discuss any particular situations which may be causing worry.

Chief Barker said the program will probably continue for about a month, and it is planned to reach every home in the city limits. Manpower requirements will not permit the service to be extended to the rural area this year, he said.

Rural District
Chief Krupp said the program has a double importance for the CP rural department, because at present there is no way of knowing even how many residences there are in the district. The calls, to be made by volunteers evenings and Sunday afternoons, will also give the department a list of residences in the area, and information about particular hazards, as well as other information which may be valuable. It will also tend to familiarize the volunteer firemen with the district.

Because of time and manpower limitations, Krupp expects the project to take six weeks or more to complete.

Chief Chastain said that there are approximately 525 homes in the Central Point area, and all will be called on during evenings. Two trucks, each manned by a six-man crew, will make the inspections. He expects to

have the job completed in two or three weeks.

Value Cited
The three chiefs emphasized that the inspections are purely voluntary, but pointed out the value to all residents in having their homes inspected by men who are trained to look for fire hazards which many people might overlook.

State and national figures indicate that fire losses have decreased in areas where home inspection programs have been conducted.

The statewide project is being undertaken at the suggestion of Fire Marshal Robert Taylor, state insurance commissioner, but has been done in Medford for several years. The 1955 project will be the fifth year that home inspection service is offered, Chief Barker said.

It will not include downtown business property, as that is covered in a continuing program of inspection by Fire Marshal Truman Nelson.



DROPPED FROM POLITBURO — Radio Prague announced that Czech Premier Viliam Siroky (above) was dropped from Politburo of Communist Party in Slovakia — top ruling body. His position as premier was not affected — but ouster may be sign that he will go way of Hungarian Premier Imre Nagy, who was deposed last week.

Restaurant Association Organization Planned

A meeting to reorganize a restaurant association here is scheduled for Monday, May 2, at 8:30 p.m., in the Jackson hotel Pioneer room. Mrs. Betty Boyle, hotel manager, and Louis Ruhl of the Top Notch cafe, made the announcement.

All operators of food establishments are invited to attend the meeting.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

Spring Concert Friday

Howard school music department will present its annual spring concert at 8 p.m. Friday, April 29.

There will be selections by the band and instrumental soloists, directed by R. E. Lawrence. The chorus, directed by Mrs. Beverly Thanos, will sing several groups of songs.

The public is invited. A small admission fee will be charged. Funds will go to the Howard student body.

WITH INTEREST

Vincennes, Ind. — (U.P.) — A stranger called on Gaylord Martin to pay off a debt, with interest. He said 15 years ago he walked off with two pop bottles from the gasoline station Martin used to operate without paying a deposit. He paid Martin 15 cents to clear his conscience — a dime for the bottles and five cents interest.

COLD AND HOT

Waynesville, N. C. — (U.P.) — Just like many foods, foam rubber pillows are frozen before they are baked. At the Dayton Rubber Co. plant here, a latex batter is poured into molds, then frozen at below-zero temperatures to set the shape and cell structure of the foam rubber mixture. Freezing is followed by baking, or vulcanizing.

High Court Rules Injured Workman May Get Insurance

Salem — (U.P.) — The Oregon Supreme court has ruled that an injured workman may claim medical and hospital insurance benefits, even though he has already received a judgment in proceedings under the employer's liability law.

Marvin S. Schweigert received a substantial sum from his employers after he was injured on a hop baler near Harrisburg, Ore. He later filed suit against his insurance company for medical and hospital expenses. The jury awarded him \$850 but Judge James W. Crawford of Multnomah county stopped him from claiming that amount because he had already been compensated under the liability law.

Decision Reversed
The high court reversed Judge Crawford's decision, claiming that the liability law did not operate as a bar to claiming further benefits from the insurance company.

The Supreme Court also ruled that when a parent has expressly consented to the adoption of his child, he cannot then challenge that adoption by claiming that he was not served with a citation or notice of the adoption.

In the case of James Edward Whetmore vs. Mr. and Mrs. Benny J. Fratello, the court said consent takes the place of notice and that the latter is required only in the case of a non-consenting parent. The decision affirmed the ruling of Judge Donald E. Long of Multnomah county.

Scholarship Awarded To College Instructor

San Luis Obispo, Calif. — Dale W. Andrews, son of Charles W. Andrews, Ashland, has been chosen to receive a Danforth foundation award for graduate study, it was announced here.

An instructor of California State Polytechnic college, Andrews will attend the University of Minnesota for a year of study toward his Ph. D. degree. His wife and three children will accompany him. The award pays him his regular salary plus tuition and fees.

Andrews will visit his father in July before going to Minnesota. He is an assistant agricultural teacher trainer at the college.

BOY SCOUTS

Central Point Cub Pack 40
Cub Scouts of Pack 40, Central Point, plan a penny carnival for Friday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m., in the Central Point Grade school little gymnasium, corner of Bush and 2nd sts.

Each den will conduct a booth. Games of skill including ring toss, bean bag throws, flying saucers, balloon dart games, nickel tosses and others will be conducted. Popcorn, soft drinks and candy will be on sale. Parents and friends are invited.

CITY HALL GIVES IN
Portland, Me. — (U.P.) — This city's advisory board on smoke control publicly praised the managements of two buildings which finally got off the "worst smoke offenders" list where they had been fixtures. One building is a cannery, the other, the city hall.

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