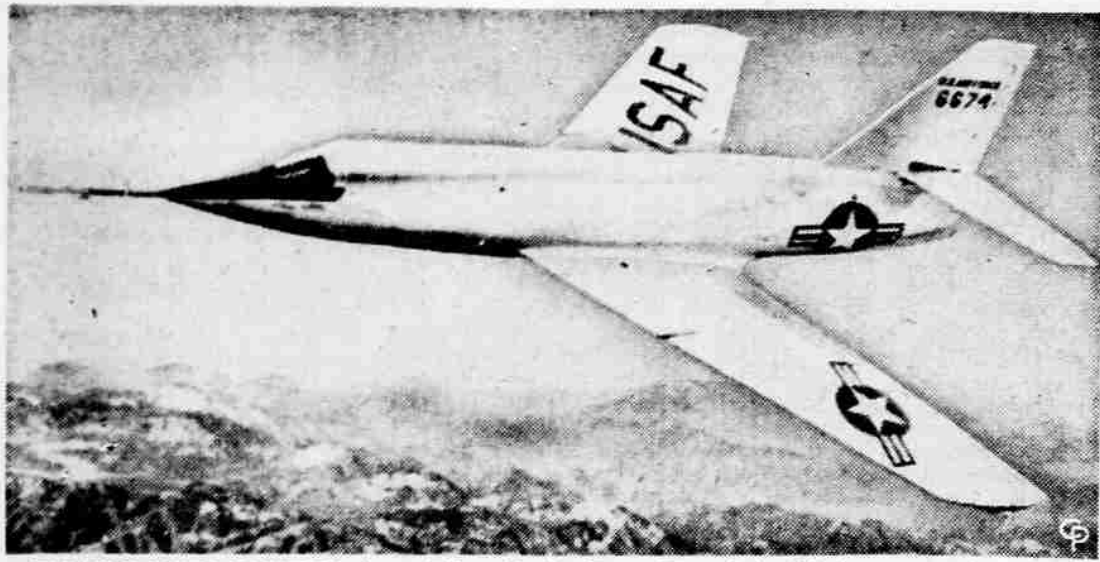




FLYING OVER DESERT above Edwards Air Force Base, Cal., this is supersonic Bell X-2, rocket engine plane capable of developing power equal to modern Navy cruiser. It is step advanced on X-1A, holder of world's speed and altitude records, which blew up in bomb bay of mother B-29, crashed on the desert. The pilot escaped. (International Soundphoto)

Medford's Fire Alarm System One of Seven in U.S.; Survey Points Out Many Advantages

Medford's fire alarm system, installed in 1954 at a cost of about \$10,000, is one of seven throughout the country which have pioneered development of telephonic systems replacing telegraphic systems.

In a recent special survey report by American Municipal Association on telephone alarm systems, Medford's installation, along with others, is briefly explained, pointing out advantages of the system.

One of the major new advantages, the association reported, "is the suitability of the telephonic system for transmitting emergency calls for police and ambulance, as well as fire."

and, in case of fire, "indicating the precise location, extent and nature of the fire."

Medford's system, like others, is for all emergency calls and is not limited to fire alone.

The system consists of 33 weatherproof non-dial telephones which automatically, when lifted, register the station number on a master switchboard in the police department. The switchboard has a 50-phone capacity.

In selecting the system for Medford, city officials surveyed other alarm systems, including a telegraphic system which would have cost about \$40,600 for a system comparable to the one installed. The present boxes and telephones were purchased

as surplus from the telephone company which supplied the service to Camp White during World War II.

More Accurate
The system was selected because a more accurate report of fires could be attained, eliminating sending all fire equipment to fires where it is not needed, and because each phone has a direct connection with the police and fire departments.

The phones in Medford's downtown district are mounted on pedestals, while those in outlying areas are pole mounted. John A. Neale, chief engineer of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, said the telephonic system provides a means of alarm in business districts during closed hours, and that "during these hours fires are usually larger when discovered and prompt alarm transmission is correspondingly more important."

According to the association report, telephonic systems are increasing in importance, and "encouragement to the trend has just been given by the National Board of Fire Underwriters." The NBFU is a national organization which grades city fire defenses for fire insurance purposes.

Given Credit
Neale pointed out that such systems "are recognized in our grading schedule by allowing up to one-half the credit for standard municipal fire alarm boxes."

The telephonic alarm system is credited with 550 points in fire underwriters ratings. The total number of possible points in rating a city is 5,000 with consideration given to fire fighting equipment, building structures, and other factors relative to fire protection.

Medford's system was given deficiency points when residents rejected a proposed city budget in July which would have provided installation of a new switchboard to indicate when a phone on the alarm system was out of order. Deficiency points are totaled from various grading aspects, and that total is subtracted from 5,000 to determine classes for fire insurance rates.

Rating May Drop
Medford presently is in Class 5, but because a new switchboard will not be installed, the rating may drop to Class 6 when NBFU conducts another rating survey here. City Manager Robert Duff said the new switchboard possibly could have placed the city in Class 4, which would have lowered insurance rates.

In addition to Medford, other cities in the United States which use the telephonic system are Roanoke, Va.; Miami, Fla.; Syracuse and Solway, N. Y.; and Sheboygan, Wis. Study of the telephonic system is being done in Houston, Tex.; New Orleans, Omaha, Highland Park and Princeton, N. J.

The telephonic system was first installed in Roanoke, Va., in 1949.

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Through efforts of the Jackson county chapter of the Disabled American Veterans and auxiliary, his wife and their four children were moved to Portland. One of the chapter members, Bill Heeter, drove them in their car and the trailer to the northern city.

The family had been living in a trailer home so that they could move from place to place for employment. Mrs. Williams was unable to drive and needed financial aid. Members of the auxiliary also voted to give a sum of money to defray the expenses.

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