

Organizational Strength, Weakness Of Area Civil Defense Unit Reviewed

Director Recommends 'Live' Organizations In Area Communities

Civilian defense, which played a large part in warning and relief work of the December floods, is an organization designed to serve the public in times of disaster, war or other large-scale emergencies.

Its organizational strength and weakness in Jackson County was brought to light this week by Maj. Gen. Joseph Hicks, county civil defense director. He indicated that communities in this area are greatly lacking in adequate civil defense organization.

In letters to mayors of Medford, Ashland, Jacksonville, Talent and Phoenix, Hicks recommended that a "live" civil defense unit be organized in each city in the area.

Specific responsibilities of the county, which were outlined by the state civil defense Jan. 16, make it clear that any major emergency could leave the county in a most vulnerable position, Hicks declared.

Emergency Welfare Facilities

Responsibilities assigned here include an emergency welfare and medical service sufficient to care for 33,000 evacuees assigned from the Portland area during an emergency. Hicks said this would not include persons seeking shelter from all other directions.

Although Crater High school at Central Point has been designated as a reception center, personnel and organization to operate such a service are almost nil, he said.

Also listed as necessary by the state agency, under a county deputy director of emergency welfare, were chiefs of reception service, mass care service, registration and information, and family rehabilitation.

Emergency Chiefs
Under a deputy director of medical division should be chiefs of emergency, radiological defense, medical supply, veterinary and mortuary service.

Deputies also are required for engineering and rescue, to which County Engineer Paul Rynning has been named; law enforcement, Sheriff Howard Gault; and transportation, Jack Fitzgerald.

The agency recently acquired facilities from the national guard in Sams Valley for a county control center and Hicks said the center, under the direction of Dwight Albright, is progressing satisfactorily. Radio equipment is to be moved to the quarters this spring.

One feeding team, under Col. H. J. Meiring, is being organized by the American Legion, according to Hicks. However, the state requests that two teams be readied for possible use outside the county, as well as two first aid teams, two radiological monitoring squads, one radiological laboratory at Southern Oregon college, 140 auxiliary officers, one motor transport unit, one service and repair unit, one rescue squad and one debris clearance unit.

Furnish Blood
In addition the county is expected to furnish 1,296 pints of type "O" blood.

Despite the fact that the county does not have the comprehensive organization requested by the state, Hicks said that in addition to those listed, there are a number of persons who have accepted posts and indicate they will develop their share of the program.

Three "excellent" disaster teams are established at Rogue River, Shady Cove, and Gold Hill, headed by Leroy Webb, Ferd Jones and Ray Briggs, respectively, Hicks said.

Boat Rescue Team
A new boat rescue team is being organized as part of a rescue team at Central Point, headed by Kneut Wermmark, and a disaster team for Medford is being considered by the American Legion.

Many individuals have been named throughout the county to fill positions in the agency, but with few exceptions, they have an organization "on paper only."

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YOUTH SPEAKER—Mark Hatfield, Salem, above, dean of students at Willamette university, and state senator, will be speaker today at 6:30 p.m., at the first interdenominational youth rally in Medford. The rally will be held at First Methodist church and young people from local churches will participate. A recreational and fellowship period will be held after the service at the YMCA building. First Methodist youth choir augmented by young people from other choirs, and musical groups from various churches, will provide music.

Headquarters For Kiwanis Kapers Set Up For Annual Show

A Kiwanis Kapers headquarters has been set up at 105 West Main st., William R. Mitchell, co-chairman for the Medford service club's annual stage production, announced yesterday.

The Kapers presentation of songs, gags, skits and dancing will be staged Feb. 29 and March 1, 2 and 3 at the senior high school auditorium. Name of this year's show is "Holiday Review." The two act production will feature all local talent with the professional direction of Don Hansen, Lassen Theatrical productions, Los Angeles.

Information Available
Mitchell said that information on the show and ticket sales can be directed to the headquarters. Kiwanis Kapers telephone number is 2-4492. Anyone desiring tickets may call and they will be delivered, Mitchell stated.

Hansen arrived in Medford Thursday following direction of an all-male review at Downey, Calif.

A party to audition talent for the Kapers was held Friday evening at the high school band room. Dr. Abner Clark, chairman for the tryouts, said that the party was a success and that a lot of good talent was reviewed. He said that 16 individual or group presentations were auditioned, including tap dancing and solo and group singing. Four or five persons or groups likely will fit into the show, Clark stated. More than 60 people, including Kiwanis committee members were present for the tryouts.

Members of the service club and their wives were to have attended another talent session last night at the band room.

SOC Club Lists Mock UN Assembly Project

Ashland — Bob Matthews, chairman of the International Relations club's committee at Southern Oregon college, has announced the assistance of the campus geography fraternity, Gamma Theta Upsilon, for the mock United Nations assembly project in Corvallis May 4.

Luxembourg is the nation which the local UN club has been selected to represent.

Dr. Clifford C. Miller is adviser to the International Relations club, and Dr. Roy W. McNeal to the geography fraternity. Both are SOC faculty members.

There are about 66 total eclipses of the sun in an average century, according to astronomers, but only a small number are visible to many places.

according to Hicks. Some no longer live here.

Formation of the necessary network is the political responsibility of the mayors and councils of the various towns, Hicks said, and cannot be substituted with regular agencies because they are equipped only to handle the more common emergencies.

Speaking of the civil defense-Red Cross relationship, Hicks explained that civil defense is required for practical, physical help in time of disaster, such as the actual rescue and mopping-up during and following the local flood.

Red Cross Work
Red Cross cares for food, clothing and rehabilitation, as a rule, but is not equipped with men, trucks and other equipment necessary for "civil defense."

He praised the Shady Cove and Rogue River volunteers who gave outstanding help to local flood victims in December, but said their help only demonstrates more clearly that every community in the valley must be similarly prepared.

Hicks described his main worry as the "apathy of the people which results in no civil defense in the cities and not enough interest in the county to make a workable organization."

Who's Who Lists 11 SOC Students

Ashland — Eleven Southern Oregon college students have been selected from a field of 89 candidates in the national Who's Who among American students competition for the year.

They are Lois Brooks, Gaston; Isobel Carr, Medford; Robert Casebeer, Glendale; Richard Dickenson, Medford; Beth Eskew, Gold Hill; Barbara Havolina, Malin; Jack Kennett, Don Lowrance, Junction City; Charles Weir, Grants Pass; Neal Wyatt, Dillard; and Ron Lamb, Arcadia, Calif.

For selection to Who's Who, a list of eligible students is reduced to one-quarter its original size by a special faculty committee composed of the guidance committee augmented by representatives from each department and division of the college. Final selection is made through preferential balloting by the entire faculty.

Qualifications necessary for consideration are: junior or senior standing; at least one previous term at SOC; and a cumulative GPA above 2.5. Other criteria include the student's excellence and sincerity in scholarship; leadership and participation in extracurricular and academic activities; citizenship and service to the school; and promise of future usefulness to society.

Other students enrolled at the college who have received the honor are Shirley Chaney Carstenson, Myrtle Creek; Mary Ellen Holbrook, Roseburg; James Kennett, Klamath Falls; and Neil Richardson, Central Point.

ATTEND CONFERENCE

Ashland — Southern Oregon college music teachers attended the music conference January 20-21 at the University of Oregon at Eugene. Those attending were Mrs. Karen Fisher, harmony; and music director and teachers; Miss Helene Robinson, piano and music assistant professor; Oscar Bjorlie, vocal music teacher and head of the college music department; and Glenn T. Matthews, assistant professor in band and orchestra.

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Three Adult Evening Homemaking Classes Added For Semester

Three additional homemaking classes have been added to the eight adult evening classes already announced for the second semester by Medford city schools.

They are cake decorating, which starts Monday, Feb. 6, at 1 p.m. in the senior high school cafeteria, with Mrs. Orma Farnham as instructor; a cake decorating class from 7 to 10 p.m. at the same place; and a cake decorating class from 7 to 10 p.m. at the same place; and a tailoring class starting Tuesday, Feb. 7, between 7 and 10 p.m. at McLoughlin junior high school.

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Supplies Listed
Supplies required for the first class session include a box of supplies; pencil, notebook, apron, small pieces of cloth for wiping fingers, three butter spreaders or long thin knives, scissors, three small bowls, one-half pint jar, one pint jar, few toothpicks or pins, one pound powdered sugar, newspapers for covering tables, and a small round "cake", iced white.

All adults interested in attending any of the classes may register Monday morning by calling the senior high school, 3-5341.

Classes are given as self-improvement and no school credit is given. Any person 16 years of age or older, who is not attending school, is eligible.

Other Classes Listed
Driver training, six-week course, room 11, senior high, Monday, Feb. 6, class one at 3:45 p.m. and class two at 5 p.m., Max Guiley, instructor, tuition \$25.

Industrial arts project, 10 weeks, 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, industrial arts shop, McLoughlin junior high, tuition \$10, Vern Voss, instructor.

Tailoring, class one, 11 sessions, Monday, Feb. 6, 1-4 p.m., room 9, McLoughlin junior high, \$3; Mrs. Hazel McKinstry, instructor; class two, 7 p.m., Monday, room 6, senior high, \$2.50, Mrs. Farnham, instructor.

Lamp shade, 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 9, room 9, McLoughlin junior high, \$2.50, Mrs. Farnham, instructor.

Cake decorating, class one, 10 weeks, Tuesday, Feb. 7, 1-4 p.m., McLoughlin junior high, \$2.50, Mrs. Farnham; class two, Tuesday, 7 p.m., McLoughlin junior high.

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Expansion Under Way At Big Y Market

An expansion of over 13,000 square feet of floor space is under way at the Big Y market, north of Medford. An addition of 5,000 square feet in the thrift department is complete except for installation of shelving and other equipment, according to Bill Gifford, store manager.

Also added to the thrift department is a 3,500-square-foot mezzanine, which will house the Y Tot Shop, now located across the Table Rock rd. from the main store. Teen-age and women's clothing also will be carried by the Y, Gifford said.

A self-service meat department and "special cuts counter" will occupy a good part of the space in the 5,500-square-foot wing under construction on the northeast corner. A new-type dairy case and frozen food counter is planned, as well as a Trowbridge and Flynn-Big Y Westinghouse section.

Construction is expected to be completed by May 15.

Driver Educators Quizz Ten Chronic Traffic Violators

Ten chronic traffic violators from Medford were interviewed Friday by John H. Sullivan, driver-improvement supervisor, and his assistant, George Miller, both from the secretary of state's office.

The interviews are part of a program on driver education which has been carried on throughout the state since 1950. Some 150 repeat traffic violators are interviewed each month by the two men. Fourteen discussed their driving with Miller in Medford last month.

Drivers Warned
Interested in frequency, not seriousness, of driving infractions, the men call at various areas in the state when the number of violators warrant a trip from Salem. Three violations by one driver in a relatively short period of time result in a letter warning the driver that his record indicated a dangerous trend.

Violations may involve minor accidents or breaking traffic laws and a new violation following the first warning usually results in an interview.

Drivers called to the police department to talk with the educators are those who for no apparent reason have trouble in traffic, according to city police Sgt. Clyde Fichtner. The violations nearly always are minor, as serious infractions are the problems of the courts.

Attitudes Vary
Attitudes vary among those interviewed, he said, and each individual is handled as a special case requiring different education. An example is a Medford senior high school boy, driver of a sports car, whose record showed four violations in 12 months.

"He was embarrassed," Fichtner said, "but as is often the case, tried to find reasons other than his driving for his trouble." Drivers do not fall in any special category, Fichtner declared. Housewives, businessmen, professional drivers, and youths all come in for interviews.

"High-level education," not discipline, is the purpose of the program, Fichtner said. The interviewers hope to find causes for unconventional driving and demonstrate through education that safety practices are desired.

Groundwork For New CD Program Discussed

Washington—Groundwork for a new rural civil defense program designed to strengthen the preparedness of the 55,000,000 people who live in rural America, was to be discussed at a conference in Washington Feb. 2 and 3.

The National Advisory council for rural civil defense was organized with the help of 14 national rural leaders invited to the meeting.

Val Peterson, federal civil defense administrator, was chairman. Chief function of the council will be to help map out the vital support role which those who live in areas far removed from the nation's potential target cities would be expected to play in any civil defense emergency.

About 4,500,000 U.S. women are employed in clerical positions, or about one-quarter of all employed women, according to government estimates.

About two-fifths of all U.S. hospital beds are occupied by mental patients, and the ratio is increasing.

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Taxes, River Flood Control Subjects At Pomona Grange

Frank Van Dyke of Medford was guest speaker at the January meeting of Jackson County Pomona Grange held recently at Sams Valley. He spoke on "The School Tax Support Structure."

The Grange strongly favored two resolutions. One stated opposition to taxation on 100 per cent valuation of real property reportedly imposed on Jackson county instead of the authorized 70 per cent for the year 1955-1956. A second resolution urged a comprehensive survey for flood control in the Rogue River basin, to take into consideration alternate methods of flood control, and to include cost of construction, methods of payment, attendant benefits and economic and recreational interests of the Rogue River basin.

During the business session, a progress report was heard concerning estimated costs of proposed equipment to be donated for the Jackson county disaster car.

On Tax Group
Delmar Smith, Melvin Lattie and Roscoe Roberts were appointed to meet with the Chamber of Commerce tax committee.

Members voted to send Mrs. Willie McLean, Pomona lecturer, to the Grange lecturers' school to be held in Ashland in February.

The resignation of Ailene Inlow, secretary, was accepted, and Mrs. Melvin Lattie of Phoenix Grange was elected to this office. Mrs. Lattie was installed by William G. Howes, overseer of the Oregon State Grange, and Roscoe Roberts, state steward.

Carlton Brown, manager of Grange Mutual Life for the state of Oregon, was a visitor and spoke to the members concerning Grange insurance and other activities.

Announcement was made that the annual memorial services will be conducted at the next regular meeting of Pomona Grange, April 28.

Two Major Road Jobs Remain After Floods

Only two major repair jobs resulting from December rains remain to be completed in the county, according to County Engineer Paul Rynning. They are a one-half mile stretch of the Applegate road above Copper and a one-fourth mile stretch on the Butte Falls-Prospect road on the south fork of Rogue river.

Both routes were badly washed out and will require a large amount of rock work, Rynning said. Workmen have started repairs above Copper and work on the other section may begin next week.

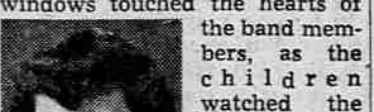
Crews were expected to finish a 50-foot long bridge across Big Butte creek near Butte Falls yesterday and are expected to complete the Netherland 150-foot bridge on Big Butte in about two weeks. Both were washed in the flood.

Scientists estimate there are at least 70,000,000 pounds of nitrogen in the air which surrounds the earth.

About 87 per cent of the adult population of the U.S. wears eyeglasses, compared with 59 per cent in England.

High School News Notes

By NELLIE RAWLINGS
The smiling faces of the crippled children in the hospital windows touched the hearts of the band members, as the children watched the Medford band perform on the lawn of the Shrine hospital in San Francisco last December.



The band is going to purchase small, inexpensive items such as puzzles and cars for each child. These will be sent to the hospital in time for Valentine's day.

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The students are guessing once again, trying to discover the identity of "Mr. Cupid."

The Future Homemakers are sponsoring a cake baking contest, and the first prize cake will be awarded to Mr. Cupid by its baker.

From now until Valentine's day, guesses will be sold during the lunch periods by purchasing a slice of the cakes not receiving first place in the contest.

Clues in the announcements every day have produced the following rhyme:

Five-foot two, he's not,
But eyes of blue, he's got.
Here, my friend, is a real cool clue;
Does my boy flat-top mean something to you?
Our Mister Cupid is really neat.
But what about those boxcar feet?

...
The Sophomores hit the top as they won the Teens Against Polio drive. Altogether Medford High raised around \$700 for the March of Dimes.

Sandra Laing, the February Girl-of-the-Month, was announced at the Girls' League assembly Feb. 1. She was presented the Girl-of-the-Month pin by Katherine Gott, who had worn the pin for the past month.

Another highlight of the program was the Future Home-maker of Tomorrow award, which was presented to Vicki Robertson by Principal Lester Harris.

The assembly was the first in the series of competition assemblies. The Sophomores started the competition with a var-

ied program of short skits, singing, dancing, and other types of talent.

The girls were told of a new organization being formed within the league, the "Friendship Committee," which will welcome new girls to the school, make special note of outstanding achievements made by the girls, send little get-well notes to girls with an extended illness, etc.

The committee will be made up of a main body of girls consisting of the G. L. officers and two representatives from each class. This group in turn, will select one girl from each home-room to help with the friendly gestures.

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Johnny Bellack was crowned King of Hearts, 1956, at the King of Hearts dance, held in the girls gym Friday night. This dance was sponsored by the Pep club.

Merchant Marine Exams Date Set

Annual competitive examination for appointment to the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York, will be held March 12, in Civil Service centers throughout the United States.

Approximately 330 young men will be selected from the exam who will report to the Academy in August, 1956.

The examination is open to young American male citizens between the ages of 17 and 21. In general an applicant must be a high school graduate and physically qualified for appointment in the United States Naval Reserve.

The Academy offers a four-year course at college level. Qualified graduates receive licenses as United States Merchant Marine officers, commissions as Ensigns in the United States Naval Reserve, and Bachelor of Science degrees.

Additional information concerning these appointments may be obtained by writing to Representative Walter Norblad, 1128 House Office Building, Washington 25, D. C.

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