

35 Home Fires Are Answered in Area

Home fire alarms answered by Medford city and rural fire departments during November totaled 35. Eighteen of them were by the city and seven were rural, according to the monthly municipal report.

Flue fires accounted for 24 of the 35 alarms to home fires. Two overheated stove alarms were answered, an electrical short, gas range explosion, electrical appliance and an alarm for combustible material against a furnace were answered.

Six trash fires were extinguished in the city, two business firm fires caused by defective electrical wiring, an airplane fire and one false alarm. Four gasoline spills were flushed by the city during the month.

A total of 54 inspections were made by Fire Marshall Truman Nelson and 109 orders for correction of fire hazards were

Editorial Comment

AWARD OF MERIT

An award of merit goes to Medford whose United Crusade for welfare funds went over the top for the fifth consecutive year. The goal was a high one, too, for a community of its size — \$123,120. Success was undoubtedly due to good organization and public liberality. — Oregon Statesman, Salem.

made. Nelson made 36 inspections of business firms, five public assembly buildings, three hotels and several other inspections.

Orders for correction of defective wiring totaled 37, removing papers 13, and eight recharging fire extinguishers. Eight orders for improvement of fire alarm systems and five orders for repair of sprinkler systems were issued.

Fire permits for the month were 302. Three fire investigations were held, he said.

Still 'Mining' Timber At Al Sarena, But No Minerals Being Taken

By SENATOR RICHARD NEUBERGER

Portland — (Special) — Just before the 1956 election, a political "gold rush" was reported in Southern Oregon. Men with hard hats, drills and picks were allegedly swarming over the Al Sarena claims—the 475 wooded acres in the Rogue River National Forest patented by the Interior

Department for mining under a special, unprecedented procedure which had become a "cause celebre" of irresponsible handling of national resources. More than 13 months have passed, but apparently no colors are showing yet in the pan.

"Core drilling, a preliminary step to mining operations, began this week on the controversial Al Sarena mining property," the press reported on Oct. 26, 1956. Visual evidence was offered, two days later, in press photos over the caption: "Robert MacCorkle, left, and H. P. MacDonald Jr. handle a drilling machine as a preliminary step to block out bodies of ore in the Al Sarena mine area in Southern Oregon."

Press Was Planted These stories, planted in the press by the Al Sarena operators and their political allies just prior to the 1956 elections, went on to speak of "blocking out" vast masses of ore on Elk Creek, estimated at as much as 190,000,000 tons of ore, and spoke of "good mineralization" of gold and valuable base metals.

It is more than 13 months since these representations were made, with great hullabaloo, by the Al Sarena interests, and used by the political defenders of the 1954 Al Sarena patents to offset the Congressional committee findings that National Forest timber, rather than minerals, had been the real object of the Interior Department's unusual and special Al Sarena patenting procedures. I think it is significant that in more than a year since the 1956 election we have heard no more of mining on the Al Sarena patents. We have, however, additional evidence concerning logging.

I have received a letter from the Regional Forester of the United States Forest Service which declares: "To our knowledge there has been no appreciable mining activity since 1955." The Forest Service letter also reports: "Total volume logged off the claims since patent issued amounts to about 2,961,000 bd. ft. through October, 1957."

Something New The Congressional committee report established that what had happened in the case of the Al Sarena patents, as it was handled by the then heads of the Department of Interior, was certainly not required by existing law. This was clearly shown also by the fact that no such case has been known to happen before or since Al Sarena, under the identical mining laws.

Beyond the specific problem of maladministration in the Al Sarena instance, however, there has always been the overall question of the policy of granting fee-simple patents to timber-covered mining claims in our National Forests — a question which Al Sarena brought to wide public attention.

In 1955, when Congress adopted Public Law 167 to clarify surface rights on mining claims, I stated in my individual views appended to the Interior committee report that this statute still left untouched the issue of granting surface rights with mining patents. I wrote:

"The committee report recognizes that this practice is against the public interest and deters sound conservation practices, and that in a number of national forests the separation of surface rights from mineral rights has by law been extended to mining patents as well as mining claims. I believe this loophole should be closed by general legislation for all federally owned timberlands."

New Law Offered In the coming session, I intend to introduce a bill to carry out this view. This will provide that mining patents within the National Forests will convey title only to the mineral deposits on which the patent is based, along with adequate rights to use the surface and timber located on the patent so far as needed for mining operations themselves. However, the United States will retain title to the surface and to all surface resources, such as timber, beyond the actual reasonable needs of the mining operation.

My proposal is patterned on legislation which has long been in effect for specific individual national forests. For example, such legislation has applied to the Mount Hood National Forest since 1934.

Nevertheless, I fully expect that the proposal to limit mining patents on National Forests to subsurface rights will meet much opposition, and that its enactment will involve a long, hard effort. I would invite, of course, the support both of the Department of Agriculture, which has responsibility for the National Forests and the Forest Service, and of Secretary of the Interior Seaton, who on the occasion of the Al Sarena case expressed the view that Congressional legislation was appropriate for solving the problems of protecting national timber resources which grow above subsoil mineral deposits.

Residents Reminded of Results of Partying

The next few days of the Christmas season are usually critical so far as drinking drivers and pedestrians are concerned because of the number of pre-holiday parties, according to Police Chief Charles P. Champlin.

Champlin said drivers arrested for driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor are subject to both fine and jail sentence and result in a mandatory driver's license suspension by the state department of motor vehicles for 90 days. He said 282 Oregon drivers had licenses suspended last December after convictions of driving while intoxicated.

FORMER DEAN DIES

Boston—P—Melvin M. Johnson, 86, former dean of the Boston University Law School, died here Wednesday of a heart ailment.

He was the world's third ranking Mason as prior past grand master of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge—

Sunday, December 22, 1957

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

JUNE IN NOVEMBER

Carmi, Ill.—P—Charles Burnett said his June apple tree must have thought it was June in November. The tree produced a full crop in June and then bore another smaller, crop in November.

Accident Victim Said Satisfactory Friday

Phillip Rock LeVeille, 65, of 51 North Oakdale ave., Medford, was reported in satisfactory condition Friday at Sacred Heart hospital after he was struck by a car Thursday afternoon. Police said LeVeille was struck by a car operated by Murray Star Gardiner Jr., 44, of post office box 1143, Medford, when he attempted to cross the street at South Riverside ave. and 12th st. Hospital officials said he suffered minor injuries.

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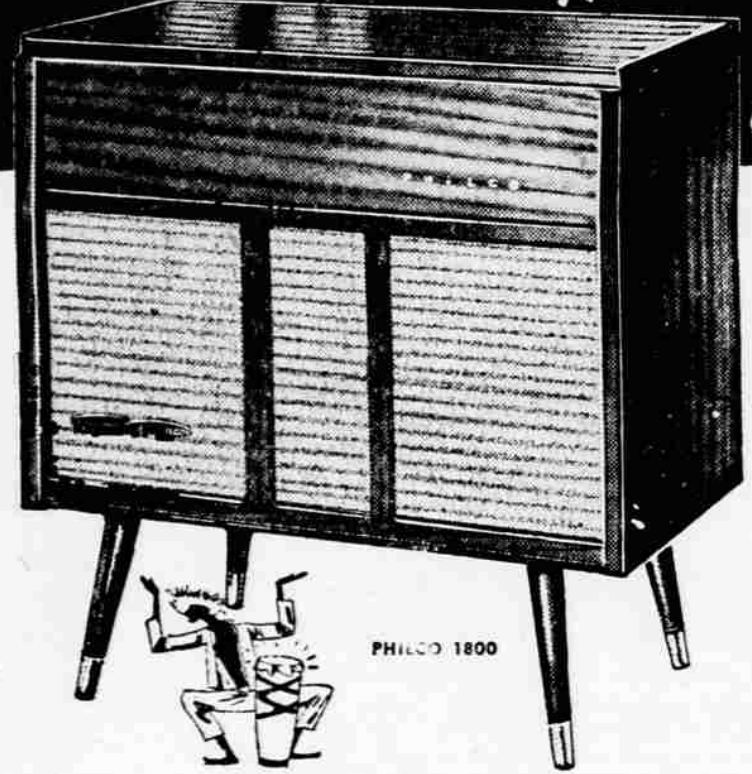
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