

Winter Is Busy Season for Forestry Office

Plans Being Drafted for Math Contest Or Science Fair Here

The Rogue Valley section of the Professional Engineers of Oregon is drafting plans for a science fair or mathematics contest for local high school students this spring.

The engineers would like to see outstanding participants enter the statewide science fair in May at Oregon State college, Corvallis.

These plans are still on the drawing board, but the coming week - by Presidential proclamation, National Engineers week - may lead to further developments.

High school mathematics and science teachers and vocational directors have been invited to the engineers' monthly dinner Tuesday evening at the Medford hotel. Some 35 to 40 are expected.

The educators, it is hoped, will offer suggestions and criticisms of the plans.

Discuss May Event
James Kirwan, past president of the PEO and currently president of the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry - sponsor of the Corvallis fair - has been asked to discuss the May event at this meeting. Kirwan is a switchgear engineer with Westinghouse Corp. in Portland.

The current PEO president, W. C. Hill, is also expected Tuesday. Hill is a soils engineer with the state highway department.

Plans for the local fair and contest are new projects for the Rogue Valley section, which comprises Jackson, Josephine, part of Douglas and - since 1957 - Klamath counties.

Primary Purposes

But interesting high school students in choosing engineering as a career has been one of the group's primary purposes since its inception.

Other purposes include:

1. Maintenance or improvement of professional engineering standards through close acquaintance with school curricula, practices of local engineers and the engineers themselves;
2. Formulation and promotion of new legislation pertaining to engineering for improving engineers' status;
3. Alerting the public to achievements of local engineers and the benefits of such achievements;
4. Promotion of better professional and social relations among its members and between them and the public.

Invite Seniors

The Rogue Valley engineers in 1953 invited 18 graduating seniors from local high schools to one of their monthly dinner meetings. George Gleason, dean of the school of engineering at OSC, discussed the requirements, responsibilities and rewards of being an engineer. The event was a success.

This meeting with students has been an annual affair since then, and more than 150 seniors have attended them over the past six years. Many have subsequently enrolled in college engineering courses.

In addition, the organization has sponsored speakers at high school "career day" sessions throughout the area. Some 850 Medford area students, and some 150 in Klamath Falls, heard the merits of engineering discussed in 1956. On Feb. 3 of this year, Prof. R. L. Richardson of OSC spoke on engineering to local students as part of the Jackson county career program.

Engineer of Year

With respect to achievements, in 1952, John C. Boyle, vice president, general manager and chief engineer of California Oregon Power company, was named PEO's engineer of the year for his outstanding work on the Copco hydro-electric projects on the North Umpqua river.

As for legislation, Boyle is currently serving on a PEO committee engaged in redrafting the Oregon Engineers Registration act for presentation to the Legislature. The present law is considered out of date.



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The late D. Ford McCormick, a Rogue Valley member, served on the state board of engineering examiners.

The local group was formed in 1946 as an independent organization, the Rogue Valley Engineers club. Among its charter members who are still active in the Medford area are Boyle; Robert A. Duff, city manager of Medford and first president of the club; Vernon Thorpe, Medford public works director; Lawrence E. Duff, Copco valuation engineer; James K. Hoey, consulting engineer; and Harry Olsen, Copco civil and rate engineer.

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Dance Students Pass Examinations

Twenty eight students of the Collee Hope dance studio passed ballet examinations given recently by Mrs. Virgeline Simmons, Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. Simmons, an accredited examiner for the Cecchetti Society of America, had just returned from London, where she assisted with the society's international project of standardizing the quality of ballet training for children, the studio reported.

Students who successfully passed their first grade examinations were Lynda Bayliss, Janene Tracy, Judy Morris, Cyndia Williams, Jan Mayes, Michelle McCalvey, Kathy Casey, Karen Teutsch and Carol Dykstra.

Second grade students to pass the examinations were Paulette Kime, Deane Stewart, Linda Thames, Dorothy Minshall, Janice Williams, Sherry Blackledge, Sheri Watson, Lucille Lowry, Andree Bessonetie, Teresa Wilkens, Judy Anderson, Judy Morris and Sue Kelly.

Third grade students passing were Edie Reinking, Nicole Ober, Nancy Hopper, Carolyn Knoll, Joyce Leon and Katherine Watson.

Miss Louise Lull passed her first grade teachers' examination. Miss Hope is a member of the board of the Northern California Cecchetti society and on the general board of the National council. She will fly to San Francisco next week end for the monthly teachers workshop.

75 Measles Cases Reported in County

Seventy-five cases of measles were reported to the Jackson county health department during the week ending Feb. 20. A total of 31 was reported in Medford, 33 in Phoenix, 9 in Jacksonville and 2 in Central Point.

Influenza cases totaled 26, including 19 in Medford; 4, Ashland; and 3, Central Point. German measles included 11 in Central Point, 10 in Medford and 2 in Ashland; strep throat, 1 each in Jacksonville, Eagle Point, Butte Falls and Medford; mumps, 1 each in Ashland, Medford and Shady Cove; and chicken pox, 13 in Medford and 1 in Jacksonville.

Three cases of pneumonia were reported in Medford, 3 scalp ringworm in Medford and 1 whooping cough in Jacksonville.

STAR GAZER
By CLAY R. POLLAN

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Budget, Repairs To Buildings Are Among Activities

By JIM FISHER

Anyone who has ever worked for a forest fire protection agency has at one time or another been asked the question "What do you do during the winter? There's no forest fires then."

Employees of the Oregon state forestry department, Southwest Oregon district, are no exception. At the Medford headquarters on Table Rock rd., they are often asked just what their winter duties are during the months that rain and snow reduce the fire hazard.

For District Warden Curtis Nesheim and the other 20 year-long employees of the district, winter seems far too short for the amount of work that must be done.

Besides the expected jobs of equipment and building maintenance, preparation of reports and plans, and general office operations, the activities of the Oregon State forestry department have increased locally in such fields as farm forestry, research, training, and other fields.

In Other Work
This has resulted in many of the department's winter activities being in work other than fire protection, the original and primary purpose of the agency.

Winter finds Nesheim preparing the budget for the coming fiscal year. The budget determines the local tax rate for fire protection. The coming year's budget will be approximately a quarter of a million dollars for the fire protection of the 1,600,000 acres within the district in Jackson and Josephine counties. This budget is reviewed by the state forester's office prior to a public hearing in the spring.

In addition, the district warden is responsible for all activities in the district and directs the work through his two assistant district wardens. He represents the district at meetings with cooperative agencies, the logging industry, and at the state forester's office. Planning such programs as the Foremen's Fire Training school require a great deal of cooperation with these agencies and the logging industry.

Other Duties

Other winter duties of the district warden include preparation of the annual district supply order and the seasonal report. The supply order covers everything from nails to frying pans. The seasonal report presents a summary of the previous year's fire season.

Through the maze of meetings, reports, speaking engagements, and other activities, the normal operations of the department unit and in the offering of the services to the public.

The assistant district warden's job is the direct supervision of the personnel and work within his unit. At the Medford headquarters, Doyle Stockton is currently directing and assisting in the remodeling of the crew quarters.

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TOOLS REPAIRED - Tool maintenance is an important job for Warehouseman Jack Fortin. Tools must be repaired and sharpened prior to coming of fire season. A special tool sharpening machine makes the work easier and faster.



SUPERVISES BUILDING - Assistant District Warden Doyle Stockton's winter jobs include the supervision of building construction and maintenance in the Medford unit, the planning of fire schools, district inventory, and working with the district warden on the budget and supply order.



INSPECTS PLANTINGS - Service Forester Jack Mace inspects one of the tree plantings he advised in state forestry department's farm forestry program. Mace works with the conservation reserve portion of the soil bank program that is interested in the replanting of marginal crop land into trees. He travels throughout 10 counties of southern Oregon.

prepare a report on each logging operation showing what extra fire hazard has been created and left by each logging operator. At the same time information is gathered on the area logged, volume logged, and other facts.

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Technical Assistant Jim Fisher spends the winter months doing a variety of jobs. Besides assisting in the farm forestry program that offers forestry advice to landowners, he is responsible for gathering facts for the seasonal report, preparation of the district fire plan for the coming season, ordering of automotive and office supplies, and issuing road permits on roads controlled by the state forestry department.

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and seasonal district employees. When needed, he also assists in the district building maintenance and construction work.

Maintenance of tools and the care of the district vehicles are the main winter duties of Warehouseman Jack Fortin. He keeps records of supplies received and checked out of the district warehouse. A true "jack-of-all-trades," he can weld, do electrical work, machine work, and numerous other skills.

Work at Grants Pass

Working at the Grants Pass subdistrict headquarters are Assistant District Warden Howard Brock, Dispatcher Bill Pope, Labor Foreman Paul Matteson, and Forest Inspectors John Kincaid and William Moore. Forest Warden John Moe is stationed at Cave Junction. Their work is similar to the winter activities of the Medford headquarters personnel.

In the expanding fields of the department's winter jobs, the district has cooperated several times this winter with the Oregon Forest Lands Research center at Corvallis in gathering research data and samples.

Soil samples from throughout Josephine county were gathered by the Grants Pass personnel to be used in studying a type of root rot found in Douglas fir. Research data is taken each week by Medford headquarters personnel from a project located at the Burrill Lumber company at White City. The drying of lumber by using forced-air is being studied here.

Winter Training

Winter training sessions have proved invaluable in making personnel qualified for certain skills and in meeting with other districts to exchange information. Such sessions as a training officer conference, safety officers conference, and a blasters school are examples of these programs.

By mid-summer the ranks of the district will have increased to more than 100, including seasonal wardens, cooks, crew members, and lookouts. By the end of fire season next fall, they may have successfully controlled as many as the 272 fires they fought this past fire season.

Much of their success can be attributed to the winter preparation of the district in planning for the 1959 fire season.

Racing Steward's Dismissal Indicated

Portland-UP - The Oregon racing commission said Friday that applications for racing steward would be accepted until March 15, indicating that Cecil Edwards, racing steward for the past eight years, was being relieved of his post.

The commission held an afternoon-long meeting in the offices of Chairman Ted Bruno and then announced the applications would be taken. No reason was given for the apparent dismissal of Edwards but there has been criticism in the past for his lobbying activities at the Legislature.

With written approval of the racing commission, he has represented the racing interests, the Oregon Breeders' association, and various fairs at the Legislature. Although he had the written approval, observers said some commission members of the present board were not in favor of his lobbying. Edwards is under state civil service, and may appeal the commission's action if he so desires.

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Kiwanis Show Notes Success During 10 Years of Staging

Medford Kiwanis Kapers, which will be presented on March 4, 5, 6 and 7 this year, originated in 1949.

It has proven a growing financial success each year since that time, has continued to attract large audiences and has developed new talent from within the Medford community.

The first Kapers had its roots in 1948 when Ed Niles, then Kiwanis president, proposed a \$1,200 budget to the club and challenged members to come up with a method of raising the money. Vic Milnes of the club noted that Ashland Kiwanis club was contemplating a minstrel show and that the Klamath Falls Junior Chamber of Commerce has been successful with a Kapers-type project.

Combine Efforts

Medford and Ashland Kiwanians then decided to combine efforts for a Kapers presentation. Milnes, Bob Voegtly and Ed Barnett were cochairmen. The show played two nights in Medford and the local club netted \$534. The amount was a significant part of that spent during 1949 by the service group for underprivileged children's projects.

Net from the shows has increased almost every year. A gross of \$8,500 and net of about \$6,000 is anticipated for 1959.

Money this year will be used to continue support of the Kiwanis dental clinic, now completing its first full year of operation in the Jackson County courthouse. In addition it will benefit other projects of the club such as the Easter egg hunt, the Christmas party at the county farm home, Contributions to Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Salvation Army and YMCA.

Among the work done by the club with funds from the Kapers was the purchase of wigs for two young children born without hair. Glass eyes also have been bought for children and an audio-amplifying unit was purchased and presented to the Junior Service League.

Soviet biologists have found in the Antarctic a hitherto unknown species of white-bellied fish. Eighteen of the fish with no hemoglobin, the element that makes corpuscles red, have been found.

ice league-sponsored school for children who are hard of hearing.

Each year a professional has been selected to produce and direct the show, using talent from Medford and vicinity. This year the John B. Rogers Producing company of Fostoria, O., with director Carl Hawley will bring to Medford a musical revue-minstrel, "Now and Then." In theme and theory it carries out a Centennial production of contrasting music and color.

Local business men (who belong to the Medford Kiwanis club) and their wives, devote the major portion of the month of February to selling advertising for the show, selling of tickets, rehearsing and producing the Kapers. Medford Kiwanis club has a membership of 120 business and professional people.

Tickets for the show which will be run March 4, 5, 6 and 7 at Medford High school can be purchased from any Kiwanian.



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