



GUARD ANSWERS ALERT—Officers and administrative assistant, were among those men of company E, 2nd battle group, 186th infantry regiment of the National Guard assembled at the Medford armory Wednesday after 9 p.m. Another 59 members of the night in answer to a statewide test alert. Ashland units gathered at the Ashland 1st Lt. Donald Ivie, company commanding officer, (above) and Sp4 Donald Frost, unit

National Guard Responds to Test Alert in Valley

Approximately 60 men of the National Guard in the Medford area and 59 more in the Ashland vicinity assembled at the Medford and Ashland armories last night in answer to a surprise test alert called at 8:07 p.m.

Officers and men of company E, 2nd battle group, 186th infantry regiment, took about one hour to assemble at the Medford armory, according to First Lt. Richard Greer, executive officer. A number of the company were in California or away to college, he reported.

Those of headquarters and headquarters battery, 2nd gun battalion, 249th artillery regiment, traveled from Ashland to the Camp White organizational maintenance shop to pick up vehicles. Only 14 of the Ashland units' 94 men were unaccounted for within a few hours after the alert.

Last night's alert, called by Brig. Gen. Alfred Hinz, Salem, was part of a statewide test of the guard's readiness to act in emergencies. Spokesmen for the local groups expressed satisfaction with the speed in which notice of the alert reached the men.

Those at the Medford armory got into uniforms, established guard posts and began infantry drill. Ashland units prepared to load defense artillery and other equipment onto the trucks.

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'Peace Crusade' Has Two-Fold Task

Washington—(UPI)—President Eisenhower has set himself a two-fold task during his "peace crusade" to Asia, Africa and Europe.

Officials said today that the President will try to:

- Convince neutralists and Allies alike that the United States is sincerely searching for a world peace formula and has no ulterior motives or aggressive designs.
- Reassure staunch anti-Communist friends such as Turkey that the United States will not lower its guard during negotiations with Russia on disarmament and other critical issues.

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Permits Needed to Cut Christmas Trees In National Forest

Families and individuals this year may cut Christmas trees at certain locations in the Rogue River National Forest, according to Forest Supervisor C. E. Brown.

The Union Creek ranger station will issue permits for cutting Shasta fir trees in the district. Cost is \$1 per tree. The Ashland district office also will sell permits for cutting Shasta firs, located high on the Ashland Mountain rd.

Some Douglas and white firs will be available in both districts. The \$1 permit authorizes cutting two of these trees in lieu of one Shasta fir.

The Applegate, Butte Falls and Prospect districts, the announcement continued, will issue free permits for a limited number of trees to be cut where their removal will improve the forest.

Limited Number
The Applegate district will issue permits only for a limited number of trees located

Accident Victim Dies of Injuries

The county traffic death toll for the year rose to 21 Wednesday following the death of Ronald Bernard Harding, 22, of 1309 Stewart ave. Harding was injured in an automobile accident Monday night.

According to state police the vehicle Harding was driving failed to make a curve on Hanley rd. at about 9:45 p.m. striking the Jackson creek bridge. The car careened off the bridge and landed in the creek, throwing Harding out of the car, police said.

The number of fatalities on county highways in traffic accidents this time last year was 19.

A passenger in the car with Harding Monday was Eleanor Dale Pree, 22, of 35 Chestnut st., who was reported in good condition today at Sacred Heart hospital. She was reported to be suffering from a broken leg and shock as a result of the accident.

Sharpest Needle Of All

Construction of Russian Schools Said Inferior

(Editor's note: This is another in the series of articles prepared by Medford's school superintendent following his recent three-week trip to Russia. The series deals with Russia's "Seven Year Plan," and is based on Soviet books, magazine articles, and personal interviews with the ministers of education of the Russian and Ukrainian republics, the deputy mayor of Moscow and the mayor of Tbilisi.)

By DR. LEONARD MAYFIELD
Medford School Superintendent

School construction in the U.S.S.R. is under the jurisdiction of the minister of education for a given republic. Typical school plans are developed by the minister of education in each republic. Local architects participate in local school construction through adapting and adjusting a typical plan to a given site, and in giving supervision to the construction program.

In the Soviet economy there are no private architectural firms. Architects are associated with different institutes in accordance with their special branch of training. The cost of school construction is borne by the state. The minister of education determines which projects can and should be built in accordance with the funds available. He then allocates to the various architectural institutes in a given area the projects to be constructed.

Approximately 66 per cent of Soviet architects are women. Soviet architects expressed the feeling that women architects are more exacting as draftsmen. The visiting team could not identify any originality in school design, in spite of the statements that the minister of education held periodic competitions among architects to improve the typical design.

Limited Sites
All buildings visited were multi-story structures on extremely limited sites. Most buildings were masonry, with poor masonry work often being covered with stucco. We saw very few provisions for fire protection. Concrete stair wells were common in all buildings. Most floors were wood and poorly laid. Teachers in two schools reported that they did not hold fire drills.

There is a definite absence of skilled craftsmen in the building industry as observed in the structures built since World War II. The tremendous housing shortage represents Russia's number one priority and may account for the appearance of haste and lack of craftsmanship observed in recent school structures visited.

Maintenance in these buildings was complicated by double sessions in most schools, together with the general Soviet regulation that students shall do their own custodial classroom work under the supervision of the teacher.

Meager Treatment
Window placement received meager treatment in the buildings visited. Most classrooms had three sets of windows with little or no provision for light control. In all schools (and hotels) in the northern republics, permanent double sash for protection against cold weather was the rule. We saw no mechanical ventilation in any school building visited.

Artificial lighting was at a minimum with exposed wiring the rule.

With few exceptions the schools visited have restricted classroom space. Two-pupil rigid combination seat and desk was the usual seating in all rooms. There was a definite absence of classroom work space, bulletin boards, and book shelving. Classrooms were built largely as a lecture-recitation room.

The usual size blackboard space allocated to one room was 4 by 8 feet in size, of poor quality. No erasers were observed being used on any blackboards. Cloth only was used as an eraser. Shops and laboratories looked meager and poorly planned.

In the libraries observed books were shelved in glass covered cases. There appeared to be a limited number of library books available for student use. Seating capacity for approximately 35 pupils was the maximum observed,

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The historic separation of sexes in Soviet education which was discontinued only four years ago has left its mark on the school plant and on today's program.

It should be pointed out that Soviet kindergartens, housing children from three to seven years of age, with industrial workers assistance, have managed to construct some very attractive and functional units as separate plants.

Talks with school officials and architects with a view to comparing U.S. and Soviet school building costs proved fruitless. Within an economy where there is no competitive bidding or private enterprise in the building industry, costs appear not to be important if available figures are the basis for making judgments. Lack of concrete cost data made comparisons with U.S. figures quite foreign and meaningless.

To eliminate double sessions in the large cities visited by the committee, now involving well up to one-half of the school population, and to catch up with the backlog of school building needs occasioned by the war are among the major objectives of Soviet education. In the city of Kiev alone, 150 of its 161 schools were destroyed in World War II. One cannot but respect and admire the way the Soviet people are putting forth great effort to build schools for their growing population.

Nine Vehicles Pile Up in Tolo Bridge Accident

Fog and icy paving were contributing factors in a nine-vehicle collision about 8 o'clock this morning on Highway 99 at the Tolo overpass.

Three state police cars were sent to the scene, where seven cars and two pickup trucks were "bunched up" from the center of the bridge to the south end.

Investigating officers said seven cars and one pickup originally were involved in the mishap, after which one southbound pickup traveled past traffic flares and flagmen and collided with the others.

Names of drivers and passengers involved had not been reported to police headquarters by officers on patrol, but it was believed that two persons were taken by private cars to physicians for treatment of injuries and observation.

All the vehicles were badly damaged, according to police, and five were towed from the scene.

State police said the overpass and other danger spots on the highway are usually sanded by the state highway department when icing conditions occur. The operator on duty this morning told police the sander did not operate early because temperatures were above freezing when he checked at 2 a.m.

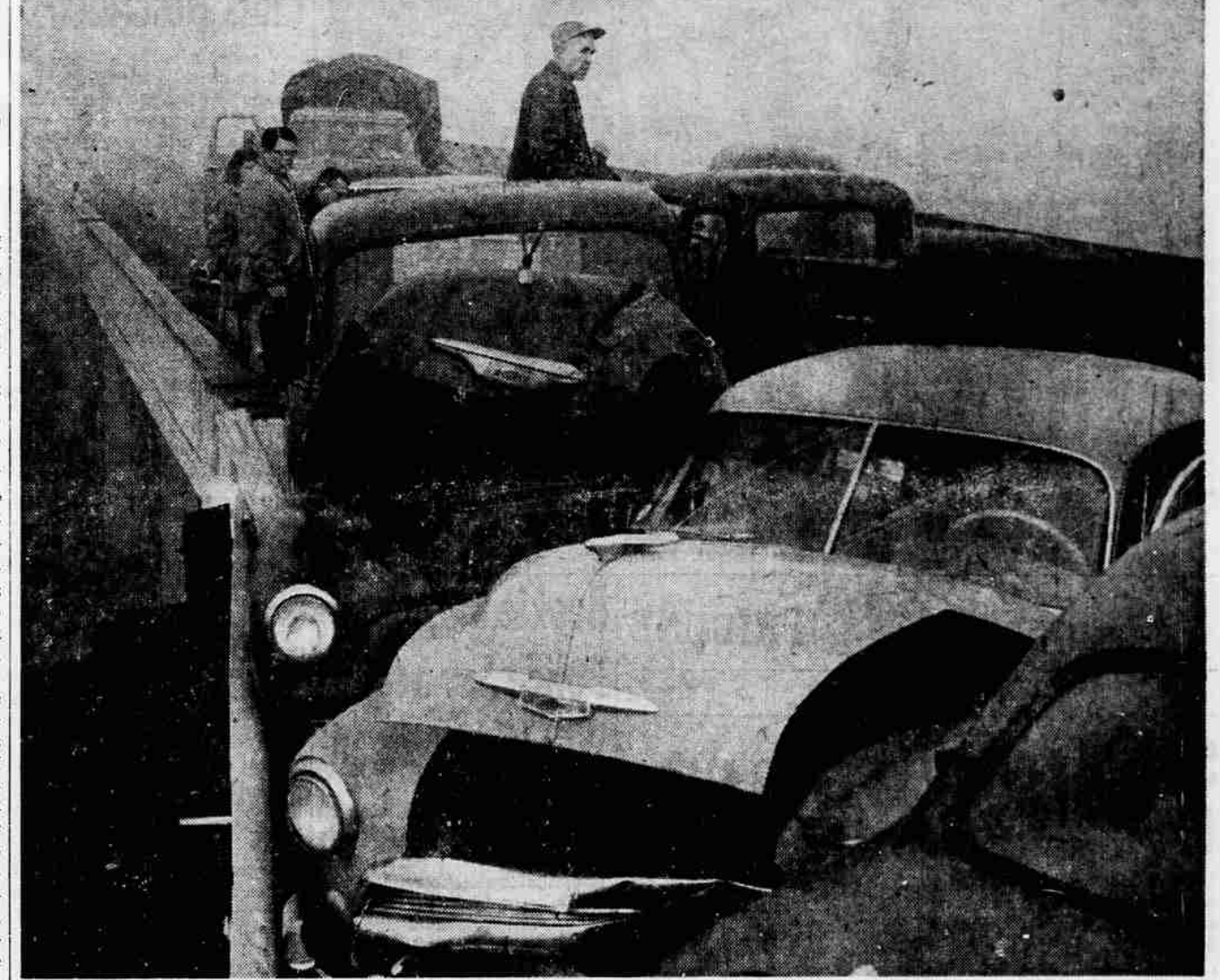
Albany—(UPI)—Duane Drushella, a Scio tree farmer, has been named president of the 1960 Timber Carnival here.



PRESS BUILDING—Work is under way on the new building on North Grape st. to house a new press for the Medford Mail Tribune. It will house, in addition to the press, the stereotyping department, mailing room and carrier distribution area. The press will be located inside the windows on the left and may be viewed from outside. The architect's sketch above shows the front of the building on Grape st. which is directly behind the present office building of the newspaper at 33 North Fir st. Newsprint will also be stored in the new brick building. The new press is expected to arrive in about two months with the building's completion scheduled for six weeks later.

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HIGHWAY COLLISION—Ice on the highway and poor visibility due to fog was blamed for a nine-vehicle pile-up at Tolo overpass on Highway 99 about 8 o'clock this morning, according to state police. Out of view behind pickup in which an unidentified man is standing, above, is another pickup, a Rambler station wagon and a Volkswagen. Another automobile turned out to miss the wrecked cars, skidded end for end on the ice and came to rest half over the brink of a 40-foot embankment. The road surface had not been sanded after last night's light rain and subsequent frost at the time of the accident.

Dam Break Kills Scores in France

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