

Safety Calendars Being Distributed

Two Medford firms have announced they are again sponsoring the financing and distribution of safety calendars for 1961.

Participating are Crater Lake Motors, Main and First, and the Olympic Petroleum and Equipment Company, 1050 South Riverside ave. Both businesses have for the past several years promoted public safety in this manner.

The calendars feature a fire truck scene on one, and the "Officer Kelly" picture on the other. The local Ford dealer will sponsor the fire safety calendars, and the Signal Oil company distributor will promote the police calendar.

Scenes on the calendars are specially franchised by the Brown and Bigelow advertising concern, represented locally by Joye Swartley, Fire Chief Gordon Barker

said the department approves the safety reminder, and supports the distribution of the calendars on behalf of the National Fire Protection association. Some 800 copies have been ordered for use in and around Medford.

Exams Announced by Civil Service Officials

Examinations for positions including social worker, child welfare adviser and specialist, public assistance adviser, medical and psychiatric adviser and specialist, rehabilitation adviser, and public welfare research analyst have been announced by the civil service commission.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting L. B. Nelson at the local civil service office in the post office building.

Technician Receives Incentive Award

Ben C. Twiss, fire control technician of the Applegate district of the Rogue River National forest, received a \$100 cash award by Neil G. Suttell, district ranger, at the Star Ranger station.

The award was in recognition of his outstanding performance as acting fire control officer during the incumbent's illness. According to Suttell, "Twiss took over a difficult job at a critical time. He contributed materially in getting summer work accomplished in quantity and with high quality."

The award was presented under an incentive plan which is available to federal employees.

Sweden is almost 1,000 miles long, though seldom wider than 300 miles.

Medford School Board Favors Participation in State Project

Participation in a state-wide project involving a new teacher training plan and new "motivating practices" at the local district level was approved by the Medford school board this week.

Whether the project is instituted in Oregon, however, will depend on whether the state department of education requests funds from Ford Foundation's Fund for Advancement of Education. The state department of education and representatives of various colleges in Oregon will discuss a request for the funds at a "planning" session in Salem Monday.

Medford school district's participation in the project would be in cooperation with Southern Oregon college and the state department of education.

Although final plans are not yet completed, the project would involve a program in which prospective teachers would spend two years in practice, or cadet teaching, according to school officials.

The first year would be similar to the present practice teaching program which involves one semester of classroom practice by the prospective teacher. During the second year, the student would be paid about half salary and would be supervised by a regular teacher in the school district and by the college.

A 12-month training period is recommended in preliminary plans for prospective teachers registering under the program. The 12-month training period, school officials noted, would mean a regular summer session of work.

The second phase of the state-wide project involves possible approval of motivating practices, an aspect of the project which is considered of great importance by Medford school district officials.

In this phase of the project, the district administrative staff proposes that the Medford board study a plan of substituting other means for measuring school work than the "Carnegie unit" system. The Carnegie unit, means attending class for 52 to 60 minutes a day, five days a week for the minimum number of days required by law for one unit of work. In Oregon the minimum number of days is 175.

Dr. Leonard B. Mayfield, superintendent, noted that this gives non-academic subjects such as art and typing the

same weight as a foreign language, mathematics and science.

Extra Time
School administrators here feel that two or three periods a week in typing or art and similar subjects might be sufficient, especially if additional work is assigned to allow the student to do it outside of school. The extra time would then be spent on academic subjects.

This plan could also include phases of the team teaching plan whereby a master teacher would lecture to three or four classes in the same subject. Students would then meet in small discussion classes the other two or three days a week.

Dr. Mayfield noted that details have not been worked out. Among the problems in

the program, he said, is making arrangements with colleges to accept students on the basis of full credit for subjects they have taken under such a plan. However, the problem probably could be handled by the college, state and the fund agency.

The project, if instituted in

Oregon and carried through to completion, would extend over five to eight years. Costs above those normally carried by the district would be paid from the Fund for Advancement of Education.

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