

### Residents Warned of Improper Ventilation, Combustion of Fuels

Portland—"Lack of ventilation and improper combustion of fuels can team-up to create serious illness and death to unsuspecting individuals," Dr. R. H. Wilcox, state health officer, has warned residents.

"Carbon monoxide, the product of improper combustion, is an odorless, invisible and poisonous gas," Dr. Wilcox emphasized.

"Early symptoms of its presence are headache, dizziness and sleepiness, while later symptoms include shortness of breath, nausea and unconsciousness. Carbon monoxide combines with the red blood cells 200 times easier than oxygen. When oxygen and an unusually large amount of carbon monoxide are inhaled together, the carbon monoxide displaces the oxygen, causing illness. If oxygen is completely cut off, death may result," he said.

Any heating equipment fired by solid, liquid or gas fuel should be checked periodically. Chimneys and flues should be kept in good repair and free of obstructions. Lines and connections for liquid and gas fuels should be checked for leaks.

Likewise, gas-fired dryers, water heaters and cooking equipment should be checked. Gas-fired oven should never be used as space heaters, especially at night when all members of the household are asleep, he said.

The automobile, too, is a prime producer of carbon monoxide, the doctor pointed out. The automobile should never be left running in a closed garage. Lethal concentrations of carbon monoxide can be built-up in a few moments under such conditions. It is equally dangerous to remain in a tightly-closed auto with motor running when it is standing still, Dr. Wilcox said.

Carbon monoxide poisoning can easily be prevented by providing adequate ventilation and keeping heating equipment and gas-fired appliances properly vented and in good repair, Dr. Wilcox noted.



HEADS AVIATION AGENCY—Najeeb E. Halaby, left, electronics executive from Los Angeles, has been named by President John F. Kennedy, right, to head the federal aviation agency. Halaby is 45 years old and a native of Dallas, Tex. (UPI Telephoto)

### Social Worker Joins Guidance Staff

Miss Ethel Shumway started work this week at a psychiatric social worker with the Southern Oregon Child Guidance Clinic.

"The addition of a second social worker means that the clinic's services have expanded to include family and marital counseling long needed in the community," a clinic spokesman said. "Our caseload has just about doubled."

"Before we could offer adult services to the family," it was explained, "any marriage counseling done was done incidental to a child's problem. A upset family often means an upset child."

Miss Shumway will assist the present clinic staff which includes Dr. A. Erin Merkel, public health physician and clinic administrator; Dr. Harry K. Danielson, psychiatrist; Dr. Frank Strange, clinical psychologist; Thomas L. Goff, psychiatric social worker; and Mrs. Elsa Mogerman, secretary.

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### Natural History Group To Meet

Ashland—A third meeting of Rogue valley residents interested in natural history will be conducted Thursday, Jan. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Public Library of Medford and Jackson County meeting room. Dr. F. W. Sturges of the Southern Oregon college science staff, has announced.

Dr. Louis Gentner, entomologist for the Southern Oregon branch of the Oregon experiment station, will discuss his experiences with insects and their natural history in the Rogue valley.

Group interests include the study of flowers, trees and shrubs; mushrooms; insects; birds; mammals; geologic formations; and other related subjects. Those interested in these areas or in those of a similar nature are invited to attend the meeting. Dr. Sturges said, adding that those attending would also discuss the formation of a formal organization with officers and by-laws.

### College '30 Staters' Schedule Meeting

A meeting of the Oregon State college alumni "30 Staters" club has been scheduled for tomorrow night at Ping's restaurant. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

Bob Watson, assistant football coach at OSC, and Bob Knoll, alumni director, will be guest speakers. A football movie will be shown and grid prospects for the coming season will be discussed.

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