

Klamath Falls Air Pollution Report Studied By Council

The problem of "Black Snow," the fallout of burned cinders or sawdust which has plagued downtown Klamath Falls and adjacent residential districts for many years, was discussed at Monday night's meeting of the City Council.

Richard E. Hatchard, chief of the air pollution section of the Oregon Air Pollution Authority, reported that the air pollution office has had several fixed gravity sampling stations located in Klamath Falls since 1953.

One such station on the roof of the J. C. Perney Co. building at Eighth and Main streets shows a fallout of from 10 to 51 unit tons per square mile per month. Hatchard said that the fallout in the area from the Willard Hotel to South Sixth Street might have a fallout rate of from 100 to 200 unit tons.

FALLOUT

The air pollution expert said that the authority considers a fallout of from 30 to 35 unit tons per square mile per month as a nuisance condition for that area.

A preliminary study of fallout coming from lumber mills in the immediate Klamath Falls area, the Ellingson Lumber Co. and Modoc Lumber Co., and the Consumers Heating Co. steam heating plant has been made, stated Hatchard.

The air pollution engineer said that the Ellingson mill was far enough away from downtown Klamath Falls for its fallout of un-

burned hog fuel or sawdust to be negligible. He said that the Modoc mill has made basic changes in the burning of hog fuel and sawdust which preclude its fallout from affecting the downtown area very much. This mill is currently constructing a blow-pipe system to convey its sawdust to the Consumers Heating Co. storage pile. The mill burns very little shavings and other wood waste now, Hatchard said.

PLANT

Hatchard indicated that a large part of the fallout noticed in the immediate area of the heating plant has been coming from that plant.

The unburned material that is discharged from a steam heating plant burning hog fuel can be stopped by the use of cinder collection equipment, Hatchard said. The installation of this equipment may hinge on the economic problems involved, he indicated. Hatchard did not say what the cost of such machinery might be for a plant the size of the Consumers plant.

The Oregon Air Pollution Authority, created by a 1951 statute, encourages local action in settling local air pollution problems, the air pollution engineer said. The authority provides engineering advice and assistance to municipalities in solving such problems.

Harry Gleason, president of the Klamath Merchants' Association, asked the council for action to solve the problem of air pollution in the city.

MEETING

Mayor Paul Landry said members of the city council will meet with the management of the heating firm Tuesday to discuss possible solutions to the fallout problem.

In further business, Mayor Landry announced the appointment of nine Klamath Falls residents to a committee to study a possible city manager plan for Klamath Falls. It is not expected that this committee will have a report on the manager plan before late this year. Acceptance of the plan will mean numerous changes in the city's charter, he indicated.

Members of the committee are: R. H. Tisdale, S. I. Ritchie, the Rev. Leo Horner, John Howard, C. D. Long, William Ganong Jr., Robert Chilcote, R. B. Zimmerman and E. S. Robinson, chairman.

The council awarded a bid to the Jim Olson Motor Co. for a dump truck for use by the city street department. The net low bid was for \$6,821.33.

POLICE CARS

Bids for two new four-door sedans for use by the police department were opened by Police Judge Frank Blackmer. Balsiger Motor Co. offered a net bid of \$2,550 after trade in for both cars. Cunningham and Ricker bid \$4,182.00; Duagan and Most bid \$71.10 and Parker Pontiac's bid was for \$3,414.80. The bids were referred to the police committee for study.

A. D. Fitzgerald bid \$2,221 for the construction of bleachers at the municipal swimming pool. Holland Sheet Metal offered a bid of \$2,355 for the job. The bids were referred to the recreation committee for study.

Carlson Mattress Co. was awarded a bid for 23 mattresses for use by the fire department. The bid was for \$667.

FIRE AGREEMENT

Two civilian fire fighting officials from the U.S. Air Force detachment at the municipal airport presented a mutual agreement for fire control and protection with the Klamath Falls Fire Department. The council deferred action on the agreement pending further study.

Mayor Landry read a letter to the council from Lt. Col. J. W. Etter, chief, operations branch of the air installations office, USAF Headquarters, Washington, D.C. Col. Etter's letter said that the acceptance of movement of the old wooden hanger at the municipal airport will be accomplished on March 20. This will allow partial use of the building by the city at that time, Col. Etter said.

Dial Telephones Set For Lake

LAKEVIEW—As scheduled, dial telephones will be in use here and in Paisley on Sunday, March 18. The West Coast Telephone Company is completing its \$254,000 re-vamping project for this area and the conversion of more than 1,400 telephones from manual to dial will be completed by March 18 with new directories to be delivered this week, announces A. M. Denio, manager of the Lakeview district for the telephone company.

All Lakeview telephone numbers will be changed to Whitehall 7 followed by four other numerals. Paisley will have Whitehall 4 numbers.

Merrill P-P Elect Storey

MERRILL — Clovis Storey was elected president of the Parents and Patrons Association at the election meeting held last week in the grade school. More than 135 persons attended and children were entertained with movies shown in the gym by Mickey Walker.

Other officers for the year will be Curley Wilson, first vice president; Altona Hodges, second vice president; Lucky Felt, treasurer and Bill Lehr, secretary. Members of the nominating committee were Mary Fox, Vivian Cunningham, Jean Moore and Phyllis Rankin. Parents and friends were given

a conducted tour of the classrooms by Principal William Kurtz. Mrs. Kurtz reported on the recent Little White House Conference on Education held in Klamath Falls.

The next meeting will be held on April 3 with the new slate taking office.

Weed Control Meet Planned

A meeting on weed control will be held at 9:30 a.m. Thursday in room 202 of the Federal Building in Klamath Falls, Harold Schieferstein, county weed control specialist, announced today.

The meeting is one of a state-wide series for highway maintenance workers, commercial weed control men and others who are interested in weed control. Schieferstein said that the main purpose of the meeting will be to bring those attending up to date on the safe use of herbicides.

Speaking at the all-day meeting will be specialists from Oregon State College, the State Highway Department and the State Department of Agriculture. Ray Kelso of the State Department of Agriculture will give the examination for persons desiring to obtain commercial spray operators licenses. Questions in the examination will be covered in the morning session, Schieferstein said.

SF Scientist Plans Speech

Dr. Milton Silverman, science editor of the San Francisco Chronicle and contributor to the Saturday Evening Post, will address the Klamath Falls Knife and Fork Club Wednesday in the Willard Hotel. The dinner meeting at which Club President George Elliott will preside, is scheduled at 6:45 p.m.

Dr. Silverman is the first scientist to report on the atom-smashing cyclotron, radio active treatment of cancer and plutonium. He wrote an article for the Saturday Evening Post on Zirconium, used by surgeons to cover brain tissue.

During World War II, Dr. Silverman did research and liaison work on such military projects as submarine warfare, rockets, and amphibians for the Office of Scientific Research and Development.

In 1941, the San Francisco scientist went to South America at the request of the National Research Council to report sources for strategic drugs and minerals sought in Colombia, Peru and other countries.

Dr. Silverman's topic here will be "Medicine and the Changing World."

Reduced Load Limit Ordered

The Oregon State Highway Department has ordered a reduced load limit on a section of Highway 395 between Lakeview and Burns. The highway section is from Valley Falls to the junction of 395 with U.S. Highway No. 20.

The weight limit will be effective Thursday, March 15 at 8 a.m. The weight limits will be 11,000 pounds for single-axle trucks and 20,000 for tandem-axle trucks with a maximum gross of 36,000 pounds.

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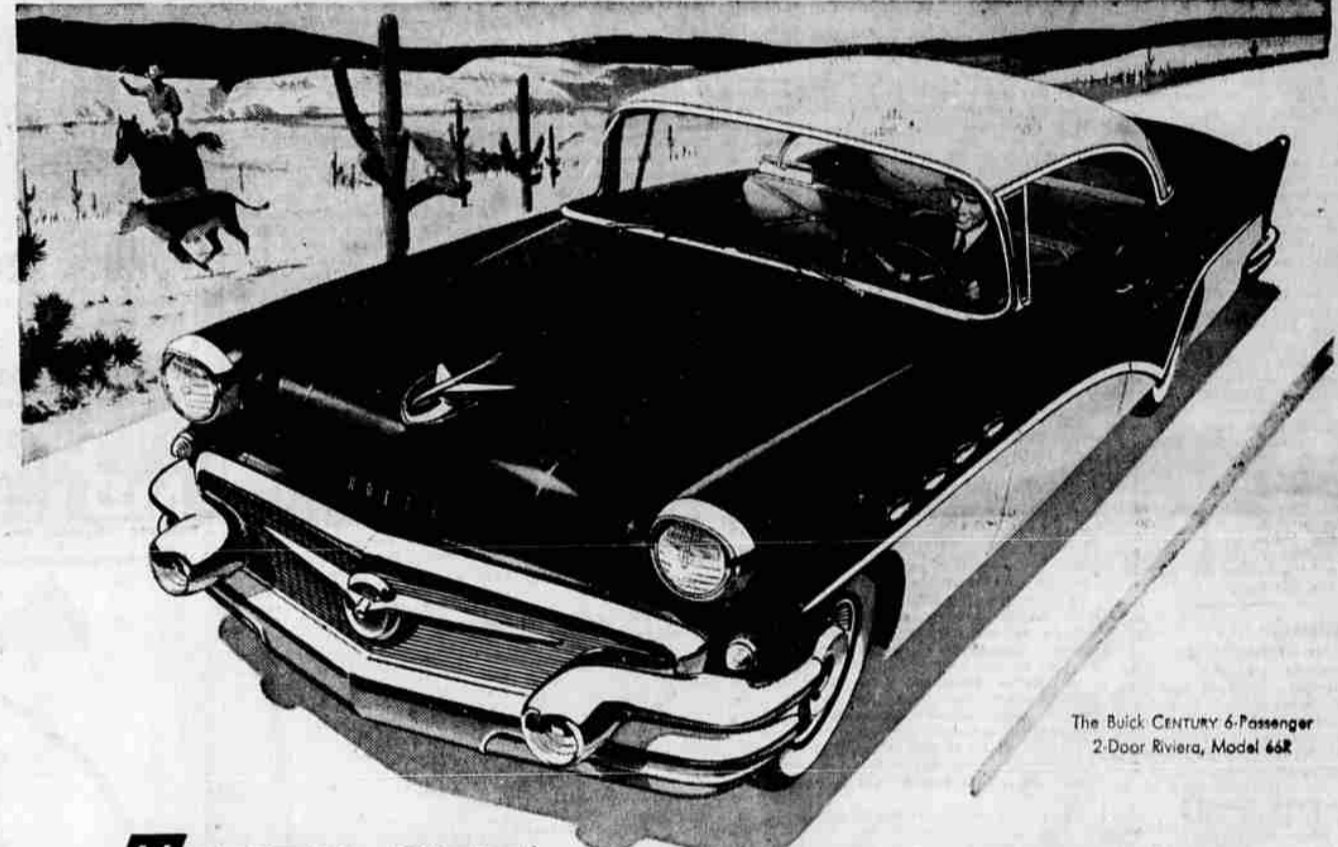
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