

Fire Marshal Critical Of Law Allowing 'Traps'

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — State Fire Marshal Glenn B. Vance Friday criticized state laws which allow hundreds and possibly thousands of schools, hotels and meeting halls to be firetraps.

Vance, recently appointed to the fire marshal job, said: "We don't know what the entire school fire hazard situation is in the state."

"The state housing act (which sets up policing for hotels) is antiquated and archaic."

There are meeting halls all over the state and they are an area of concern to us."

Vance made public a revised list of about 70 schools which do not comply with state regulations for fire safety but said there could be as many as 70 more in state jurisdiction alone.

Under present law, he said, the fire marshal's office has jurisdiction only over schools in unincorporated areas or areas where



WOMEN OF THE MOOSE Drum Corps from Merrill Lodge will perform during the WM mid-winter conference in the Klamath Falls Moose Lodge Sunday, Jan. 29. Since formation a year ago, the corps has participated in parades in Merrill, Tulelake and Klamath Falls.

Field Mice Big Problem Along Line

TULELAKE — Modoc agriculture commissioners report following a recent survey that an infestation of field mice has become serious in an area adjacent to the Modoc-Siskiyou County line starting in the Frog Pond area and running north to the Nevell Grain Growers Elevators.

This area shows an alarming number of the rodents.

Ken Baghoti, Tulelake farm adviser, urges all farmers to check ditch banks and fields. If the mouse population warrants, he says, the Modoc or Siskiyou agriculture commissioners offices for assistance.

Burning ditches will be of considerable value in controlling mice.

Unless drastic action is taken the infestation could reach the disastrous proportions of one several years ago.

Quake Hits Desert Area

BARSTOW, Calif. (UPI) — A sharp jolt, apparently from an earthquake, rocked the Mojave Desert area early Saturday, but no damage was reported by authorities.

Law enforcement agencies in Fresno, Bakersfield and Barstow reported either feeling the shock or receiving telephone calls from sleepy residents who felt it.

The tremor was not felt in California to the southeast of here, nor in Needles, to the east on the California-Arizona border.

Scientists at the Berkeley (Calif.) campus of the University of California said the tremor was recorded on its instruments and was greater than a 1957 earthquake which rocked San Francisco.

The scientists said the shock was located somewhere on the western Mojave Desert area.

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State Loses Immunity In Negligence Action

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — The California Supreme Court has swept away the historic barriers that protected the state and its agencies from being sued for negligence causing accidents.

In a 5-2 decision Friday, the court ruled that the state should not enjoy "sovereign immunity" from lawsuits, a premise that dates back to early English history when it was held that "the king can do no wrong."

The ruling came in the case of Louisa C. Miskopf, who had tried to sue the Corning Hospital District in Butte County. She charged that negligence by the hospital staff caused her to fall and suffer further injury to a broken hip.

A Superior Court had refused her a trial because the hospital was a state agency. The Supreme Court Friday ordered in effect that her case should go to trial.

The court decision was regarded by court observers as one of its most important of the past quarter century. They said the ruling will open the way for millions of dollars worth of damage suits and may force state agencies to take out huge insurance policies.

Associate Justice Roger J. Doelling Jr.

Killer Gets Sentenced To Death

By CLYDE F. JABIN
BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (UPI) — A fearful mother and an outraged district attorney drew contrasting portraits of Richard Arlen Lindsey Friday, moments before he was sentenced to death for the kidnap-rape slaying of 6-year-old Rose Marie Riddle.

"When he was all right, when he was happy, there was no human being under the sun better than he," sobbed Mrs. I. A. Lindsey of Lubbock, Tex. She told the court that before Lindsey became mentally disturbed, he could be "kind, calm and considerate."

Kern County Dist. Atty. Kit Nelson demanded the death penalty. He said that Lindsey was a "blight on society" and earlier had been given ample time for rehabilitation.

"He led a useless, dissolute life, with no respect for anybody's property," Nelson added.

Lindsey sat impassive as Nelson used a motion picture and tape recording to describe graphically how Rose Marie died. He remained silent and apparently unconcerned as Dr. Robert W. Huntington Jr., pathologist at Kern County Hospital, testified as to the 16 major blows received by the girl whose ravished, blood-stained body was found in a field 30 miles north of Shafter, Calif.

Lindsey and his wife, Dixie, 23, admitted they lured the girl from her home at a Shafter farm labor camp Jan. 12 with a promise of \$1 for doing housework.

The younger Mrs. Lindsey is expecting her fourth child.

The couple was arrested Jan. 17 while sleeping in their auto near Livermore, Calif. Mrs. Lindsey confessed her husband raped and killed the girl Lindsey subsequently claimed Mrs. Lindsey killed Rose Marie with a tire iron. He admitted Friday he struck and choked the child.

Nelson said he plans to use Lindsey as a witness against his wife when she goes to court next Tuesday. Nelson has not disclosed on what charges he will seek an indictment against Mrs. Lindsey. The prosecutor said he planned to have Lindsey as a witness, and that the couple's marital status was in doubt as Lindsey admitted being married six times and was unsure of divorce.

More than 60 persons pressed into the tiny courtroom for the one-day hearing, presided over by Superior Judge William F. Bradshaw. Each spectator was searched by one of six armed sheriff's deputies who feared a possible attempt on Lindsey's life.

TO ATTEND DINNER
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UPI) — Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson will make his first major public appearance since taking office at the Jefferson-Jackson Democratic dinner here April 7. It was announced Friday by the office staff of Gov. Buford Ellington.

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