

## Poor Wiring Constitutes City's No. 1 Fire Hazard

DUNSMUIR — Electrical wiring, particularly that done in old buildings before the introduction of building codes, constitutes Dunsmuir's major fire hazard, Gary Girdler, fire prevention week chairman, announced following the town inspection last week.

Accumulated rubbish between and in back of business buildings were also among the obvious fire hazards noted by the visiting team of experts, Girdler said. He called upon the owners and occupants to eliminate these eyesores.

An inspection team made up of insurance specialists and volunteer fire department members evaluated fire hazards in 87 business and public buildings on Oct. 9. Twenty five buildings were given a clean bill of health and 142 "fix me" red tags were hung up to call attention to deficiencies in the remaining buildings.

The inspection was not to call public attention to individual fire risks, but to enable corrective action to be taken which will help Dunsmuir maintain its present fire insurance rates, Jim Lambert, fire chief, said of the fire prevention week activities.

Fire Prevention poster contest winners, their parents, inspection team members, and volunteer fire department members were guests at the buck stew dinner at the fire hall Wednesday night.

Poster winners were Ricky Leipitz, first, and Vicki Jones, second, in the upper grade division, with Lauri Holt, first,

and Arlene Hall, second, in the lower grade division.

Nine pieces of fire-fighting equipment with sirens wailing and red lights flashing paraded through Dunsmuir on Tuesday night to emphasize Fire Prevention Week. The parade was followed by demonstrations of fire equipment at an open house at the fire hall.



ERNEST NICHOLS

## Youth Wins Award In Welding

BONANZA — Ernest Nichols, senior at Bonanza High School, has been named a winner in the national contest sponsored by the James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Nichols of Langell Valley, he placed sixth in the arc welding competition and received a check for \$25, gold certificate, and a silver tie clip.

Nichols' winning project was an air compressor which he designed and built himself. The portable compressor is now being used on the Nichols ranch.

At Bonanza High School the welding course includes approximately 10 weeks of general shop work, while many of the students entered in the competition had taken full courses in welding.

Sixty one awards were given in industrial arts on a nationwide basis, with 34 states sharing in the honors. The first place winner received \$700, and Nichols was one of 38 sixth place winners who received \$25.

The James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation, Cleveland, Ohio, sponsors the arc welding program to encourage school shop students to study the uses for arc welding and to practice its skills. Every shop student is eligible to enter the competition.



PREVENTION POSTERS — Fire Prevention Week in Dunsmuir included inspection of business buildings, a parade, and the traditional school poster contest. Prevention of fires in the forests and at home took the top awards for Ricky Leipitz, left, and Vicki Jones, right, in the upper grade division. Smiling over their victory in the lower grade division are, center from left, Lauri Holt and Arlene Hall.

## Newspaper Work Can Be Fun, Too

By DICK WEST  
WASHINGTON (UPI) — National Newspaper Week is currently in progress and I should like to urge everyone to celebrate accordingly.

Possibly there are some Americans who do not know how to celebrate newspaper week accordingly.

Well, each to his own lights, but when people ask me what they can do to help make newspaper week a success I always tell them "take a newspaperman to lunch."

Newspaper week customarily brings forth many statements on the vital role that a free press plays in a democratic society. And every word of this is true.

There is, however, another aspect that I think deserves attention. I refer to the fact that the newspaper business can on occasion be a lot of fun.

Recalls Incident  
As my contribution to newspaper week I should like to recount what happened one day when the telephone rang in the city room of a newspaper where I once worked more or less for a while.

The call was from a lady who reported that she kept hearing thumping noises under her house.

What kind of noises? Thumping noises. Thump, thump, thump, under the floor.

Why didn't she report this to the police? She did. Several times. But they claimed they couldn't hear any kind of noise thumping or otherwise.

The reporter who took the call went out and interviewed the lady. Then he came back and wrote a story suggesting that maybe there was an alligator under her house.

The noise could be its tail thumping against the floor, he theorized.

Attacks Theory  
Next day the rival paper, which resented being scooped, sent out its own reporters to interview the lady. He came back and wrote a story attacking the alligator theory.

The pro-alligator reporter promptly picked up the gauntlet, he persuaded a zoo keeper to lend him an alligator, which he photographed in front of the lady's house.

Then he wrote a story hinting that the alligator had crawled out from under the house and had been turned over to the zoo for safe keeping.

That was strange, gleefully noted the anti-alligator reporter. There was only one alligator in the zoo perviously. And now, after stensibly receiving a new one, the zoo still had only one alligator. Undismayed, the pro-alligator

reporter came up with a simple explanation. The original alligator, he wrote, was a cannibal.

## Altamont Junior High News

By PATTIE VAUGHN  
The eighth graders of Altamont Junior High School held their annual Jerk's Day, initiation to Altamont of all seventh grade students, Friday, Oct. 11.

The seventh graders had to bow to the word "jerk" (if said by an eighth grader), carry the eighth grader's books, and wear their clothes inside - out and backwards, their hair uncombed, different pairs of shoes and socks, and a potato around their neck.

In the morning, after jerking had stopped, an assembly was held. It consisted of "kangaroo court" and a skit. Everyone had a lot of laughs.

The Altamont seventh and eighth grades have played five football games so far this year. On Sept. 24 the Altamont eighth grade played the Fremont eighth grade at Modoc Field. The score was Altamont 8, Fremont 9.

Two games were played Oct. 3 at Modoc Field, both by the seventh grade. The first game played by the seventh grade was against the Fremont eighth grade Midgets. Altamont scored 0, Fremont scored 13. The second game on Oct. 3 was that of Altamont seventh grade versus Sacred Heart seventh grade. That was a tie - 0 to 0.

Another tied game took place at Modoc Field Oct. 8 when Altamont eighth grade played Fremont eighth grade. The score was 0 to 0.

At Gem Stadium on Oct. 12, Altamont eighth grade played Savage Junior High School from Grants Pass. The score was Altamont 25, Savage 6. It was our first big win.

## Wheat Deal Said Costly

SPOKANE (UPI) — Sales of wheat to Russia may prove most costly to the American-taxpayer-consumer than a lot of them realize, a grain official said today.

Merrill D. Sather, executive secretary of the Pacific Northwest Grain Dealers Association, said Canadian and proposed American wheat sales to Russia already have pushed the wheat market up.

"For every cent per bushel the price of wheat in the United States goes up, the cost to the American consumer is about \$15.5 million," Sather said.

"It will take only a two-cent average increase over the crop year to offset the \$30-million which the U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates will be saved in a year in storage costs by reducing our surplus by 150 million bushels," he said.

Sather explained the increased costs would result from higher subsidy payments on the wheat we export and higher prices on the wheat we use domestically.

## Accident Kills Log Worker

MEDFORD (UPI) — Norman Almond Meeds, 33, of Jacksonville, was killed Tuesday while loading logs about 25 miles southwest of Medford in the Cranberry Creek area.



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## Unemployment Rate Falls

Unemployment in the Klamath Falls area dropped to full percentage point during September and stood Sept. 19 at three per cent, the Oregon Department of Employment reported.

Four weeks previous to Sept. 19, unemployment was four per cent of the labor force.

A year ago, Sept. 19, it was 2.5 per cent and two years previously, it had been 3.4 per cent.

The department estimated that a peak in agricultural employment will be reached during October during the potato harvest. No shortage of harvest labor is expected.

Further, the department estimated that the peak of seasonal unemployment in the Klamath Falls area will be reached in late January or early February.

It was found that the local labor market has "apparently recovered from any residual effects of the lumber industry labor dispute which ended in August."

Although unemployment was slightly higher during September over the previous September, it was still within the normal seasonal pattern of the past several years.

## Better Grades — 17

## Good Notes Depend On Effective Listening

By The Reading Laboratory  
Written for  
Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

We've discussed the relationship between the textbook and the lecture—how you can save time by overwriting the text the night before class and then taking class notes only on what is not mentioned in the text. Which brings us to the problem of taking effective notes. Or, more precisely, to the problem of becoming an effective listener.

Most high school teachers and almost all college teachers use the textbook only as a course guide. They expect you to read the text on your own to get background understanding. They use the lecture periods to develop material which is inadequately covered in the text, to provide you with insights on the topics under discussion and to clear up any questions which the text may have raised. Many

times only half of the exam questions will come from the textbook; the other half will come from the lectures.

So you have three choices: buy a tape recorder, learn stenography or learn how to be a good listener.

Your teacher can talk at a rate of about 150-200 words a minute. The very best stenographers can't take dictation that fast, so don't try to write down everything a teacher says. You can't write that fast; you'll get confused and you may even miss an important part of the lecture.

Here's the way a good note taker operates:

—He overviews his text the night before. He's on familiar ground during the lecture. He takes notes only on what is not in the textbook.

—When he does take notes, he listens, he doesn't just scribble. He assumes that if a teacher wants something taken down

exactly (perhaps a definition), he'll say so. The good note taker listens for the main idea of the lecture before he starts writing.

—As the teacher introduces each major point, our ideal listener makes a short note to pin down the topic. Then he just listens and tries to understand the teacher. He may write down occasional fine distinctions that the teacher is fond of. When the teacher finishes each major point, our hero makes a short summary of it and starts to listen for the next big point.

—The good note taker is always active and questioning; he tries to anticipate what the teacher is going to say. That way, he's able to concentrate; his mind doesn't wander.

You may have noticed that there's a great deal of similarity between our ideal note taker and our ideal reader. They both go after the main idea; they're both active and questioning;

they both try to figure out what's coming. And they both have an easy time of it in school, so start working on your listening now.

One more point—if a certain class or a certain teacher bores you and you can't help daydreaming, try listening in spurts (the same way that you study). Concentrate hard for 10 minutes, then take a five-minute daydream break, then listen for 10 more minutes, take another break and so on. It's not the best way of attending class, but it's better than daydreaming all the time.

(Next: How to study so you're sure.)

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