

Fire Hazard Inspection Is Proven Factor In Actually Cutting Down Fire Losses

Does a fire hazard inspection such as the one being conducted here today actually reduce fire losses?

Yes, according to Fire Chief Ray Lusk, who quotes records kept by the other 49 Texas communities which have been inspected since the program was introduced in 1948. Haskell is the 51st city to be inspected in the state. Stamford was No. 50, the fire hazard survey having been made in that city yesterday.

One community reported that fire losses hit a 30-year low after volunteer inspectors, capital stock insurance fieldmen, had visited the town. The survey further shows that in most cities inspected, fire losses dropped after the check.

Ennis, for example, switched from a five per cent fire insurance rate penalty to the 20 per cent credit side. Wichita Falls received a similar credit the following year, saving its business community more than \$100,000 in insurance bills.

Texas' biggest drop in net fire losses following an inspection was registered in Brownfield, which was checked by the West Texas Division of the Texas Insurance Fieldmen's Association, the same field club which is inspecting Haskell. Before the tour by visiting experts in 1952, Brownfield had suffered a

year's fire loss of more than \$173,000. During the following 12 months, the loss was only \$26,000.

Gatesville, in Central Texas, was the first town in the state to be given a fire hazard inspection by the Texas Insurance Fieldmen's Association. In addition to Stamford and Haskell, the West Texas Division of T. I. F. A. has already inspected Littlefield, San Angelo, Lamesa, Brownfield, Childress, Brady, Hereford, Dalhart, Midland and Plainview.

The town inspection idea originated 50 years ago and since that time more than 4,000 communities have been made more fire safe by fieldmen's associations throughout the country.

Homecoming—

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for that purpose by contacting Supt. Allen's office.

Late afternoon feature of the Homecoming will be a chuck wagon meal Friday, Oct. 7, to be served by a Fort Worth catering service.

Registration Begins

at 8 a. m.

Registration will begin at 8 a. m. Friday, and the entire morning period will be open for reunions among friends and visiting.

The afternoon program will get under way promptly at 2 o'clock in the High School gym, with Rex Felker, C. of C. manager as master of ceremonies.

The invocation will be given by Alfred Pierson, Class of 1915, and the welcome will be given by Hill Oates, Class of 1920, who is president of the Ex-Students Association.

Supt. C. D. Allen will lead the audience in a sing song, and dedication of the new school buildings will follow.

Next will be the Homecoming address by Dr. Herman Pitman, Class of 1931, who is now director of the Illinois Commission on Human Relations. The speaker will be introduced by Bob Seago, Class of 1931.

A brief business session will follow when officers of the association will make their reports. Nomination and election of officers will end the business session.

Royce Adkins, Class of 1944 and association vice president, will conduct a recognition period for visitors and memorial tribute will follow.

To be given special recognition are the following: Earlyday students, up to the year 1900; class with the largest number present; class with the largest percentage of members present; largest immediate family of ex-student present; person coming farthest distance; and all ex-teachers. Announcements of class meetings etc., will be followed by the program finale, the HHS Indian School song led by the high school Pep Squad.

Following the chuck wagon meal, a huge pep rally and bonfire is being planned as a prelude to the Haskell Indians first District 8-A football game when they meet the Roby Lions in Indian Stadium.

Saturday morning's program lists class meetings and reunions of former students, teachers and patrons.

Many Homecoming visitors are expected to attend the annual Weiner, Homecoming, barbecue and Six-Man football game, scheduled in that city Saturday, Oct. 8. Main program of the Weiner event will get underway at noon Saturday.

VISIT GRANDPARENTS

Linda and Brenda Griffith spent Thursday and Friday in Abilene with their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Dunn.

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DANGER MARKER — Fire-red "Fix Me" tags, as above, are being placed today on Haskell's potential fire hazards as the West Texas Fieldmen's Association conducts a town inspection here. These tags, which are being placed on hazards in schools, churches and business buildings, are only friendly warnings that danger exists, but compliance with their advice "Fix Me" has probably saved untold amounts of property and lives in Texas.

Police Chief—

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the following letter: "Hon. City Council City of Haskell "Dear Sirs: "I would like to submit my resignation as Chief of Police of the City of Haskell, Texas, effective October 1, 1955.

"I have purchased a farm near Brownfield, Texas, and plan to move on it in the very near future. In leaving the employment of the City, I want to thank all of the City Council members, past and present, all of the employees of the City of Haskell, and all of my fellow peace officers in this area for the splendid cooperation that I have received from all. It has been a real pleasure working for the people of the City of Haskell and I want to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to the citizens of Haskell for the cooperation which has been shown me while employed by the City.

"It is with regret that I submit this resignation, but I feel that I am taking a step which will be beneficial to my family.

Sincerely, B. T. Gordon." In accepting the resignation, city officials praised the retiring police chief for his efficient service as a city officer. Before his appointment as Police Chief, Gordon had served as first deputy under former Sheriff Bob Cousins for more than three years, from July, 1951 to October, 1954.

His successor in the police department will be chosen by Oct. 1, members of the Council indicated, and said that applications from any interested persons would be accepted at the office of the City Secretary.

In the past, no definite tenure of office has been in effect for city police officers other than a general agreement that they will be retained as long as their services are deemed satisfactory by the Council.

For the past year or longer the city police department has been composed of two men, a day man or Chief, and a combination night-watchman and night patrol officer. At times during busy seasons, a third officer has been used on a temporary basis.

Night officer and watchman for the past year has been Tom Paul Barnett, whose duties have included watchman in the fire zone or business district, and general patrol in the residential areas.

Several Applications Filed

Since the announcement of Chief Gordon's resignation, several applications for the police department vacancy have been filed. City Secretary T. J. Ar-buckle said today.

In addition to Night Officer Barnett, others seeking the post are Olen Bartley, a former city officer for several months, Dave S. Strickland, former County Commissioner of Precinct 4; Joe Larned, insurance salesman of this city; and Felix Miller, plaster and cement contractor of Haskell.

Only out-of-town applicant for the position is James V. Andrus of Wichita Falls, former police officer in that city.

Four applicants for the position of City Nightwatchman are W. C. Allen, who has previously served in that capacity for a number of years; R. D. Turpin, Roy Reynolds, and J. L. (Happy) Hendrix.

VISIT GRANDPARENTS

Seaman I-c and Mrs. Charles (Tid) Williams, who have been making their home at Long Beach, Calif., while Seaman Williams was stationed at Terminal Island, are visiting this week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse B. Smith. Seaman Williams has been assigned six months sea duty. He will sail for Japan on the USS Frank Evans within the next few weeks. Mrs. Williams will make her home in Little Rock, Ark., while he is away.

Lake—

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Stamford city officials present were unanimous in declaring that the City Council endorsed everything the Commissioners Court had done in regard to promoting sanitary conditions at and around Lake Stamford.

"We not only endorse, we'll add that we appreciate what the Court has done," stated Councilman Ryland Gleaton of Stamford.

A similarly-worded resolution to the one adopted by the Commissioners Court will be passed by the Stamford City Council, officials of that city said.

Commissioner Francis Blake of Precinct 4 and County Attorney Curtis Pogue raised a point concerning four or five fishing rafts remaining on the lake. Following an inspection in August by the County Health Officer and a representative of the State Health Department and their report that houseboats and rafts were insanitary, the Commissioners Court had asked that all of the crafts be removed from the lake.

"Since some 25 or more owners of this type of fishing craft voluntarily removed their rafts or houseboats, we feel that it is only fair to them that we endeavor to have the remaining rafts removed," County Attorney Pogue said.

Along the same line, Commissioner Blake reported that several persons in Precinct 4 had removed their rafts or houseboats as requested, but were criticizing the Commissioners Court because some units were permitted to remain on the lake. "Our action in trying to get the rafts and houseboats off was taken because we thought it only right to try to help you keep the lake clean," Blake said. "We know that you folks voted a lot of bonds and spent a lot of money to build the lake and it's yours. We just want to do what's right and help you all we can," he declared.

"Then when some of these fellows say they have been told that Stamford has no objections to these rafts or houseboats being down there, you can see why it makes us feel bad," Blake added.

City Attorney Watson and several Stamford Councilmen assured Commissioner Blake and county officials that reports of that nature were not based on facts.

"We feel that we are honor bound to get these four or five remaining craft off the lake in order to have it as clean and sanitary condition as possible when the City of Stamford annexes or takes over the lake," County Attorney Pogue explained.

"Let's not say that Stamford takes over the lake altogether," a Stamford Councilman interposed. "We'll want your cooperation and help in maintaining safety and sanitation down there."

Stamford officials also declared that annexation of the lake would not in any way affect Scott Memorial Park or its facilities. The Councilmen made numerous complimentary remarks concerning the park and the treatment accorded visitors by the park caretaker, Alton Middleton.

A friendly atmosphere prevailed throughout the entire meeting. Sentiment of the session was probably best expressed in the remark of Commissioner Estle Gilleland of Precinct 3 when he said: "I'll dig the hole in which we can bury the hatchet," to which a Stamford Councilman replied, "I'll put in the hatchet, and it will be a small one, too, because the only differences between Haskell County and Stamford are minor ones."

Courthouse Offices Will Be Closed October 8th

County Judge Alfred Turnbow announced this week that offices in the courthouse would be closed the entire day, Saturday Oct. 8 for the Haskell and Weiner school Homecoming events. Commissioners, in approving the closing date, did so in order to permit county officials and office employees an opportunity to attend the Homecoming activities in both towns.

Actually, the closing will affect normal business in the court house but very little, since all the offices normally close at the offices close at noon on Saturday, it was pointed out.

The office of Postmaster General and a temporary post office system were created Sept. 22, 1949.

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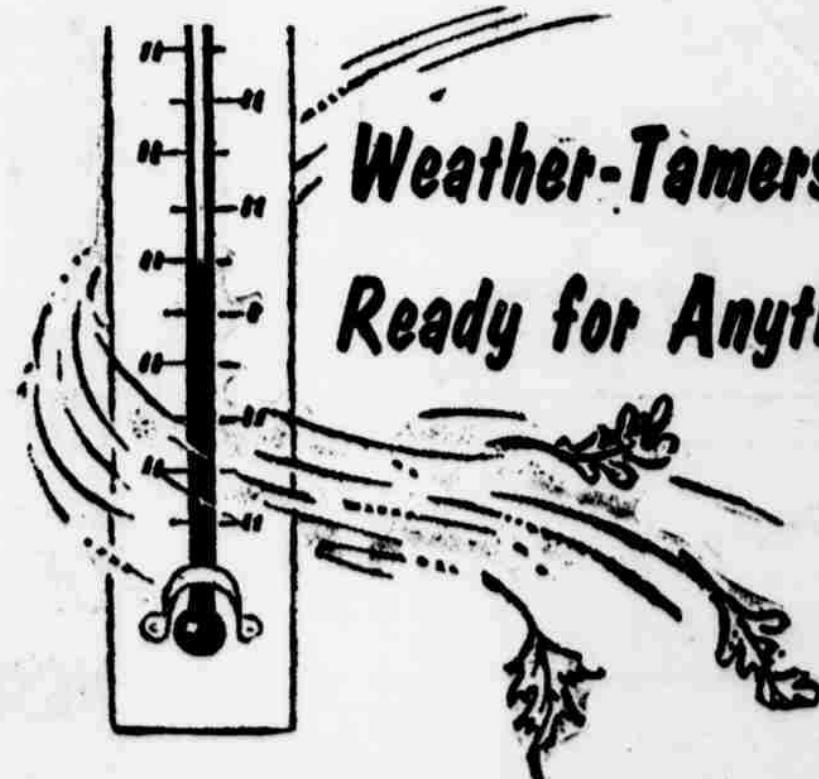
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