

Air Raid Warning Device Perfected by Local Inventor

Torrance may well become the home of the most economical, most effective air-raid siren in the world, if the warning device invented by Victor Chatten of 1567 W. 215th St., is adopted for general use.

Chatten's invention, which consists of two yard-long pipes set upright on either end of a box containing batteries and firing mechanism, would fire whistling rockets to an altitude of 1000 feet, where they would explode with tripple roars which could be heard for 10 miles. One of the two pipes is the alert rocket, and the other would discharge an all clear signal.

Plans for the new type alarm were submitted to County Supervisor Raymond Darby last week by its inventor.

Encouraged by the county official who realized the advantages of an independently powered alarm, Chatten rushed completion of the working model.

Under the proposed plan a series of launching stations can be established at existing fire stations which are already equipped with radio and direct wire communication.

A blanket of overlapping ten-mile diameter circles would assure nearly 100 percent efficiency since the alarm sounded from the 1000 foot elevation is not effected by obstructions such as hills and buildings.

Advantages of the proposed system as outlined by Chatten are:

1. It will cost less than one-fourth as much as the siren system now in use;
2. It is independent of outside power sources which are vulnerable;
3. It will eliminate any confusion now attributed to the use of sirens on emergency vehicles;
4. It will instantly alert an area within a five-mile radius;
5. Strategic materials now going into sirens will be conserved;
6. It is not affected by natural or man-made obstructions, and
7. It approaches nearly 100 percent efficiency.

The trigger mechanism firing the missile can be located near the radio and wire facilities at the fire stations, Chatten explained.

Power for the launching device is self-contained, protected from the elements, and need not be renewed for a year and a half.

The missile is constructed of

asbestos paper which will disintegrate with the final charge, leaving no sparks, traces or particles.

Reloading of the launcher can be accomplished in less than three minutes by fire station personnel. A safety device in the launcher prevents firing of the mechanism until it is completely reloaded.

Defense officials expressed a desire to see an early demonstration of the device.

Farm Labor in Demand Here

During the last two months the wet weather has delayed much work in the fields, but with the approach of warmer weather and cessation of rains there should be an increase in the need for various types of skilled and unskilled farm workers.

We are receiving orders from time to time for hand and machine milkers, tractor operators and celery planters and weeders, nursery workers, according to a Farm Labor office bulletin. As the season progresses the demand should increase.

We hope that all persons seeking farm jobs will call at this office located at 1647 South New Hampshire and register so that they may be reached on short notice when we receive orders for workers.

Farmers should place their orders for workers with this office to allow us to search a wider field than they are able to reach for the kinds of workers they need.

Dennee Shows

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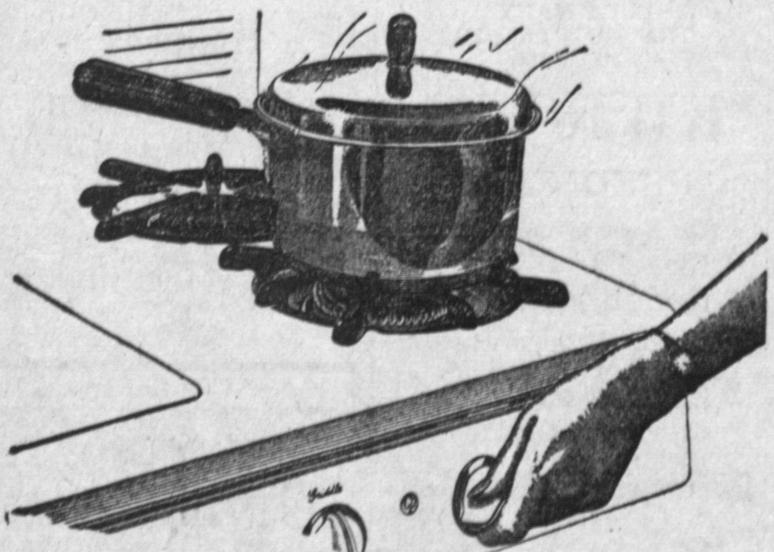
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