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Roseburg Business Zone Fire Subdued After Hard Battle

3 Buildings Destroyed, Six Damaged

One Man Suffers Scalp Wound; Aggregate Loss About 2-Thirds Insured

Firemen and reserve policemen today maintained vigil over the still smoldering ruins of the fire which burned through one of Roseburg's principal business blocks Thursday, causing destruction or damage to nine buildings before being brought under control.

Starting in the furnace room in the basement of the Jossé Furniture company, the blaze completely destroyed that building and its contents, together with Lowell's store, the Callen-Miller barber shop and the Handy stand immediately adjacent. Following the Jossé company building through to the Cass street entrance, the fire raced westward on Cass, unroofing the buildings occupied by the Barnes barber shop, Hudson's shoe shop, the Pullman cigar store and Kampfer Bros.' meat market, causing interior damage to each of these buildings.

The blaze broke through the top story windows of the building occupied by the Roseburg branch of the U. S. National bank at the corner of Cass and Jackson streets, unroofing that structure and causing some fire damage to the offices on the top floor. Water caused minor damage to fixtures on the lower floor, but vaults and records were not damaged.

Fire Chief Glenn H. Taylor estimated total damage at around \$100,000, with approximately two-thirds of the loss covered by insurance.

Fire Rapid In Progress

"I had started a fire in the furnace and had gone down later and put in a few pieces of wood," L. W. Jossé, owner-manager of the Jossé Furniture company, related. "A few minutes later smoke began to pour into the store from the basement, and we discovered the entire basement blazing."

With no fire safeguard between the furnace room and the basements of the adjoining build-

ings, the fire spread with great rapidity into Lowell's store, owned and operated by L. A. Rhoden, and completely demolished both structures.

From the Jossé store the flames followed under the roofs, which had been constructed without fire breaks, the full length of the block on Cass street to Rose street. Northward progress of the blaze on the Jackson street side was halted by the fireproof buildings occupied by the Bubbar Bros. jewelry store, leaving that business and Carl's Tavern undamaged except from smoke. At Carl's Tavern, although electricity had been cut off, waitresses continued to prepare coffee on gas plates to refresh fire fighters.

Flames breaking through the roofs of the building broke windows in the top story of the bank building, starting fires between the ceiling and roof of that structure. This provided one of the toughest obstacles for the firemen, as they were forced to cut away the major portion of the roof to get at the blaze, while pouring tons of water into the building to prevent its destruction.

All hose and equipment belonging to the City of Roseburg was called into use. The Veterans facility fire department brought in its hose and pumper and gave valuable service, while the Douglas Forest Protective association added its equipment, consisting of small hose and pump to increase the volume of water played on the blaze.

One Man Slightly Hurt

Despite the many hazards encountered in fighting the blaze, only one man was injured. C. H. McCall suffered a deep scalp wound when a grapple hook, being used in tearing cornices from the burning structures, slipped and struck him on the head. He was rushed to Mercy hospital where the injury was treated. He was not seriously hurt and was able to leave the hospital after the wound had been dressed. Several firemen and volunteer assistants were made ill by smoke, but none was completely overcome.

Concern was felt during the progress of the blaze because of the possibility of an explosion in the cold storage lockers at the Kampfer market, but Fire Chief Taylor directed action which drove the blaze away from that section of the building. The lockers were not damaged and none of the large amount of food they contained was hurt, either by fire or water. Locker service for patrons was restored in the early part of the afternoon.

During the night firemen continued to keep the smoldering embers cooled down, while reserve police guarded the damaged property against looting. Rebuilding plans indefinite. Reconstruction plans were not announced by the owners. A. C.

Marsters, the principal property owner, declared his plans to be indefinite, but that he probably will not rebuild, at least immediately. He owned the structures occupied by the Jossé company, Lowell's, Callen-Miller, the Handy Stand, Barnes barber shop, The Pullman and the Dimmick agency. The latter two properties possibly can be repaired, as can the remaining buildings to the west, owned by Al Kent and Louis Neuner. Repairs will depend, it was stated, on whether construction materials can be obtained.

Jossé and Rhoden reported full coverage insurance on the merchandise in their buildings. The bank building was fully insured. Property owners and the remaining tenants had partial insurance.

Best Fly Control Is To Swat Dirty Breeding Places

The best way to swat flies is to swat their breeding places, reminds Lois A. Lutz, extension specialist in home management at Oregon State college, who is now receiving the usual seasonal questions on fly control.

Weekly removal and scattering of stable manure is one way to control these breeding places in the country, while in the cities the first requirement is adequate garbage disposal. Of course, there always will be some flies and hence good window screens, fly poisons, sprays and traps will help rid the home of flies that get to the house, Miss Lutz adds.

Ordinary fly poisons are dangerous both to human beings and animals, hence must be kept out of reach of children and pets, she warns. An effective homemade poison is easily prepared from 3 teaspoons of formalin in a pint of sweet, skimmed milk or water; add a teaspoon of sugar or syrup and pour it over a small, thin slice of bread in a saucer. This solution attracts and kills flies and works best when no other food or crumbs are around.

Spray Recipe Given. A good, homemade fly spray consists of pyrethrum extract in kerosene. Pyrethrum "flowers" are obtained from any drugstore. A pound of these flowers is soaked in a gallon of kerosene and stirred occasionally for 48 hours. This liquid is then strained off through a cheesecloth and can be applied with any good hand spray.

Miss Lutz reminds homemakers that the most important thing of all in fly control is sanitation. Flies won't put up with cleanliness, hence they can be starved out if refuse heaps, garbage pails and manure piles are prevented from becoming their breeding places and if other conditions that they like around the house are cleaned up.

The house fly has been recognized for generations as a nuisance and a health menace. Every fly that gets into the house is a health hazard as it probably has come recently from some dirty refuse pile.

Dry Pea Harvest Advice Offered Oregon farmers are faced this year for the first time with the job of harvesting from 40,000 to 50,000 acres of dry edible peas, one of the vital war crops needed for both home consumption and lend-lease purposes.

Best methods of harvesting these have been studied in Washington and other states by extension men at Oregon State college, who have now reported on their findings in an extension circular No. 408, "Harvesting Smooth Dry Peas."

Growers in this state have had long experience in harvesting dry seed peas, green canner peas and the Austrian winter field peas; but this new crop presents still different conditions, says Clyde Walker, extension agricultural engineer and author of the bulletin. He gives specific directions for combining direct, mowing and combining, and for mowing and threshing.

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Roger Olmscheid Gets Assignment To Flight Course

Roger Olmscheid, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Olmscheid of Roseburg, has received official notification of his assignment to naval flight training and will leave late in July to enter pre-flight school at Kansas City, Mo. Olmscheid, who enlisted in the navy prior to the outbreak of war, has served for the past year in the Aleutians area and has to his credit 1439 hours of combat duty with aerial reconnaissance and bombing patrols. He holds the rating of aviation radioman first class.

Olmscheid has had an application for flight training pending for several months, but was prevented from entering school last summer because of the need for an operation, which has since been performed and from which he has made full recovery, enabling him to pass the strict physical tests.

He has been on leave since June 10 visiting here with his parents, but is returning tonight to Seattle, where he will make final arrangements for his departure to the pre-flight school.

Around the County

Days Creek

DAYS CREEK, June 25.—John Sutton recently had a very narrow escape from serious injury when his team with which he was raking hay became frightened and bolted throwing him from the rake seat. He was rolled and dragged some distance but was finally run over by a wheel so being freed from the times.

One of the largest rattlesnakes ever killed in this vicinity was found and dispatched Sunday by Ralph Duncan and Delbert Moore in the lane on the Frank Brown place. It measured forty-nine inches in length and had fifteen rattles.

Miss Jean Duncan and Hazel Welch returned Friday evening from Corvallis where they had been attending 4-H summer school. They were met in Roseburg by Mrs. Roy Duncan, Norma Duncan who also attended the summer session had returned earlier in the week in order to be here for the graduation exercises.

Miss Josephine Wright returned Sunday to Corvallis after enjoying several days vacation here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wright. Her sister, Miss Margie, also spent the weekend here returning to her work in Myrtle Creek Sunday. The latter was a member of this year's graduating class.

Mrs. Cora Calhoun and her daughter, Miss Betty, of Poson, Nevada, are spending a short vacation in the Tiller vicinity. They formerly made their home at Tiller but for the past two years have been residing in Nevada where Miss Betty has a position with a banking firm.

Mrs. Archie Ferguson was a business visitor in Myrtle Creek Tuesday morning.

A meeting recently held at the school house in the interest of the observation post was well attended. Lt. Vandenberg and Sgt. Orpin from the filter center were present and showed the motion picture entitled "What About Air Raids." They also answered many questions that were brought up by those attending.

Mrs. Pete Ulam and Mrs. Gene Brady and daughter, Sharon Clark, were attending to business matters in Roseburg Friday afternoon.

Mrs. George Shaffer, nee Sue Crispin, of Bremerton and her brother, Damon Crispin, who is stationed in Seattle, are enjoying a vacation at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Crispin.

Ivan Welch has been at home from work several days recently because of a very serious attack of sinus trouble.

Miss Alta Smith, who recently graduated from the Myrtle Creek high school, has been spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Smith, at their home on Beals Creek.

Vernon Tison has returned to his home in Phoenix after having been a guest at the home of his uncle, Sid Tison, for several days. His sister, Miss Beverly, is staying for a longer visit.

Mrs. Len Whittaker of Portland has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Maggie Snyder, for several days. She is enjoying a short va-

cation from her work at the Sears Roebuck & Co., store in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Whittaker recently purchased a home in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Snyder now have about twelve hundred turkeys in their brooder houses. They expect also to soon have about sixteen hundred baby chicks to care for.

Ronald Loffer, who is employed in one of the shipyards in the Portland area, was recently visiting relatives and friends here. When he returned north he was accompanied by his son, Bucky, who has been staying with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Higgins, while attending school.

Mr. and Mrs. Ursula Waterman and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Waterman, all of Grants Pass, were overnight guests at the home of Mrs. Oscar Waterman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ferguson, while en route to Fish Lake for an outing. They were accompanied here by Miss Janet Lander, who had been visiting for a few days at the Oscar Waterman home, and who returned to spend a short while longer with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson.

Sgt. John Dean and his father, M. K. Dean, of Grants Pass were en route to Portland where Thursday morning. Sgt. Dean was en route to Portland from where he was returning to the Jackson, Miss., air base where he has been stationed for some time. He will soon be sent to a flying school to begin his cadet training as he has recently passed the necessary examinations.

Mrs. R. K. Lewis was especially honored at the recent commencement exercises of the local school as she had the very unusual honor of having three grandchildren in the class. They were her two granddaughters, Miss Margie Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wright, and Miss Betty Lou Weseman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Weseman, and her grandson, Melvin Welch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Welch.

Mr. and Mrs. "Bud" Lowell, who make their home at the Divide ranger station, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, Gordon, May 31, in Medford.

Olalla OLALLA, June 24.—Mrs. Theodore Tankersley returned the first of the week from southern California, where she spent the past several months as guest of her mother, Mrs. Goodman.

Henry Ireland recently sold one hundred sixty-eight acres of the Ireland ranch to Mr. and Mrs. Paul DeRoss of Roseburg. The tract is located across the highway from the family residence and is part of the original donation claim which was taken by Henry's father and mother many years ago. The DeRoss's will build a house and other necessary buildings on the place as soon as possible and plan to make their home there. Mrs. DeRoss is a daughter of John Long of Roseburg and sister of J. V. Long, district attorney.

A large crowd gathered at the Olalla picnic grounds Sunday to honor Mr. and Mrs. Bill Winningham, who were recently married. Mrs. Winningham was Miss William Muetzel and both are well known here. They plan to make their home in Roseburg.

Jim Adamek, who was released from the Myrtle Point hospital where he was treated for a head injury received when struck by a falling limb, about two weeks ago, has returned to work in the woods near Powers, where he and Noble Standley are engaged in logging.

Little Donna Friend, and her brother, Gale, are spending part of their vacation as house guests of their maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ollivant. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Friend of Medford.

Mrs. Frank Adamek spent several days in Roseburg the first of the week with her daughter, Miss Rosella, who has been employed at the office of the Roseburg Chief of Police, but who has resigned her job there to take a course at the welding school in Roseburg.

Virgil Long has purchased the saw-mill on the George Ollivant place and plans to dismantle and

remove it to his place in Camas Valley. Virgil is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Tankersley.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollivant have leased their place in Olalla to their son, Eliga, and family and have moved to Lookingglass to make their home.

Mrs. Anna Ireland and Mrs. Frank Adamek called on Miss Nella Arnold Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Gilkison spent the evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy J. Carnall Wednesday.

Miss Norma Byron has gone to Drain where she has accepted employment on the ration board for the summer.

Earl Ollivant is working at the Oregon Turkey Growers plant in Roseburg this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bates from eastern Oregon visited relatives here recently. Mrs. Bates was formerly Miss Bonnie Ollivant.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ollivant and Miss Annie Duzenberg spent Friday afternoon with Henry and Anna Ireland. Gene also assisted Jess Ware in shearing sheep at the Ireland place the first of the week.

Wilbur

WILBUR, June 24.—George Beatty arrived home from overseas and is visiting his father, P. A. Beatty, and other relatives. J. S. McKay of Dorena arrived here Friday to visit at the home of his brother, D. P. McKay.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Wilson of Oakland, Calif., arrived here Sunday to visit during their vacation with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Barneburg.

Mrs. Norman Leitheiser and son, Mike, and Mrs. Everett Phillips and daughter, Margaret Ellen, of Portland, arrived here Thursday to visit with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sands have purchased the Ed Russell home and expect to take possession soon.

Corporal Richard Brown, who has been in service for more than one year, arrived here Monday from Santa Ana, Calif., and will spend his furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Brown.

Mrs. W. E. Russell left Tuesday for law, Mrs. Fred Russell. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Urban and daughter, Shirley, of Portland were visiting at the Frank Parker home Sunday.

Miss Vada Holcomb left Sunday for Elton to spend the summer with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Holcomb.

Frank Parker, who is quite sick at his home here, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Carey have moved in their new home recently purchased from Loyd Chambers. Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Holcomb have moved to their new home in Melrose.

Mrs. Alan J. Wickham of Port-

land and Mrs. Beulah DeMarco, of Las Vegas, Nev., were guests from Monday until Tuesday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parker.

A party was given Thursday, June 10, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Bonifacio Yraquin, (Julia Sabala) at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Domingo Sabala. A very enjoyable time was had by the many guests present. The couple left for a trip to Vale, Ore., after which they will make their home in Roseburg.

Tenmile

TENMILE, June 25.—Mrs. Rilla Hahn returned the first of the week from Stockton, Calif., where she visited a son, and also met two other sons, who were there from southern California but were unable to come on to Oregon on account of gas shortage.

Mrs. Bessie Smith, who has been teaching school near Myrtle Point the past term, is home for the summer vacation. She has been elected to teach the same school the coming year.

Mrs. Laurance Lockwood has been spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Dick Stevenson in Happy Valley. The Steven-

son's have just finished harvesting a very nice crop of head lettuce grown on their place there.

Members of the State Guard and Ambulance corp. attending the guard meeting at Myrtle Point Sunday included, in the Tenmile group, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cabot and son, Jack, Mr. and Mrs. Arwell Muetzel, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Simpson, and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Coats and family. The Guard and Corp are planning a picnic, to be held on Blue river, for their next meeting. Mrs. Roy J. Carnall has recently presented the Tenmile group of ambulance corp girls with a hand-pieced star quilt top which will be quilted by the Labor party of Tenmile community circle and sold by the girls to buy first aid kits, gas masks and other things needed in their work.

Mrs. Laurance M. McCaffery was shopping and attending to business matters in Roseburg the first of the week.

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