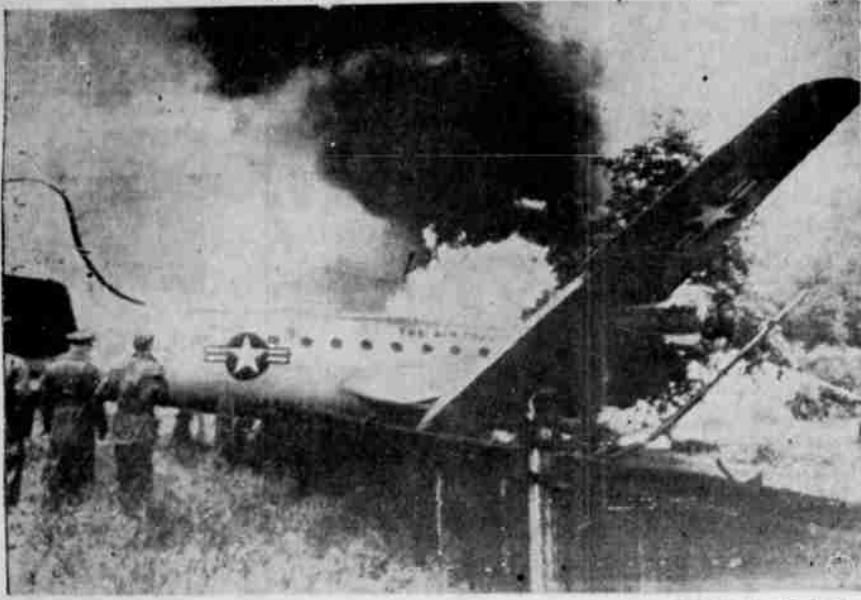


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Battle Against Sagebrush With Flamethrowers, Other Devices To Be Launched in Lake County Area

By ANN REED BURNS

LAKEVIEW, Ore., Aug. 17—(AP)—They're going to take a flamethrower to the romance of the range next Thursday. Agricultural experts will demonstrate how to destroy the sagebrush which covers some 96,000,000 western acres and has inspired nearly that many lines of cowboy ballads, tales and movies.

"We want," said T. R. Conn with a trace of nostalgia, "to turn it into grass. Sagebrush is no good."

Conn is chairman of the Aug. 19 demonstration—first of its kind in the country—planned by the Lakeview Rotary Club to show ranchmen how to burn up

or dig out their sagebrush and replace it with perennial grass that livestock will eat.

J. F. Pechanec, chief of the range research division of the Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station, hopes this may start a mass move to

get rid of the land of the purple sage.

Cattle won't eat sagebrush. Sheep just pick at it. It drinks up all the moisture which otherwise would support pasturage. And it spreads like—

Well, Lake County in early days was lush grass, with only a sprinkle of sagebrush. But cattle ate the grass up. Droughts dried the rest. In moved the sagebrush. Now the country has 2,500,000 acres of the stuff.

Remedy Not Cheap

Federal agencies have been sagebrushing experimental plots for years. The demonstration will show removal methods: Burning with flame throwers; uprooting with various devices—offset disk, pipe harrow, sagebrush rails, a new brushland plow developed by the forest service. And it will show which hardy grasses

are best to plant in different regions.

"It's sort of like a doctor's prescription," said Pechanec. "No single method is adaptable to all conditions."

De-saging's not cheap. "By mechanical methods—if the ranger had to hire everything done—it would probably cost from \$5 to \$10 an acre," said Pechanec.

"But ranchers who've done it figure it pays. They have to pay taxes on the land anyway. They might as well be getting forage as growing sagebrush."

E. R. Jackman, Oregon State College crops specialist, estimates that sagebrush land which now produces 2 or 3 pounds of meat per acre could—cleared and reseeded—produce 10 to 20 pounds.

The Rotary Club started the demonstration as a strictly local affair. A kickoff for a five-year

contest to see which Lake County farmer can de-sage the most.

But interest outran the county. Now ranchers from many states are coming to the Elder Brothers ranch 20 miles north of here to learn how to dig up their sage-land.

They'll go back home with the know-how and then—

Well, how about a song on the lone cowboy riding the moonlit trail of pipe harrows, brushland plows and offset disks?

Oregonians will figuratively talk and eat their State Fair in Salem this year. Fair officials said this week distribution would begin immediately of 300,000 restaurant place mats, upon which appear a picturization of the 83rd annual Oregon State Fair.

State Convention Of Legion Dates Maris at Astoria

Jack S. Maris of Canyonville, department commander of the American Legion, will go to Astoria next month to preside over the first state convention to be held outside Portland since the start of the recent war. It is expected to draw 10,000 people, he said.

Committees arranging the convention are giving "as complete coverage as any convention I have ever seen," said Maris.

Delegate strength at the gathering will be from 750 to 780, the state commander explained. Prior to the war, the Legion membership represented only World War I veterans. Legion ranks are now augmented by World War II veterans. Until now, lack of adequate housing facilities prevented the convention being held anywhere but Portland.

At the Astoria convention, Seaside will be cooperating in the housing of delegates and others drawn there by sports and entertainment features of the gathering, said Maris. The state commander and his official family and distinguished guests will stay at hotels in downtown Astoria.

James A. O'Neill, national commander of the American Legion, will address the convention. The governors of Oregon, Washington and California have been invited to attend. Officials of the Veterans Administration will also attend.

Sidelights of the convention, dated Sept. 16, 17, and 18, include boat trips up the Columbia, bowling tournaments, flycasting and golfing contests, state drum and bugle corps competition, ritualistic contest, finals of Legion Junior baseball between The Dalles and Albany, and grand promenade of the 40 et 8.

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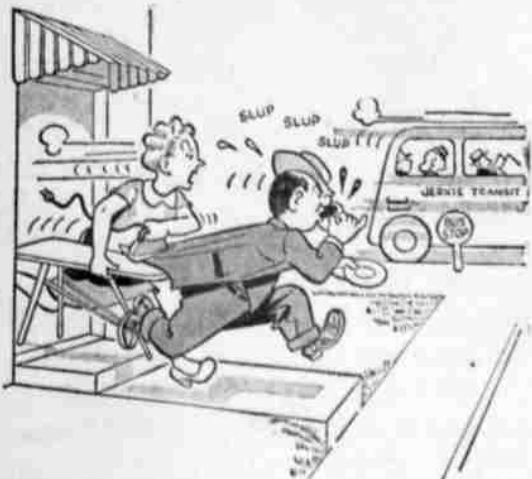
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