

# FOREST FIRE DESTROYS LANDER'S LOOKOUT



**PRAYS FOR RAIN**—Holding stalks of his withered maize, farmer H. O. Franks, of Krum, Tex., utters a prayer for rain as he gazes at the blazing Texas sun that has plagued that state for the past three weeks. Crop and pasture losses are estimated at millions of dollars daily, with no relief in sight. (NEA Telephoto)

## The News-Review

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### Flaming Plane Crash Kills 13 Soldiers

#### 20 Others Hurt In Jet Tragedy At Fort Dix

FORT DIX, N. J. — (AP) — A flame-enveloped jet plane — raining fiery death as it fought a losing battle for altitude — plowed into a group of soldiers Monday. Thirteen men, including twin brothers, were killed.

#### Oregon Penitentiary Strike Develops Second Crack As 138 More Convicts Decide To Go Back To Work—And Eat

SALEM, Ore. — (AP) — The second crack in the Oregon prison sit-down strike came today with 138 convicts joining 49 others who went back to work Monday. That left 1172 who haven't had a meal since Thursday breakfast.

#### No Agreement Yet In Korean Truce Huddle

MUNSAN, Korea — (AP) — The Korean war armistice subcommittee met in its fifth round table discussion today as a United Nations spokesman hinted the Chinese and North Koreans do not see eye to eye.

#### Rodeo At Riddle Will Be Linked With Memorial

Three southern Oregon sheriff's posses and two saddle clubs will be participating in the annual Riddle rodeo which will be staged Saturday and Sunday in Townsend park at Riddle.

### Truman Seeks \$400 Million For Flood Disaster Relief

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman has asked Congress for \$400,000,000 to help the flood-battered middle west and to finance a new national flood disaster insurance program.

#### Second Annual Outdoor Art Exhibit Scheduled

The second annual outdoor art exhibit of the Roseburg Art association will be staged in the City Library park this Friday and Saturday, it has been announced.

#### City Business Gets Attention Of Councilmen

The city council last night approved a proposal by General J. T. Pierce, county civil defense director, for a hookup between city and county radio facilities in the event of an emergency.

#### DRUNK DRIVER RAPPED

Ira Isaac Pugh, 31, Little river, was fined a total of \$175 on charges of operating an automobile while under the influence of intoxicating liquor and of violating the basic rule, reports Municipal Judge Ira B. Riddle. His operator's license was also suspended for 90 days.

#### In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
The senate banking committee, whose investigation brought out the milk coat methods of doing business at the Reconstruction Finance corporation (big government lending agency) has brought in a double-barreled report — one barrel fired by the Democratic majority of the committee and the other triggered off by the Republican minority.

#### Bids For Construction Of Two Bridges Received

Two companies entered bids in county court Monday for construction of the projected Glenbrook and Hubbard creek bridges.

#### Fullerton Parents Will Discuss Cub Pack Plans

Parents of boys between the ages of 8 and 11 are asked to attend a meeting at Fullerton school tonight to discuss the formation of a Cub Scout pack. The discussion will be held in the music room and will begin at 7:30 p.m.

#### FINED FOR SPOON

Glenn Adamson Wasson, 50, a drain millworker, paid a \$50 fine Saturday and was released from the Douglas county jail, reports District Judge A. J. Geddes. Wasson was arrested Friday by the state police for being drunk on a public highway.

#### The Weather

Fair and warm today and Wednesday  
Highest temp. for any Aug. 104  
Lowest temp. for any Aug. 39  
Highest temp. yesterday 99  
Lowest temp. last 24 hours 63  
Precip. last 24 hours 0  
Precip. from Aug. 1 0  
Precip. from Sept. 1 40.68  
Excess from Sept. 1 7.94  
Sunset tomorrow, 8:07 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow, 4:26 a.m.

### Expanding Hubbard Creek Blaze, Fought By 500 Men, Eats Huge Timber Acreage

Landers' lookout tower and structure underneath burned last night in the path of the raging Hubbard creek fire which is still uncontrolled after blackening more than 5,000 acres of timberland in its sweep southward.

Nearly 500 fire fighters are expected to be on the line before the day is over in a desperate effort to contain the blazing inferno, which has advanced more than five miles south from its original break out.

More equipment and men are being rushed into the area by the Douglas Forest Protective association, which was unable early today to give any details on the fire situation. But a spokesman said the blaze is still out of hand.

The headquarters office reported that the extent of the fire's spread since Monday is unknown with the Protective association straining to stem the fire.

The Camas Valley and Days creek fires were reported under control. The former had burned over about 100 acres while the latter covered about 200.

The Hubbard creek fire started Friday in the Forest Hill logging operation below Umpqua, about 20 miles northwest of Roseburg and advanced south. It is now raging in the bluffs near Landers' lookout area and might possibly be contained if it can be kept out of the slash area there, it was reported.

Temperatures which soared to 99 degrees Monday were no aid to harrassed fire fighters as the fire swept through tree-tops and could be heard "roaring" for miles, according to one observer.

Douglas county stands at the top of the state forestry department's list of critical fire hazard areas, it was learned today.

Acting State Forester Dwight Phipps, in Roseburg last weekend, said Douglas county is the most hazardous area in the state so far as fire danger is concerned. Jackson county is second.

Forest areas throughout the state, including all of Douglas county, were closed to logging operations effective midnight Sunday. The closure will continue until further notice, Phipps ordered.

### Pacific Coast Brush, Timber Fires Total 75

By The Associated Press  
Fires cracked through timber and brush lands of the Pacific coast states today. More than 75 blazes, many of them major fires, gnawed into huge timber stands.

California reported a total of 25,000 acres blackened since fires broke out over the weekend. Lightning started an additional 24 new blazes last night. In the Klamath national forest two fires were burning over 3,200 acres. Forty-five smaller blazes were reported.

To the north in Oregon, some 10,000 acres were charred by one single fire. That was in the Vin-pend creek area between Eugene and Coos Bay. The blaze has been out of control since Friday.

The federal forest service used smoke jumpers Monday to fight 26 fires that broke out in the Rogue river national forest of Southern Oregon.

A blaze in the wooded area northwest of Portland was in a morning calm as winds died down and the situation looked better.

**Situation in Washington**  
Monday, Washington state had 29 new fires. All were controlled except one of 100 acres in Cowlitz county near Toutle and one of 60 acres southeast of Chehalis.

The Grayslands, Wash., fire got away last night on about a mile of trail and grew to some 750 acres.

North of Seattle, flames which threatened the little community of Newhalem in Whatcom county were halted by 300 fire-fighters. An estimated 2,000 acres were burned.

South of there in Skagit county a blaze which Washington State Forester L. P. Webster said was the worst in the state, Monday had raged over 1800 to 2000 acres.

Humidity fell to 10 percent in some of the wooded areas Monday. Logging operations in both states have been halted — in western Washington until Friday midnight at least and in Oregon until the "fall rains come."

### Eagles Lodge Fire Laid To Careless Smoker

A careless smoker started the fire which Sunday gutted the Eagles lodge second-floor quarters at 115 S. Pine street, it has been determined through an investigation by Fire Chief William E. Mills, he announced.

Chief Mills estimated the total damage at from \$30,000 to \$40,000, including water damage which amounted to about one third of the total.

The hall was closed up at 3:30 a.m. Sunday morning, when the last persons left.

Wally's Pastime tavern, located on the first floor of the structure, suffered heavy water damage. The structure was partially insured.

### Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein  
A Russian delegation will attend the Japanese peace treaty meeting at San Francisco in September, not sign the treaty but to sing it.

#### Swimming Accidents In Oregon Claim 2 Lives

By The Associated Press  
The bodies of two persons, drowned in swimming accidents, were recovered Monday.

James Courtney, 15, drowned in Jordan creek while swimming with companions near Jordan dam. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Courtney, Seio.

The body of John Mc Coy Wood, 62, was recovered from the Santiam river near the Sweethome water plant, Coroner Glenn N. Huston said Wood apparently drowned while swimming Sunday. His clothing and lifeguard were found on the river bank.

#### Temperature Here 99, Highest Since July 11

Temperature in Roseburg reached a high of 99 degrees Monday between 4:30 and 5 p. m., the weather bureau reports. This was the highest for the month and the top since July 11, when 101 degrees was recorded.

Humidity hit a low of 28 percent. Temperatures are expected to soar close to 100 degrees today again.

The weatherman says no rain is indicated in the five-day forecast with continued clear, dry and warm predicted. Wind is expected to be light and variable.

#### Hubbard Creek Blaze Offers Tough Battle

HUNDREDS of men from nearby timber operations were on fire lines at Hubbard creek fire this week. Here Dave Davidson, route 1, Sutherlin, probes ashes of fallen snag. (Staff photo)

#### Hundreds Of Men Toil Unceasingly To Halt Red Tide

"How big is this fire, anyhow?" That question was asked a News-Review reporter and a Douglas Forest Protective association man Monday by a tired, hungry fire fighter at the scene of the Hubbard creek fire.

The DFPA employe, Wayne Miller of Roseburg, answered that it covered around 5,000 to 6,000 acres.

"That much, huh," said the fire fighter.

It was interesting news, as he hadn't the slightest conception of how big the blaze was or where it was going. All he knew about was the tiny sector he worked in.

A virtual army of tin-helmeted fire fighters was at the scene of the blaze Monday. Tired, unshaven and many without sleep for two or three days, they fought to control a fire that didn't look like it was going to be controlled.

For once it was under control in one area, it would break out somewhere else.

About 4:30 p. m. Monday it was out of hand again — a roaring inferno that could be heard for miles. Smoke from the fire blotted out the sun for as far as 10 miles to the south.



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As the fire moved toward new areas of virgin timber, forest officials found it necessary to move their operating camp from Hubbard creek to the Otto Lanke place near Baughman lookout.

From there it was hoped that back fires could be set that would stop the southward trek of the blaze.

Several local families have been moved out of the fire area and others were packed and ready to move out should it become necessary.