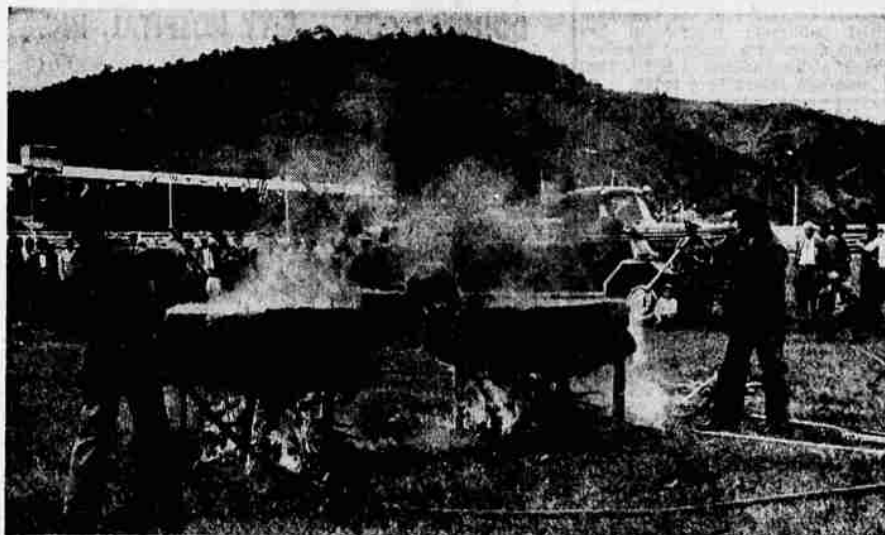




McMINNVILLE FIRE DEPT. shows above how it gathers water during the summer when the fluid is in short supply. Pickups supplied by businessmen and farmers bring water and discharge it into a canvas tank. The pumper then picks it up from the tank. (All pictures by Paul Jenkins)



FIRE SCENE AT THE FAIRGROUNDS—At this point, McMinnville firemen had set brush (in background) afire. At right is fire-filled shack going full blaze. It took only two small hoses connected to pumps to extinguish each of the fires.



METHOD OF FORCING WATER THROUGH BALES OF STRAW to reach the source of fire below is shown at the fairgrounds by members of the McMinnville Fire Dept. A detergent breaks cohesion of water to allow it to seep through.

Visiting Firemen Put On Impressive Demonstration Of Fire Fighting Methods

By CHUCK GRELL
Staff Writer, News-Review

The McMinnville Fire Dept. Tuesday afternoon put on an impressive demonstration of fire-fighting methods which seemingly has been built into the organization through intensive training and community interest.

Upwards of 200 spectators, besides delegates to the firemen's convention here, were drawn to the fairgrounds to witness the show.

The McMinnville firemen, led by their chief, Ivan Pearson, laid out several tasks in fire-fighting technique and showed the spectators, who ringed the race track infield, how blazes can be extinguished in summer when water supplies are short.

Basic to the organization are businessmen and farmers who own pickups. The department has constructed several water tanks to fit in the pickup beds. By shuttling back and forth to water supplies, the tank-equipped light trucks supplied enough water to feed through a pumper truck at a steady 150 gallons a minute.

The method is this: A canvas tank was set into a pit and pickup drivers backed their vehicles up to the site to discharge their loads. The pumper picked the water up from the tank.

Later, the pickups and pumper were shown in action in field tests against actual fires.

A thick, dry brush area had been "planted" from brush cuttings by McMinnville and local firemen last week. The area, simulating conditions found in sloughs near farmlands, was ignited and blazed with vigor.

Firemen were able to contain the blaze with the aid of two small hoses—one 3/4 inch diameter and the other of the garden variety. By spraying flames creeping at the rim of the big fire and bulldozing a fire trail around the area, the fire-fighters were able to contain the blaze, although the brushy interior of the dry "woodlot" continued to roar.

Clouds of smoke were combined during the experiment with an earlier demonstration in which two small hoses, connected to pickup pumps, were used in extinguishing a fire set in a shack filled with old tires.

The McMinnville unit, 15 strong,

also displayed its method of quick victory over field fires, a constant danger in summer during harvest.

In this, three pumper trucks—one from the department and two pickups equipped with pumps—circled around and through an area of simulated fire, all the time thoroughly hosing the ground until grass surely will sprout again in the once-dry fairgrounds infield.

The McMinnville department is acknowledged to have one of the strongest volunteer organizations in Oregon. At least eighty-five qualified men can answer an alarm in the Yamhill County seat.

A rural fire district lying near the city owns part of the equipment kept in the city, and the department answers alarms either inside or outside the town.

The department owns three trucks, but relies heavily on cooperation from the pickup owners.

In the Tuesday demonstrations, one McMinnville pumper truck and about a half-dozen pickups owned by Yamhill firms were sent to Roseburg to perform for the show.

Chief Pearson explained proceedings into a microphone during the demonstrations.

The water supply was a tank of water set some distance from the fire scenes, and trucks scurried from fire to tank and back again, each time bringing a new load of South Umpqua water, pumped from the river.

Other experiments explained how a fire can be started by a power saw and how a detergent added to water can destroy cohesion of the liquid to allow it to filter rapidly through a bale of straw to quench a fire set below the bale. The latter demonstration showed possibilities in combatting fires started in davenport and other overstuffed furniture, a common cause of alarm to firemen.

After fire-fighting efforts had been proven successful by the McMinnville men, they allowed the brush area and the shack to burn, for the infield area must be clear this weekend in time for the rodeo.

CANDY SALE SLATED

The Pythian Sisters are holding a candy sale Friday in front of Craig's, 121 N. Jackson St., starting at 9 a.m.



NEWLY APPOINTED as chief switchman in the plant department of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. at Roseburg is Sidney D. Shaw. He comes to Roseburg after a year in Pendleton as senior central office repairman. He has been with the company nine years. He is married and has two children. (Clark's Studio)

Lutheran Church To Have School

Beginning Monday a daily vacation Bible school will be conducted at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Corey and Military Streets, West Roseburg.

Sessions begin at 9:30 a.m. and will last until noon. There will be classes for all children between and including pre-school to junior high age.

The school's closing session will be held Friday, July 1.

An invitation is extended to all children to enroll in the school.

CANNOT COMPLY

MEDFORD (U) — The Jackson County Board of Equalization has told the State Tax Commission it cannot comply with an order which requires that orchard trees be included in tax assessments by June 16.

In a letter to the commission the board said it would need more time as there are 12,000 acres of orchards in the county in addition to many homes and farms with "a few to a dozen or so" fruit and nut trees.

Heat Causes Collapse Of Woman In Canyonville Area

By VIRGINIA PROCTOR

Mrs. Glenn Shippen collapsed Wednesday afternoon from heat exhaustion and was treated at Forest Glen Hospital, where she remained until Saturday. Her condition continued to improve, but it will be several days before she will be able to resume work at Binder's Clothier store where she is employed.

Visiting Grandmother
Beth Chappell is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Bennett, in Springfield, for three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hoverson and Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Gill returned Thursday night from Victoria, B.C., where they attended a banker's convention. They were gone 5 days and reported fine weather.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thornbue have purchased the property known as the Olson house, from owners, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Isom. Mrs. Wallar Garland and a 11 daughter will make their home with them until Garland returns from overseas.

ENC Don Lilja, of the U. S. Navy, is home on a 15-day leave visiting with his mother, Mrs. Beda Lilja, Helen Lilja, who has completed a year's post-graduate work at the University of Washington at Seattle returned home this weekend and will remain here until she receives another assignment from her employers, the State Welfare Commission.

Children Enrolled
Seventy-five children were enrolled at the Vacation Catechism classes sponsored by All Souls parish and held at Canyonville primary school for the past two weeks.

Steve Altree, who spent the winter in Logden, is home for a visit with Mrs. Helene Altree. Otto DeLong, Mrs. Altree's father, left by

NO PROBLEM

COLUMBUS, Ohio (U) — An Atomic Energy Commission spokesman says disposal of radioactive waste by industrial users of atomic isotopes does not constitute a serious problem.

L. R. Rogers of the AEC's Advisory Field Service said large radioactive waste users have available trained health physicists "on whom we can depend to help assure that safe waste disposal practices are followed." He made his remarks before a health physics conference at Ohio State University.

plane Saturday morning for Lansing, Mich., where he will visit his sons for a month.

According to Jim and Bob Church, owners of the new Ravenswood Dairy, delivery will not begin for 2 or 3 weeks. Necessary equipment has not been delivered because of the truck strike, causing the delay, the Church brothers stated.

The Rev. Ernestine Hitchcock of the Canyonville Methodist Church left Monday, June 21, to attend the Oregon Methodist Church conference to be held at the First Methodist Church in Eugene.

Immediately following conference, Miss Hitchcock will take her vacation, spending most of it visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. D. Hitchcock at Great Falls, Mont.

Services will continue regularly in the church with guest ministers preaching, according to Miss Hitchcock.

First Church Of God To Present Program

Climaxing two weeks of daily study on "Worshipping God," pupils in the vacation church school being conducted at the First Church of God will present a closing program Friday at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Lois Palmer, director of the school, reports that 93 boys and girls have been enrolled in the school, and that 20 teachers and workers have assisted her.

Parents and neighbors are being invited to the closing program. An open house in various classrooms will precede the program.

Kindergarten children, led by Mrs. Gordon Brown, Mrs. Doris Northeraft and Mrs. Elizabeth Baker, will sing songs learned in the school, recite memory verses, and play in the rhythm band led by Mrs. Wilma Hutchins.

The junior department, led by Mrs. Laverne Pope, will dramatize the story of Zachariah and give the historical background to the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy."

The primary department will dramatize how a family may share in a home worship service. Mrs. Ruth Miller and Mrs. Vada LaRock are the primary leaders in charge.

A final feature of the closing program will be the giving of certificates to those who have met certain standards in attendance.



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Neuberger Asks Whether Decision Needs Legislation

WASHINGTON (U) — A Senate investigation to determine whether the recent Pelton Dam decision by the Supreme Court requires "legislative clarification" was asked Monday by Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore).

The court ruled last week that the Federal Power Commission had authority to license the dam on Oregon's Deschutes River, overruling the state fish and game commissions which had refused to authorize construction of the project by Portland General Electric Co.

Neuberger said he thought the Senate Commerce Committee should inquire into the possible need for a new law on the subject. He said conservationists fear the power commission "may now license dams to exploit the spectacular water falls of the Columbia River Gorge—falls which the people of Oregon want forever protected in their unique scenic grandeur."

"I have no doubt that the implications of the decision are equally significant for every other state which has substantial federal public lands within its borders."

He asked "a study of the scope of the decision, and of its probable impact and practical effect on the authority of a state to regulate the use of flowing water within its borders, with a view to determining whether or not legislative clarification is necessary."

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