

Forest Fire Season Is Now On Over U. S., Canada Areas

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As sportsmen will be reminded frequently from now till fall, fishing seasons aren't the only ones that get underway this time of year—the forest fire season is opening too.

That doesn't mean just in the North Woods, either, although fire protection may have been getting more attention longer along the U.S.-Canadian border timberlands.

But the fire season is open in the pulp plantations of Alabama as well as Michigan, and in California's commercial redwood country as well as the Douglas fir stands of Washington and Oregon.

And fire protection is more than a poster picture of a bear in overalls. Nowadays it's a career, as technical as most and certainly as active as any, and one that may call for anything from the tactics to hair-raising heroics. Or both.

Fire protection specialists are weathermen, firemen, mechanics, pilots, chemists and in time of emergency a number of other things.

The West has smoke-jumpers who parachute into isolated areas to fight small fires before they can become big.

Prince And Grace To Make Tour Of Italian Waters

MONTE CARLO, Monaco (AP)—Prince Rainier III and Grace Kelly will sail on their honeymoon cruise in Italian waters. They will visit the romantic island of Capri, Naples and Rome and perhaps go on to the Greek islands.

A highlight of the trip will be the stop in Rome April 24. A palace source said they would be housed in a villa on the Via Veneto, one of the show streets of the Eternal City. The Italian government and diplomatic corps will turn out for a gala reception.

The next day Rainier and Grace will visit Pope Pius XII. The Vatican will receive them with ceremonies reserved for heads of state. Afterwards, escorted by the famous Swiss Guards, they will visit St. Peter's Basilica.

Rainier's yacht, the 138-foot Deo Juvante II, has been refurbished for the honeymoon cruise. The Prince and his bride will board it a few hours after their marriage April 19 in Monaco Cathedral.

Grace arrives Thursday aboard the Constitution. The prince will take her and her party aboard his yacht a few hundred yards offshore and bring them into the flag-bordered small harbor of Monte Carlo. Yacht owners were requested to show American and Monaco flags and give one-minute whistle salutes.

Preparations for the wedding in Monte Carlo are reaching the semi-frenzied stage.

Prince Rainier has settled his dispute with American television and newsreel men. After talks with representatives, he reversed an earlier decree barring them from the April 18 civil ceremony.

Rainier had feared the ceremony might be "vulgarized by the wrong kind of commercials."

The press center has issued more than 1,800 accreditation cards to reporters, photographers, TV, newsreel and radio commentators.

Margaret And Fiance State Honeymoon Plans

NEW YORK (AP)—Clifton Daniel, Margaret Truman's fiance, says they will honeymoon in Nassau, the Bahamas, after their April 21 wedding at the Independence, Mo., home of former President and Mrs. Harry S. Truman.

Daniel, assistant to the foreign news editor of the New York Times, said Wednesday the Nassau home of Count and Countess Guy de la Fregoniere had been offered to them for their honeymoon.

Ponderosa Pine First Rate High For Tank Stock

In the search for new woods that will withstand chemical solutions, ponderosa pine sapwood and the true fir show a surprisingly high resistance, according to the report of a chemical engineer at the Oregon Forest Products Laboratory.

J. D. Ross found the resistance of ponderosa pine and white and noble fir to acid, base and salt solutions to be as high, or higher, than that of many woods used for conventional tank stock.

Species generally preferred for tank stock include Douglas fir, redwood, southern yellow pine and cypress.

Ross' tests show that ponderosa pine sapwood maintained the greatest strength against acid action. Rating just under the pine were noble fir, Douglas fir, and white fir. They made up the top four woods in a list of 16 tested.

Ponderosa pine sapwood also rated highest in resistance to bases. Noble and white fir showed the greatest resistance to salt solutions, followed by pine sapwood.

Ross pointed out that volume of lumber used for tank construction increased from 22.9 million board feet in 1933 to 83.8 million in 1948.

There are about 850 grizzly bears in the United States.

Pesky Mosquito Now Benefitting Mankind

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—Now benefiting mankind is that pesky buzz-bomb, the mosquito.

Mosquitoes have become test "animals" to check the purity of foods, to show whether any harmful amounts of insecticides are left on agricultural crops.

The mosquito larvae or wigglers provide the sensitive testing in the new method described Thursday to the American Chemical Society by Dr. L. C. Terriere and Ulo Klugemag of the Oregon State College Agricultural Experiment Station, Corvallis.

The mosquito test can detect microscopically small amounts of insecticides which cannot be picked up by chemical tests, Dr. Terriere said.

The method is cheap and simple, and permits research which could not otherwise be done, he added.

BEAR WAS PATIENT

TRENTO, Italy (AP)—Woodchopper Lionello Troggio looked up from his work in a nearby forest and saw a bear watching him.

Troggio thought it best to continue chopping. Maybe the bear would leave.

He chopped for five hours. The bear watched.

Then Troggio's nerve cracked. He dropped his ax and ran to safety.



HEADS GM—Albert Bradley is the new board chairman of General Motors Corp. The switch came when Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., resigned the post after 38 years' service to the world's largest industrial corporation.

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Myrtle Point Veneer Co. Purchased By Textron

NEW YORK (AP)—Purchase of the Myrtle Point, Ore., Veneer Co. was announced Wednesday by the Textron American Inc.

Royal Little, Textron chairman, said the purchase includes a plywood plant, timber, and land on which a 25-acre log pond is located.

Present personnel will be retained at the plant but its operations will be co-ordinated with the Coquille Plywood Co. plant at nearby Coquille, Ore., which Textron purchased several months ago.

Textron, which is expanding into other fields besides textiles, also has interests in radar equipment, aircraft signal control devices and plastics.

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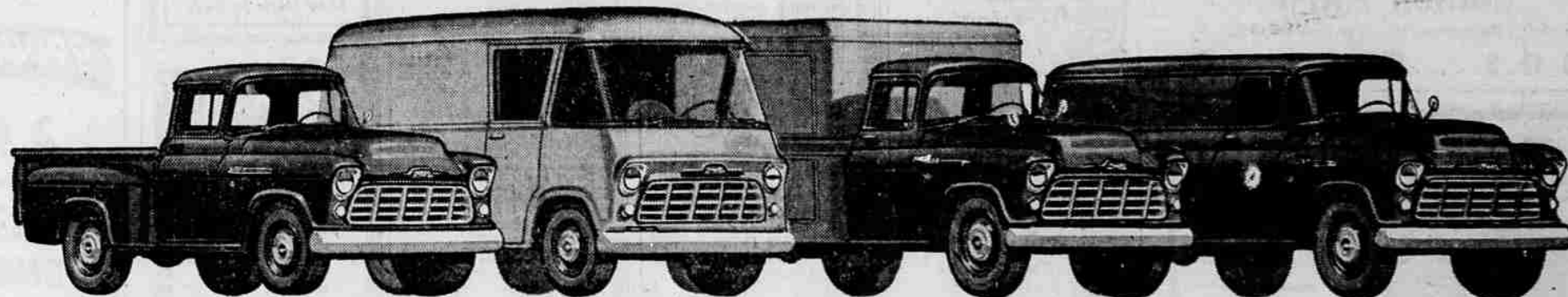
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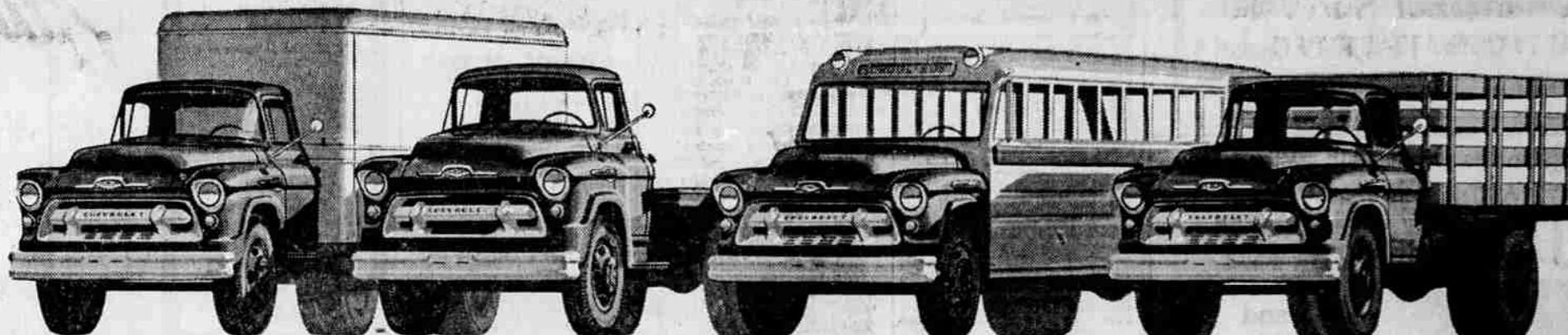
New 3000 Series truck, Model 3104, a handsome 1/2-ton pickup with roomy body.

New 34-ton Forward Control chassis, Model 3442, shown here with parcel delivery body.

New Model 3803, 1 ton, illustrated with refrigerator body. It's rated up to 8,800 lbs. G.V.W.

New 1-ton panel, Model 3805. Load space is over 13 1/2 feet long at right of driver.

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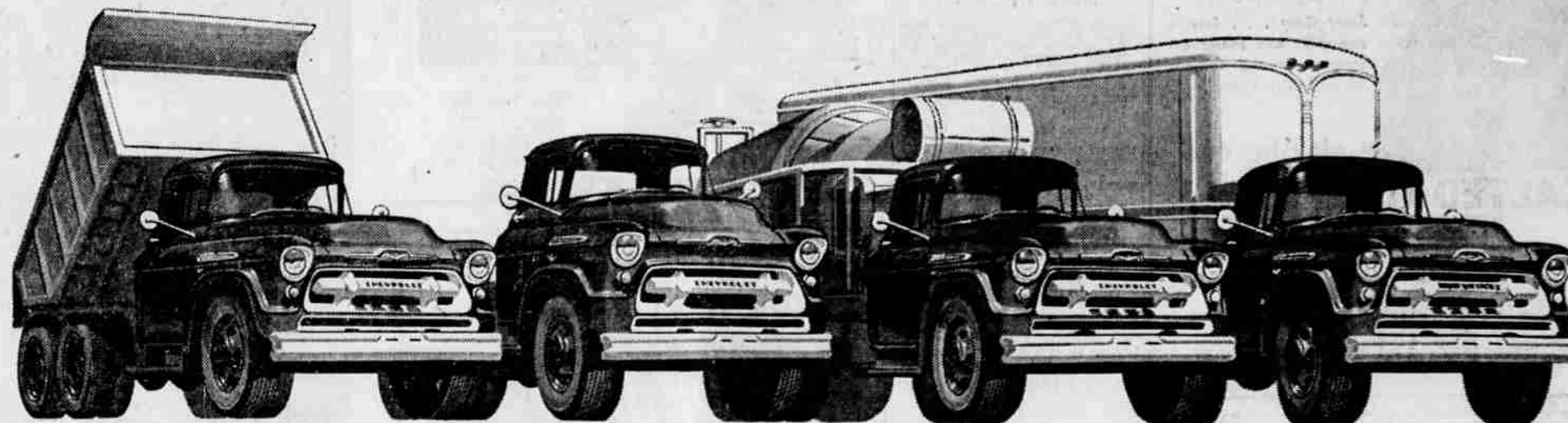
New 6000 Series truck pictured with van body. It's rated up to 19,500 lbs. G.V.W.

New 5000 Series L.C.F. with platform body has the new 155-h.p. Taskmaster V8.

New 6000 Series school bus chassis accommodates 54-passenger school bus body, as shown.

New 4000 Series stake, rated up to 14,000 lbs. G.V.W. Hydra-Matic is optional at extra cost.

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New 10000 Series truck with tandem. It's rated up to 32,000 lbs. G.V.W., 50,000 lbs. G.C.W.

New 9000 Series L.C.F. cab and chassis, rated up to 25,000 lbs. G.V.W., 48,000 lbs. G.C.W.

New 10000 Series truck shown with mixer. It's powered by the new 322-cubic-inch Loadmaster V8!

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