

Fire Destroys 10 Farm Structures

Frame House, Hay Barn Only Buildings Left

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Tall, gaunt John W. Boyd of Oakland gazed helplessly down over the charred shambles of years of work.

Of the 10 buildings on his ranch, only the frame house in which he and his blind wife, Mildred, lived and a hay barn remained. The rest of the buildings were turned into charred heaps of rubbish in an hour's time Saturday morning.

"I'm too old to rebuild," said the 68-year-old raiser of fighting gamecocks. "I'm almost 69. It's just too late."

The most sickening aspect of the fire was that 300 of Boyd's gamecocks had been destroyed. "I lost all my breeding flock," he said tragically.

Just then, he saw a plumed bird twitch in one of the few cages saved from the fire. He went over and tenderly tried to give it some water. It had apparently only been overcome by smoke.

Boyd said he had gone through all the poultry houses and opened the cages, but the birds would not flee. They remained to die in the flames. Each was worth from \$20 to \$50, he said.

Game Birds Raised

The elderly rancher had been raising game birds about seven years. Up to last year, he had com-



QUICK MOVE — Neighbors came to the rescue Saturday morning to remove the furniture and other items from the house of John W. Boyd and his blind wife, Mildred. The house seen in the background, however, was saved by a last minute change of wind direction and the efforts of firemen. Part of the fire, which destroyed eight buildings on the Boyd ranch can be seen behind the house at right. (News-Review photo)

ained the business with an egg-hatching operation. But he quit the hatching business to devote his time to gamecock raising exclusively.

Boyd said he raised the birds to ship to the Hawaiian Islands for fighting purposes. Gamecock fighting in the United States is illegal. The next group of birds was to have been shipped to the islands in about three months. Boyd is a member of the Oregon Game Fowl Breeders Assn.

It was the act of burning off dry grass to avert fire that started the blaze, he said. He did not have a burning permit.

He related that he had started burning grass around his buildings at about 4:30 a.m. while it was still dewy. He said he had been doing this yearly for the last 11 years.

Ironically, he was burning the last patch of grass near a hay barn when he felt a breeze from the north rising. Suddenly, a gust whipped some of the burning

grass into the barn. Bone dry, it practically exploded into flame. Boyd had a fire extinguisher and two buckets of water at hand, but it hardly slowed the flames. In moments, the fire was completely out of control.

Fire departments called
He shouted to his wife, who telephoned the Oakland Rural Fire Department which sent tank and pumper trucks. It was soon joined by 11 men and a pumper truck from the Hinkle Creek station of the Douglas Forest Protective Assn.

By this time, the flames were roaring through the other buildings. The roar was punctuated by the explosion of a 288-gallon butane tank. It took less than an hour to destroy three poultry sheds, containing 140 pens of cocks, a hayshed, woodshed, egg and fruit cellar and cow shed. With them went eight tons of new hay and four tons of feed and mash just stocked.

Only a quirk of nature saved the house. It was almost certain to have been destroyed. Neighbors and other volunteers rushed into the house and moved almost all the contents to safety. Then, at the last possible moment, the wind shifted away from the house. It was saved. Boyd was high in his praise for the scores of volunteers who fought the fire and removed furniture.

The fire almost reached greater proportions as it was whipped by wind into a nearby field of dry grass. It roared over the hill overlooking the house and was stopped only yards from Lincoln Elementary School. It had scorched 10 acres in a matter of minutes.

To complete Boyd's tragic resignation, he said he had only partial insurance. "Not enough to begin to cover the losses," he concluded glumly.

RAPE CHARGE FACED

James Ray Martin, 18, of Winston was held to answer Friday when he appeared for a preliminary hearing on a charge of rape before District Judge Warren A. Woodruff.

He allegedly was involved with a 14-year-old Eugene girl, then of Roseburg, on or about Feb. 22 of this year, according to the district attorney's information.

The court set bail for the Winston sawmill worker at \$2,500.

CAMERA CLUB TO MEET

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Roseburg Swim Team Is Third In Hood Meet

The Roseburg Swimming Club won its first trophy of the season Sunday with a third-place finish in the Hood River Invitational Swim Meet.

Roseburg swimmers piled up 128 points to finish close behind Hood River's 130. St. Helens' capped meet honors with 206 points. Other scores were Bend 126 and The Dalles 65.

A highlight for Roseburg was the team's triumph in the relay race for swimmers 16 years old and under. The Roseburg quartet posted one of the state's best times and won by about a one-fourth pool length over the second-place team, said coach Don Jacklin.

Other winners for Roseburg were Bill Zimmerman, in the breaststroke for boys 10 to 12; Gary Person, breaststroke, boys 12-14; Dana Witten, breaststroke, girls 8-10; Jennifer Babbitt, breaststroke, girls 10-12; and Ed Tauscher, backstroke, boys 10-12.

Next meet for Roseburg will be Aug. 30-31, when the Douglas County team journeys to Bend for the big Bend Invitational meet.

3 Waterfront Structures Hit At St. Helens

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Hospital News

Mercy Hospital

Admitted
Surgery: Mrs. Harold Glover, Roseburg.

Medical: Mrs. Howard Schauer, Mrs. Joe Cole, Roseburg; Eugene Bridges, Dillard.

Discharged
Mrs. John LaMar, Mary Pennell, Tom Lindell, Raymond Sumpter, Mrs. Darrold Hanna, Marlene Kowalweski, Perry Pendergrass, Julie Weatherly, Mrs. Lanny Crow and baby, Roger Leland, Roseburg; Ed Keys, Glide; Mrs. Harvey Sanders, Myrtle Creek; Mrs. Chet Orrison, Dillard; Richard Holman, Umpqua.

Douglas Community Hospital

Admitted
Surgery: Joe Allen, Mrs. Vernon Jeffries, Mrs. James Hartford, Mrs. Caleo Salles, Roseburg.

Medical: Mrs. Stewart Wilson, Laurel Inman, Mrs. Dennis Matthews, Roseburg; Mrs. Delmar Anderson, Oakland; Jesse Blankenship, Winston.

Discharged
Mrs. Edward Stenson and baby, Wayne Allen, Idleyld Park; Henry Eason, Dillard; Mrs. Eugene Melis, Canyonville; Roy Nichols, Oakland; Wayne Rickards, Arcata, Calif.; Mrs. Harold Whitwood and baby, Charles Alan; Mrs. Robert Gibbons, Kenneth Linderman, Leo Prummer, Mrs. Carrie Willey, Roseburg; Mrs. John Burt, Winston.

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Nasser Press Says Norway's Plan Doomed

By RICHARD KASISCHKE

CAIRO (AP)—The Nasser press today said the Norwegian plan for stabilizing the Middle East is doomed but that U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold will soon visit Cairo anyway.

The Norwegian resolution giving Hammarskjold the job of easing Middle East tensions cannot obtain U.N. General Assembly approval because it does not demand immediate withdrawal of U.S. and British troops from the area, the Nasser newspaper press said.

The newspaper Al Ahran, an unofficial mouthpiece for U.A.R. President Nasser, said Hammarskjold already had made plans to fly to Cairo to discuss the situation with Nasser. There was no official confirmation of the report.

(The Western-backed resolution was laid before the U.N. today.)

Nasser ended three days of talks with Crown Prince Feisal, premier of Saudi Arabia. Feisal told newsmen full renewal of good relations between his country and the U.A.R. had developed from the talks.

Feisal's visit has aroused widespread speculation that Saudi Arabia eventually will federate with the U.A.R.

Nasserites claimed the U.A.R. also was winning support from Iraq and two Arab nations that have shown pro-Western leanings, Sudan and Libya.

Nautilus Sails For Home Monday

PORTLAND, England (AP)—The USS Nautilus, the first submarine to cross the North Pole, sailed for home today.

It took an hour and a half to get her nuclear engines started up and the machinery running, then three sailors spent four hours checking 754 items of nuclear equipment.

Cmdr. William Anderson, the skipper, said the Nautilus would dive under the surface about 25 miles off Portland and stay under water until her arrival near Ambrose Light off New York next Monday. He said he would not know the orders for his exact route home until he was well under way.

The Nautilus sailed into this English port last Tuesday for her first landing after the pioneer voyage under the polar ice cap. She left Pearl Harbor July 23.

As the Nautilus sailed, a British army band played "Yankee Doodle" and "Auld Lang Syne."

In The Armed SERVICES

Merry C. Fox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Fox, Glendale, has been assigned to an Army Signal Corps school at Ft. Gordon, Ga., following graduation from eight weeks of basic training at the Women's Army Corps Center, Ft. McClellan, Ark. She graduated from Glendale High School in 1958, then joined WAC.

Army Sgt. Bobby R. Green, son of Henry H. Green, Drain, recently was graduated from the Ft. Riley, Kan., non-commissioned officer academy. Regularly assigned as a mechanic in the 1st Infantry Division's 1st Aviation Company, Green has served in the Far East and holds the Combat Infantryman Badge and Purple Heart. His wife, Thelma, lives in Junction City, Kan.

S-St. Leland J. Dunaway, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Dunaway, Reedsport, was coach of the 28th Army Infantry's rifle team in the recent Leclerc marksmanship matches in Grafenwohr, Germany. He has been in the Army for 15 years. His wife, Virginia, is with him in Germany.

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Sutherlin School Classes To Start Tuesday, Sept. 2

Classes in the Sutherlin School District start Tuesday, Sept. 2. Principals and secretaries report next Monday and teachers Tuesday, Aug. 26.

The 1958-59 school district calendar of events has been released. Mrs. Sue Sikstrom, News-Review correspondent, reports. Friday, Oct. 10, marks the end of the first six week period and Monday, Oct. 20, is a tentative date for the county institute.

Other dates on the calendar include: Nov. 11, Veterans Day.

Nov. 21, end of second six-week period.

Nov. 27-28, Thanksgiving vacation.

Dec. 22-Jan. 5, Christmas vacation.

Jan. 23, end of first semester. Jan. 23, teachers' work day (no school).

March 6, end of fourth six-week period.

March 18-20, Spring vacation.

April 17, end of fifth six-week period.

May 28, last day of school.

Pear Pickers Needed In Jackson County

A need for pear pickers in Jackson County has resulted in a request for recruitment by the Oregon Employment Service in Douglas County, according to Francis Riley, manager of the state office in Roseburg.

The jobs are for single men 18 years of age and over. Riley said living and eating accommodations are available.

Pay, he said, is based on 12 cents per 40-pound lug of fruit picked. The work day is 8 to 10 hours and the job will last six days a week for six to eight weeks.

Riley said men should apply at the Roseburg office of the service, 327 SE Jackson St.

ROCKET VISIBLE

PORTLAND (AP)—The rocket section which boosted Russia's Sputnik 11 into orbit will pass over Oregon tonight and Tuesday night.

The Moonwatch team here said the rocket casing should be visible at 9:20 p.m. tonight when it passes on a northwest to southeast course at 44 degrees.

It will follow the same course and altitude on a 9:05 p.m. pass Tuesday night. Both will be in the southwest sky.

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