



FARM FOREST FACTS

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Red slash has become a new expression to many people since the Columbus Day storm last fall. Not only do these words accurately describe the reddish-brown, dried-out foliage so abundant in windthrow areas resulting from this storm, but they denote extreme fire danger as well. Red slash is not just flammable — it is explosive. It will burn like a dried-out Christmas tree thrown on a fire.

Early estimates placed timber losses in Oregon and Washington in excess of five billion board feet. Later estimates, following winter storms which caused more windthrow, raised the figures to eight or nine billion. Comparing actual volumes salvaged thus far in certain areas with previous estimates in these same areas have shown actual volumes to be nearly double those which were most recently estimated. Down timber is extremely difficult to estimate, foresters estimating hurricane damage have previously found.

Fires Possible
So, with all this timber blown down and only 75 to 80 per cent of it salvagable, we have the makings of tremendous forest fires.

If this summer is a dry one (and it would take only a few days of hot, dry, weather to produce bad conditions) forest fires could "blow up" and bring back the dark days of the Tillamook Burn.

Yes, in 11 days of August 1933, this fire left Oregon \$100 million poorer. It laid waste some 300 million acres of timberland and was virtually unstoppable under the very dry conditions that prevailed.

Spectators said the roar of the fire sounded like the pounding of a dozen surf. Ashes fell to a depth of two feet along beaches 30 miles

from the fire. You couldn't read a newspaper at midday in towns near the fire without artificial light.

To prevent this kind of disaster all responsible citizens must be fire conscious in 1963 as never before. Persons, whose activities, (either work or recreation) take them into the woods should use extreme caution with any source of fire such as power saws or smoking. Don't smoke while traveling in the woods; stop and smoke in a safe place. Motorists should remember that Oregon law imposes a \$500 fine on throwing away burning material—and this is no year to expect leniency.

Permits Needed
For those burning trash and debris, be sure to obtain the necessary permits from your fire chief, district forest warden or forest ranger.

Picnickers and campers should select campfire sites where sparks cannot ignite dry fuels. In preparing a site, clear away all flammable materials down to mineral soil. Use plenty of water to drown campfires and test ashes with fingers to be certain coals are dead.

Woodland owners should cooperate closely with the district forest warden. Special blowdown hazard warning signs are available without charge from the "Keep Oregon Green Association," county extension office or other district forest warden. Post them on trails, roads, fence lines and other strategic places near blowdown hazards. Keep roads and trails open in case of emergency. Protect hazardous areas with fire trails and disc fire lanes along field borders to prevent fires reaching slash areas from the field.

Display Of Vacation Hazards Now On View At Tiller Ranger Station

By MRS. MILTON HAMMERSLY
A timely display is on view at the office of the Cow Creek Ranger District at the Tiller Ranger Station to remind office visitors of common hazards encountered during pursuit of summertime recreation and showing items offering preparedness to cope with possible mishaps.

Arranged by Miss Carlene Anderson, office employee, the display features a stuffed rattlesnake

coiled in lifelike appearance, a dried and mounted rattlesnake skin, and a preserved scorpion, loaned by Cleon Puetz, Cow Creek forester, and representing his taxidermy talents. A poison oak branch and pictures of various recreational activities with appropriate printed captions are also featured. Completing the display are a vent-breather for use in mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, a first aid kit, and a snake-bite kit, the latter open to show the contents.

Interested persons are invited to stop at the office and see the collection.

Local News

Miss Kathie Inman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy B. Inman, 333 SE Pitzer St., left this week for Springfield to spend the remainder of summer before school with her grandmother, Mrs. C. L. Inman. Larry Inman drove his sister to Springfield Tuesday night and returned here Friday night.

Mary Elizabeth Williams, weighing 7 pounds 2 ounces, was born Thursday, July 25, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter S. Williams, in Richmond, Calif. The baby joins a brother, Bobby. Grandparents of the baby are Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Riley of Roseburg and Mr. and Mrs. Scott Williams of Corvallis, formerly of Roseburg. Mrs. Williams is the former Patricia Riley of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stora and children, Kerry, Rickie and Kathy, have returned to their home in Sacramento after spending 10 days at the home of Mrs. Stora's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wilson of Roseburg. They also visited with relatives and friends at Coos Bay and Empire. During their Roseburg visit, the family group went to Ten Mile Lake for several days of boating and fishing.

Floyd Matula, who with his family resided here several years, has been appointed pastor of the Seventh-day Adventist churches in the Lebanon-Sweet Home district. For the past two years he has been associated with Pastor George Knowles in evangelistic work. Mrs. Matula is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Munroe and a sister of Dr. A. B. Munroe of Roseburg. The Matulas have three children, Rickie and twin girls, Karen and Kim.

The Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Fuson and family of Cheyenne, Wyo., are arriving today to be house guests of the Rev. and Mrs. L. A. Smith and family. The Rev. Mr. Fuson will be guest speaker at the Church of the Open Bible on Sunday. Expected to arrive Sunday to visit with the Smiths are the Rev. and Mrs. Norman Stratton of Eugene. The three men all were graduated from Bible Standard College in Eugene in 1933, and met again at the recent camp meeting at Indian Hills near Denver, Colo.

Hiker New Home
Carl Wilson is back at his home at Tiller after participation in the week-long Pacific Crest Wilderness Trek conducted each summer by John Season Jr. of Riddle. This year's trip started from Gold Lake on the Willamette Pass, where the hikers embarked on their journey around the west side of Waldo Lake to the prearranged rendezvous with parents at the end of their outing near Irish and Taylor Lakes. Carl's mother and brother, Mrs. John O. Wilson and Ricky, accompanied by Sandra Lillgren, made the trip to bring him home.

Mrs. Mildred Condie and daughter, Naomi, returned Tuesday after a trip to Salem, bringing some of their household gods from their former home there.

Mr. and Mrs. Rom Rawles of Ukiah, Calif., were recent house guests of the latter's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Erlebach. Friday, the two couples were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Collins for a trip to Diamond Lake. The previous week, the Erlebachs drove to Grants Pass to see their granddaughters, the Gervais girls, off on the bus for a visit with their father, Isaac Gervais, in Los Angeles. The girls accompanied their stepmother when Mrs. Gervais returned to her home after a visit with relatives in southern Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Graves made a trip to Redding, Calif., recently to take their small grandson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vurbel Graves, back to his home after he had spent a week with his grandparents at their home near Jackson Creek. Miss Betty Calhoun of Pioche, Nev., called on friends recently when she came to attend the Days Creek school reunion while on a vacation trip to Portland. She and her family resided on what is known as the Parker place West of Tiller in the early 1940's.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Finch of Milo were called to White Salmon, Wash., last week by the death of Mrs. Finch's uncle, Orest Wilkes, who was killed in a logging mishap. The funeral was held Thursday.



PERT Claudia Bailey, 8, of New Orleans, La., who likes dolls, reading and TV, is alive today thanks to the grace of God and the skilled hands of a team of local doctors who performed a successful kidney transplant May 16, 1963, in New Orleans. Claudia's operation, the first of its kind in the South, appears successful and she expects to return to school this fall. (UPI Telephoto)

Navy Man And Family In Melrose Following Long Stay In Hawaii

By NETTIE WOODRUFF

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Thompson and children, Steve and Kim, have arrived from a four-year tour of Navy duty in Hawaii, and are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Thompson, on Doerner Road in Melrose. After a 30-day leave the family will be based at Skaggs Island in San Francisco Bay. Also visiting at the Thompson home is their daughter, Mrs. William Statz, and children, Kari and Barry, of Sacramento, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lucas have returned from a vacation trip to Reno, Salt Lake City, Spokane and Seattle. At Seattle they visited her brother, Walter Durch, and family at their beach home and did some sight seeing.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lawrence and

children of Coos Bay are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bursik.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mullenbauer and son, Ben, of Spokane, Wash., spent several days last week at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Amy Seeley. A recent weekend guest of Mrs. Seeley was Mrs. Thelma Peck of Grants Pass.

Mrs. Chester Vierra and son, Robert, were in Portland recently to visit Vierra, who underwent recent nose surgery in the VA Hospital. He will be there several weeks.

Mrs. George Showers has sold her home on Doerner Road to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Fink. She will remain here for several weeks before making future plans.

Susan Trusty has returned from a visit at Diamond Lake with the Farrier family.

Mrs. D. C. Morgan has been in Portland with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Roggi, the former Joyce Morgan, who has been ill following the birth and death of a daughter.

Graveside services were held in Portland Wednesday for the infant and several family members from Melrose attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hansen accompanied their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. Mishler, on a trip Sunday to Petersons Rock Garden in Eastern Oregon via Redmond and the Three Sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Manning were in Springfield Sunday to attend the Legion Baseball games in which their son, Bob, is participating.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Conn and Mrs. Grace Fenn spent the weekend at Yachats. On Sunday they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Conn and children.

Mrs. R. S. Petriquin has moved from Roseburg to the Forest Glen senior citizen's residence in Canbyville to make her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hutton and children enjoyed a recent vacation trip to Long Beach, Wash. where they did some clam digging.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Conn drove to Canby Monday to attend funeral services for his uncle, Stehman Diller. They stayed overnight in Eugene and attended to business on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lathen and Mrs. James Conn drove to Camp Tye Wednesday evening to attend a Camp Fire board meeting.

Rural Burning Curbed During Dry Season

Rural Fire Marshal H. B. Harryman announces that effective today, all rural burning permits will be canceled for the hours after 10 a.m. each day. Those persons failing to complete their burning by that hour, will have to wait until the next morning, Harryman said. The ruling will remain in effect for the remainder of the summer. Drying conditions resulting in fire hazard are said to be responsible for the permit restriction.

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