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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK.

October 4 to 10 is Fire Prevention Week, which should be observed in every city in the land and especially emphasized here in view of the devastating fires raging in our forests.

According to the National Board of Fire Underwriters the fire loss for the first seven months of 1936 was over \$20,000,000 in excess of the loss for the same period in 1935. This probably refers to losses on insured property.

This summer up until the twenty-seventh of this month the northwest had been free from serious forest fires. In fact when cold rains deluged Willamette valley and nearby mountains, accompanied by snow on the thirteenth and fourteenth of this month, everyone seemed to feel that the danger of any serious fires occurring this season had passed.

Suddenly on Sunday afternoon radio programs were suspended and it was announced that a forest fire to the north of Bandon-by-the-Sea was seriously threatening that beautiful coast town. At about 8 p. m. the first building in Bandon caught fire. In a few hours only one building was left standing, according to the latest report at hand as this is written.

Now there are hundreds of workers battling fires in at least a dozen different forests of Oregon and Washington, that range from small slashing fires to vast, raging fires that cover thousands of acres of timber.

Fire has swept over about 3000 acres of forest in Clark and Klickitat counties, Washington. Others covering 1,700, 500, 700 and 2,000 acres are being desperately fought by hundreds of men in these two states.

It is also reported that State Forester Pratt of California estimates the fire loss of that state, during the last eight days at \$1,750,000.

It is estimated by competent persons that at least eighty per cent of all our fires are preventable.

The fires that nothing could have prevented are indeed rare. This being so, America's enormous annual fire loss is a disgrace to the nation.

They are mostly due to human ignorance, human indolence, human indifference, human carelessness and all too often, if reports of these latest fires are true, to incendiarism.

The American people show what can only be described as a criminal disregard of the hazards responsible for the fires that destroy hundreds of thousands of acres of magnificent timber, the growth of centuries; cremate wild life; destroy hundreds of millions of dollars worth of other property and take the lives of thousands of human beings.

No other country in the world suffers a fire loss as great as this country. In many European countries the person responsible for fire must pay for the damage it does to his neighbor's property. No doubt if this were the law here our fire loss would diminish immediately.

Everyone should realize that it is a crime against society to permit fire hazards to go uncorrected and every citizen should likewise understand that practical fire prevention requires little effort and little money.

Fire prevention is up to every one of us and if

STATE CAPITOL NEWS LETTER

Salem, Ore., Sept. 30.—Certified lists of measures and candidates to appear on the November ballot have been sent out to all county clerks by Secretary of State Snell. The list includes eight measures—seven initiatives and one referendum—the Columbia river anti-seining bill having been ruled off the ballot by the supreme court because of inadequacy of the initiative petitions.

Democrats filled two of the three vacancies on their state ticket during the week but the withdrawal of another candidate still leaves the party with a net of two vacant positions. In the third representative district—Tillamook county—Al Boon has been drafted by the democrats to fill the vacancy caused by the withdrawal of Louis E. Hammer while in the nineteenth district—Jackson county—the name of Ralph O. Stephenson has been substituted for that of Moore Hamilton who decided not to stand for reelection after securing the democratic nomination. The only withdrawal during the week was that of George H. Wilcox, democratic nominee for the state senate from the eighteenth district comprising Sherman, Gilliam and Wheeler counties.

Both the state land board and the World War veterans state aid commission report a big boom in real estate sales with farm properties in heavy demand. August sales by the bonus commission exceeded \$100,000 while sales for the first eight months of the current year, totaling \$474,000, almost equalled the sales for the entire 12 months of 1935.

Taxpayers having business with state departments will be able to find parking space for their cars in

front of the state buildings now that the city council has limited parking in that area to two hours. State employees who have been wont to drive right up to the front door of the office building will now be compelled to walk half a block or so to their place of employment.

Dart games are taboo in Oregon as a violation of the constitutional prohibition against lotteries, the state supreme court has ruled. "The legislature has no authority to enact any law authorizing or licensing the game," the court declared. The opinion did not deal with the status of pin ball and other games or with bank nights, suits dealing with which are still pending.

The state department of education has lost two valued employees during the past week. Robert J. Maaske, supervisor of high school education, has taken a year's leave of absence to study for his doctor's degree at the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis. Kenneth Beach, supervisor of adult education, has gone to Baton Rouge, La., to assume the post of assistant professor of adult education in the University of Louisiana. Prof. John N. Miller of the eastern Oregon state normal school at LaGrande has taken over the desk vacated by Maaske. Beach's successor has not yet been announced.

Fire conditions in Oregon are the most serious that they have been at any time this year, according to J. W. Ferguson, state forester. In an effort to minimize the hazard all operations were ordered closed down in the timbered areas of Linn, Marion, Clackamas, Multnomah (except the Mount Hood National forest) Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Washington and Yamhill counties. As a further precaution the Tillamook, Salmonberry and Wolf Creek burns have been closed to entry except upon permit. Field personnel throughout

we assume in earnest this responsibility, at least eighty per cent of fires can be prevented.

DESTROY PORK, THEN IMPORT IT.

According to E. Palmalee Prentice of Williamstown, Mass., under President Roosevelt's "planned economy" in agriculture, the United States destroyed 6,410,866 pigs and hogs in 1933-34—and afterwards imported from foreign countries during the 16 months ending May 1, 1936, no less than 29,245,854 pounds of hogs and pork products. Pork worth 5 cents a pound was destroyed and now we are importing it at 10 cents a pound.

This operation can well be compared to a farmer who sets a torch to his hog pens one night to "curtail" his surplus, and later motors hastily to town to buy a few pork chops at fancy prices.

Between May 12, 1933, and April 1, 1936, it is stated that the federal government spent \$396,265,907 on its corn-hog program—a wild "brain trust" scheme devised for the purpose of reducing our domestic pork supply and during the first four months of 1936, alone, this country imported no less than 15,337,678 pounds of live hogs and dressed pork.

WHAT A THRILL.

The Lafayette, Ind. Journal and Courier says: "It must thrill a curtailed farmer to see the crops he hasn't got to sell go skyrocketing all over the market place." The same paper remarks "Behind Joseph stood Pharaoh" says Secretary Wallace, the big AAA man. And behind Wallace stands a political Santa Claus who yearns to be a Pharaoh.

OREGON OLD AGE RELIEF LAW.

Hugh Ball, editor of the Hood River News and member of the state board on relief, is the writer of the following able exposition of the Oregon old age relief law:

"In spite of all that has been written to the contrary, it is still evident that not a few people insist on believing that all persons, 70 years and older are entitled to a 'pension' of a flat \$30 per month and that the children of these aged people are absolved from even the moral responsibility of caring for their parents. This misinterpretation of the law, for such it is, sometimes leads to not a little bitterness between applicants and those sympathetic men and women, who are giving their time to serve on relief committees in the hope that they can smooth out, with the least delay, some of the rough spots in the path of these aged people.

May we state, once again, that the old-age plan now in force in Oregon is relief, based on the actual necessities for maintaining life, and cannot be classified, by any turn of imagination as a pension. Again, the sums disbursed are, according to the law, not to exceed the actual requirements of the applicant and shall, under no circumstances, be in excess of \$30 per month, one-fourth of which is provided by direct taxation on residents of the county, one-fourth by the state, and one-half of the total by the federal government.

The law makes it imperative that a careful investigation must be made into each case, for it presumes that, if there are children or other relatives capable of supporting the applicant, the responsibility is theirs—and not a few have willingly accepted this responsibility when they understood what the law requires.

Further, the law also requires that if the applicant has any property, real or personal, household effects and clothing excepted, he or she shall give the county a lien on such property, to the amount of the old-age relief extended. This ruling applies also to stock and bonds, and any other form of security which can be regarded as a tangible asset. In some instances, prospective applicants have transferred property to a son or daughter, within a recent date, and the beneficiary has refused to support the parent, later to express surprise that the relief committee had, in view of the facts, rejected the application.

But the record of the work of the various committees discloses, beyond any doubt, that their chief urge is to relieve indigent old people of the suffering which comes from the fear of whether there will be anything to eat tomorrow, or warmth in the home, all that remains to them in their declining years. In every case, where the need is genuine, relief is being extended, and all, outside of immediate applicants, who permit themselves to become incensed against any committee because of stories which have reached their ears, should ascertain the facts, before attempting to pass judgment on committee decisions.

front of the state buildings now that the city council has limited parking in that area to two hours. State employees who have been wont to drive right up to the front door of the office building will now be compelled to walk half a block or so to their place of employment.

Counties which attempt to make a jail out of the state prison will find that this is a game at which two can play. Governor Martin commuted the sentences of eight short term prisoners sent up from Marion county this week and sent them all back to the county jail to complete their sentences. The terms of the prisoners ranged from four to eight months for forgery and larceny. Other counties which send short term prisoners to Salem can expect to find them bouncing back into their laps under the new policy which has been adopted in an effort to relieve congestion at the penitentiary where the population is now hitting new record highs.

Death rides the highway in Oregon this year with more reckless abandon than ever before. Traffic fatalities for August totalling 33 show a 50 per cent increase over the 21 recorded for August, 1935. The toll of traffic deaths in Oregon for the first eight months of this year totals 185 compared to 165 for the same period a year ago. Traffic injuries are up more than 30 per cent over 1935 records with 4345 persons injured this year to September 1 compared to 3469 last year.

Members of the board of control are wondering whether the legislature drew a plum or a lemon when it agreed to accept the Mulkey building in Portland, bequeathed to the state by the late Frank M. Mulkey. The state's interest in the building is that of the remainderman, subject to a life interest vested in two heirs of Mulkey, one of whom still survives and continues to receive the benefit of rentals earned by the building. This week the city of Portland waited on the

THE CHURCHES

M. E. Church, C. J. Hall, Pastor—Sunday school, 9:45; forenoon service, 11; sermon subject, Rally day in all departments of the church. Special program in Sunday school and anthem at church service; evening service, 7:30, sermon subject, "Fanning the Flames of Familiar Scripture." Epworth League, 6:30; choir practice, 7:30, Tuesdays.

Free Methodist Church, Rev. A. E. Sims, Pastor—Sunday school, 9:45; forenoon service, 11; sermon subject, "Holiness, Is It Practical?" 2:30 p. m. rally—sermon topic, "The Menace of Modernism;" evening service, 7:30, sermon subject, "Heart Felt Religion."

Christian Science Society—Sunday school, 9:45; forenoon service, 11; sermon subject, "Unreality."

London Church of Christ—Bible study, 10. S. P. Tipton will preach. There will be three services with a basket dinner at noon. Young people's Bible study was held at the W. R. Andrews home Friday evening, followed by a social hour. The next meeting will be at the Joe Geer home Friday evening.

Baptist Church, Henry W. Davis, Pastor—Sunday school, 10; forenoon service, 11; sermon subject, "A Fall Program;" evening service, 7:30, sermon subject, "Living at One's Best," the second sermon in the series of "The Voyage of Life." Young people's meetings, 6:30; prayer meeting, Thursday, 7:30.

Presbyterian Church, James Aik-In Smith, Pastor—Sunday school, 9:45; forenoon service, 11; sermon subject, "The Stewardship of Life," first of a series of six sermons on this subject; evening service, 7:30, sermon subject, "Introducing the Bible," introductory to a course of Bible studies. By request of a group that met after the evening service recently to consider what was desired for Sunday night messages, Christian Endeavor, Sunday 6:30. Ellen Bird, leader. Prayer meeting, cottage meeting at home of Rev. W. V. McGee Thursday evening.

Catholic Church, Father Richard Carberry, Pastor—Mass will be at 9 a. m. Sunday school follows. The Altar society will meet Monday at 2 at the home of Mrs. O. W. Spies for regular meeting.

Seventh Day Adventist Church—Sunday school, 11; forenoon service, 9:30; Pastor Ross Dustin of Eugene will preach.

An illustrated lecture will be given Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at the Seventh Day Adventist church on west Main street. The theme is Hawaii and includes many colorful pictures of water sports.

\$7000 against the property for back taxes and improvement assessments. The state which does not come into possession of the property so long as the present their lives is responsible for at least a part of the claim but no provision was ever made for the payment of any expenses incident to the maintenance of the building. The board of control is asking the city of Portland to have patience until the legislature can meet and take care of the situation if it wants to hold onto the property which is said to have considerable value as a possible site for a future state office building to house departments located in the metropolis.

Relief financing in Oregon is now on a cash basis. There are no outstanding certificates of indebtedness issued against future profits of the liquor commission the last of these having been taken up in July according to State Treasurer Holman. A total of \$1,765,000 of these certificates have been issued at different times in order to finance the state's share of relief costs, with as much as \$1,015,000 of the certificates outstanding at one time.

More than \$2,500,000 in state funds were sent to New York city by State Treasurer Holman this week to meet interest and principal payments on bonds of the highway commission and the World War Veterans State Aid commission. More than \$1,045,000 of the payment went for interest alone, \$975,000 being applied toward the retirement of highway bonds and \$500,000 toward the retirement of bonus bonds.

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace in a telegram to Governor Martin advised Oregon farmers with hay to sell to stockmen in the drought stricken middle west to list their offerings, including quantity and price, with the Federal Livestock Feed Agency, Exchange building, Kansas City, Mo. The federal government, Secretary Wallace explained, is not buying any feed for distribution to farmers of the stricken area but only acting as a clearing house in supplying information relative to location and price of available hay to potential customers.

Excavation work for the new capitol was completed Saturday night and everything is now ready for construction work on the new building which is expected to start about October 1.

manners, customs, plant life and volcanic eruptions which are ever active in the paradise of the Pacific. The scenes will depict the native life with gorgeous costumes and soft strains of Hawaiian music as an accompaniment.

A number from the Junior Christian Endeavor of the Christian church plan to attend a homecoming rally to be held in Eugene Saturday.

Marion Turner will be leader for the Junior Endeavor Sunday evening at 6:30 at the Christian church. The scripture verse, with which the members answer roll call, will begin with the letter P. The Junior group is only two cents behind in the penny contest.

The first quarterly meeting of the conference year will be held at the Free Methodist church starting Friday and continuing over Sunday. Rev. R. J. Milton will be in charge.

Christian Endeavor society resumes meetings after summer vacation.

The C. E. of the Presbyterian church recently elected officers as follows: Allan Ferrin, president; Marylane Smith, vice president; Ellen Bird, secretary; Inez Randall, treasurer; Mack Trask, chairman of prayer meeting; Miriam Ferrin, chairman Lookout committee; Anna Marie Peterson, social committee; Glenn Randall, missionary committee; Kathleen Daugherty, music committee. The executive committee chose Mrs. Mable Smith and Mrs. Dove Trask as advisors of the society.

The society held an outing Wednesday evening at the home of Hugh Trunnell, where they have held the fall outing for two years. Several members plan to attend the county rally at the Central Presbyterian church in Eugene next Saturday. Mr. Smith, who is Pastor Advisor for the state C. E. union, will accompany them.

Dorena

Mrs. M. Mosby

Miss Elaine Paulson and Jack Meredith of Portland spent the week end with Mr. Monfith's sister, Miss Nancy Meredith, who teaches the intermediate grades here.

Sunday visitors at the Mrs. M. Mosby home were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kerns of Eugene, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Boslaugh and Miss Lita Mosby of Cottage Grove, and Everett Holstrom of Corvallis.

The Henry Cooper family visited in Coburg Saturday with a son Lee who is attending high school there. Glen Jennings left Saturday night with a number of others from Cottage Grove to fight fire in southern Oregon.

Wayne Kirk returned home Sunday from a few days hunting trip in eastern Oregon.

Fire Prevents Return Home.—Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Pleuard of Marshfield spent the week end at their home here. They were unable to return to Marshfield Sunday evening on account of the fires in that section.

Mr. and Mrs. John Currie of Eugene and Mr. and Mrs. John Lamberty of Albany were Sunday guests at the Harold Howard home. Mrs. Lamberty is a sister of Mrs. Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McReynolds and Mr. and Mrs. George McReynolds and daughter of Divide visited Sunday at the Joe Thrasher home.

Edna Steele, who is working at the cannery in Eugene, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Steele.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fleck, who have been in Silver Lake on a hunting trip, returned home Saturday evening. They report no luck.

Sunday visitors at the Henry Cooper home were Rollo, Charles and Warren Cooper, and Marvin Collins of Elkton, the Earl Hicketham family and Lila Van Schoelk of Fairview and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Cooper and son of Culp Creek.

A group of boys hiked to Bear Mountain Sunday to visit Castle Rock lookout before it closed for the season.

Phil and Jerry Mosby attended the U. of O.-Portland Pilots football game in Eugene Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. John Holstrom and



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Preserve American Institutions

Paid adv.—Republican State Central Committee, Lars Bladine, Secretary, 1012 Patton Building.

son and Mr. and Mrs. John Whit sell and daughter Marilyn of Newport visited Sunday with Mrs. Clara Kirk.

Eldon Steele, Robert Vaughn and Earl Cooper spent Sunday in Eugene with friends.

Mrs. Ruth England, son Robert and daughter Faye visited friends here Sunday.

Latham

Miss Irene Trunnell

Mrs. Amanda Hull arrived Saturday to spend a few days at the Claude Plaster home. She had been visiting in Chehalis at the home of a daughter, Mrs. H. Johnson, in Vancouver at the home of her son Leslie and at Sweet Home at the home of her son Waldo. Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Hull accompanied her up here and spent the week end.

Fred, Eugene and Dale Harris and Lloyd McKinley spent the week end at Smith River.

A 4-H Health club was organized Tuesday of last week. Officers are: President, Jeannette Trunnell; vice president, Eleanor McFinn; secretary, Laura Wilson; sergeant-at-arms, Darrel McKibben. The officers met Wednesday to draw up a constitution and by-laws.

Mrs. Lester VanNortwick and children Dudley and Dorothy of Dorena visited Friday at the John Trunnell home. Miss Jeanette Trunnell returned home with them to spend Friday night.

Mrs. Fred Harris and two children spent the week end at Port Orford at the home of Mrs. Harris's parents.

Mrs. Nelson Garoutte and two children, who recently moved to Marshfield to join Mr. Garoutte, returned to the W. T. Garoutte home Monday due to the intense fires along the coast.

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