

Four Lightning Fires Checked By Rains On Monday

Timely Moisture Monday Saves the Day for the Fire Fighters

TRACT OF SIXTY ACRES IS BURNED

Timely moisture Monday saved the day for the forest service and CCC crews in four lightning fires, which were started in and near the Bohemia district east of here Friday afternoon. The largest of the fires burned over sixty acres near the McKinley rock, south of the Musick mine before being brought under control, according to a report by H. E. D. Brown, forest ranger. Seventy men were used in fighting the fires and although the largest fire near the McKinley rock was not extinguished at the time of the report Tuesday, the area was believed to be out of danger. Monday's moisture was quickly dried and the fire hazard returned with the dry weather, which has necessitated a sharp lookout for additional forest fires and for the exercise of caution by woods crews and travelers in the forest.

Early Frost

Monday evening a lowering temperature brought a white frost to the higher altitudes. A light snow was reported at the Fairview lookout station in the Bohemia district Monday morning. A white frost occurred above Culp Creek Tuesday morning, the frost extending down as far as this community, however no vegetation was damaged so far as known. Temperatures stood at the freezing point in the hills to the east. Rain Monday brought more than a quarter of an inch here or .27 of an inch, while to the east the precipitation varied from a tenth of an inch at Rujada to a half an inch higher in the hills.

American Turkey Has Foreign Name

You'll eat your turkey and like it this Christmas, but do you know where this festive bird got its name? The turkey is the only species of poultry native to this country. Its name is attributed by some to its call notes, "turk-turk-turk"; others believe that its head ornaments, resembling the fez worn by natives of Turkey, gave rise to its name. Another explanation is seen in the fact that the first turkeys from America were sold in Spain, largely by Hebrew merchants. Since the bird was frequently confused with the peacock, it is said that the Hebrew traders called it "tukki," their name for the peacock. With the widespread use of this name in English, it easily became the present "turkey."

Christmas Celebration Dates Back to 354 A.D., Roman Records Show

The earliest celebration of the birth of Christ, December 25 of each year, took place in the Fourth century, and the custom spread from the western to the eastern church. Before that date the commemoration of Christ's nativity and baptism took place January 6.

First mention of Christmas is found in a Roman document known as the "Philocalian calendar," in the year 354, and the first English celebration of the festival was in 598, when St. Augustine baptized 10,000 converts.

In 567, the Council of Tours, France, declared a 12-day festival from Christmas to Epiphany, and later, from 991 to 1016, the laws of Ethelred ordained that all strife should cease at Christmas. In Germany, Christmas was established in 813 by the Synod of Mainz, and in Norway by King Hakon the Good, in 980.

From London to New York
The distance from King George V Dock, London, to New York is 3,300 miles. The journey is somewhat shorter from Liverpool to New York, being 3,073 miles, and also from Southampton to New York, which is 3,183.

Hope For Peace Is Fading As Nations Continue to Mobilize

Hopes for peace in Europe were again fading today, according to news dispatches and radio reports from London, Paris, Warsaw and Berlin. The outlook today was described by one American as "black as hell." Poland has declared the terms of Germany are unacceptable. France and England will back Poland in the event of hostilities. Germany's demand for the annexation of Danzig and the Polish corridor and a virtual economic protectorate over Poland is declared preposterous.

Peace may rest with Russia. Ministers of Russia and Germany are scheduled to meet in Berlin today to ratify and sign the trade pact treaty between the two nations. Poland had three million men under arms yesterday and were mobilizing all men under forty years of age. The French government has assumed control of all transportation facilities and continue troop movements to the frontiers under the theory that war is inevitable. In England, industrial centers are being evacuated of all the non-combatant population as the women and children are being moved to the country. The same precaution is being taken in France and other countries likely to be involved in the war.

According to one observer there may be a show down today or tomorrow as Germany will have completed the movement of about sixty-five divisions to the German-Poland frontier. The stall made by Hitler thus far was for time, the observer said.

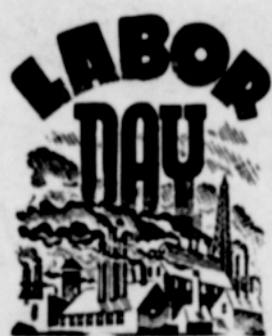
HIGHWAY CELEBRATION

SWEET HOME.—The committee in charge of the formal opening of the South Santiam highway slated for September 3 and 4 at Lost Prairie midway between here and Sisters is making elaborate plans to care for the many thousand holiday visitors expected.

A two-day program, sponsored by the Sweet Home Chamber of Commerce, has been planned with the dedicatory ceremonies scheduled for Labor Day. Henry F. Cabell, chairman of the state highway commission, will represent Governor Charles A. Sprague as the dedication speaker. Invitations have been sent Honorable Charles L. McNary, U. S. senator, and Honorable James W. Mott, U. S. representative, to speak. Other speakers will include representatives of the state highway commission, heads of state departments, U. S. forest service and bureau of public roads.

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