

# Forest burning topic of meetings

Management of smoke from slash burning and other forest burning will be the topic of public meetings in Portland, Eugene, Medford and Coos Bay in June.

The meetings are being sponsored by the Oregon Department of Forestry and the State Department of Environmental Quality to explain the current program to manage slash burning smoke and to provide the public with an opportunity to recommend any changes in the program for the local areas.

A 7:30 meeting will be held in Portland, June 19, in Room 602, Multnomah County Courthouse.

All forest burning in Oregon is controlled by the Oregon Smoke Management Plan, administered by the State Department of Forestry.

The Oregon Legislature's Joint Interim Task Force on Forest Slash Utilization requested that the public meetings be held.

Forest slash is burned under controlled conditions to remove materials from the forest that could be extremely fire hazardous in an uncontrolled fire, said a Department of Forestry official. Forest slash and brush is also burned to prepare land for reforestation.

In 1977, almost 3.5 million tons of forest slash and brush were burned on 97,576 acres in Oregon. That amount was down from 1976 when almost 4.5 million tons were burned on 113,608 acres.

The 1977 decrease was due to fire hazardous conditions that made it unsafe to burn during much of the summer, the forest official added. Forest burning was also limited in 1977 during the peak field burning times of the year to avoid overloading the Willamette Valley with smoke.

Because of the restrictions on burning in 1977, a backlog of unburned slash and brush has been created, the

department reported. Requests were made to burn 7.0 million tons of forest material in 1977, but only 3.5 million tons were able to be burned.

Of the 3011 burns in 1977, only 1.3 percent (40 burns) created smoke problems, according to State Department of Forestry figures.

## Wild fish top priority

The Fish and Wildlife Commission has adopted a policy giving wild stocks of fish "first and highest consideration" in its management programs.

The exact wording has been changed somewhat during the past several months.

ment of Forestry figures. Of the total, 98.7 percent did not cause smoke problems, 1.2 percent (35 burns) caused minor smoke problems in populated areas, and only about .2 percent (5 burns) caused considerable smoke intrusion into populated areas.

The policy was adopted to put more emphasis on the management of wild stocks and to spell out the use of hatchery fish in relation to wild fish. It does not mean hatchery fish programs will be discontinued or that anglers will see reductions in numbers of fish available for angling.



**Tom Sawyer's friends** A LITTLE FISHING — Three young persons keep their balance on a raft of sorts. Locations such as Dodge Park have been a haven for those hoping to catch some sunshine.

## Contract proposal said to be ready

A contract settlement between Sandy Elementary School District Board and teachers may be coming next week, reports district Superintendent Clark Lund. "We have finalized a labor agreement proposal and at this point all the people concerned seem most satisfied," he said. Lund said he anticipates that the board will approve the contract at a 7:30 p.m. Tuesday meeting in the Upper Grade Library. The district is eyeing a two

year contract with the teachers. The board will also study bids for two school buses and for painting the interior of the upper grade school. In addition, Lund said he has been preparing a study concerning a possible policy on the district's position concerning development in the school district. "This would be in terms of housing, business and industry," Lund told The Post. "Our board has a concern for the cost of operations and

the corresponding tax rate voters are having to face," Lund added. "I'm not sure if we'll have a final position. I'm gathering information and taking it to the board for them to scrutinize." Lund said he is not against development. "We're not opposed as long as everyone realizes what it is we are doing, as long as people are aware of the impact and as long as they're willing to support this development and our school programs."

## Sandy play opens

Kurt Vonnegut Jr.'s play, "Happy Birthday, Wanda June," will be performed by the newly formed One Way Theatre group of Sandy Friday and Saturday night at The Theatre on Proctor Boulevard. The play is billed as a sophisticated comedy and is the only stage work written by Vonnegut, who is better known for his novels and short stories. The Friday night production will mark the grand opening of The Theatre, which has undergone considerable

renovation by new owner John Kent. Curtain time for both performances this weekend is 8 p.m. "Happy Birthday, Wanda June," is the second production for the One Way Theatre. The group was formed in early spring and produced "Beauty and the Beast," which was performed at several Sandy-area schools. Larry LaMarsh is cast in the lead as Harold, an Ernest Hemingway-like figure who has just returned home with his companion Col. Looseleaf Harper from eight years in the jungles of Africa. Marlene Tebo plays Harold's wife, Penelope, who finds herself shocked to discover that her husband is

still among the living. Col. Harper, the former Air Force pilot who dropped the atomic bomb on Nagasaki in World War II, is played by John Kline. Pat Moore plays the Ryans' son, Paul. Herb Shuttle, one of Penelope's suitors, is played by Gregg Tebo. Ruben Rodriguez is cast as her other suitor, Dr. Norbert Woody. Major Siegfried von Konigswald, the "Beast of Yugoslavia," is played by Paul Elder. Mildred, one of Harold's former wives, is played by Laura LaMarsh. And Shannon Spradling is cast as Wanda June. Two matinee performances will be performed June 18 and 25 at 2 p.m.

## Estacada grad picked

OREGON CITY—Former Estacada High School wrestler Tim Jones, currently of Clackamas Community College, is competing as a member of the Junior College Athletic Association's Pan-American team which is presently touring South America through Sunday.

Jones will compete in the 163-pound weight class on the Greco-Roman team. Jones placed fourth in the 158-pound class at the 1978 NJCAA national championships in March. The teams were selected by the NJCAA Wrestling Coaches Association.

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