

**Over Average Rainfall For This Area in '56**

1956 was wetter than usual hereabouts. The local rain gauge readings for the past twelve months came to 80.66 inches with

some unusual changes in Juepe's contributions. While there was some rain measured all of the 12 months, and the winter months showing the usual dampness, October astonished us with 13.84 inches, the rains coming a bit late as September usually dumps

more than the 1.63 inches that fell.

Here's what the observers reported, month by month.

January	23.80
February	11.78
March	5.87
April	0.46
May	3.67
June	2.13
July	0.08
August	0.78
September	1.63
October	13.84
November	1.31
December	15.31

**RAINFALL VARIES WIDELY IN PARTS OF STATE**

An example of how a small change of location effects the kind of weather one encounters in Oregon, recently released rainfall figures published in the Illinois Valley News, shows a great deal of difference in the total rainfall between here and some thirty miles east of us. The Ranger Station at Cave Junction tallied an average of 48.92 inches per year since 1940. During the 14 years previous to January 1956, the local average was 82.52 inches, almost double what fell just 'over the hill'.

Most precipitation of any year of the period at Brookings dumped 105.41 inches in 1953 and that same year Cave Junction had 55.01 inches. In 1942 the most rain 55.01 inches of the time was recorded at Cave Junction in which year Brookings had 101.70. For dry years, Brookings, in 1952 had 60.94 inches and Cave Junction 40.66, and when Cave Junction really dried down to 28.69 in 1949, Brookings had a drought of 69.50.

December and January continue to be the wettest months of the year while July and August are the driest.

**FIRE LOSS ON STATE TIMBER LOW DURING THE 1956 FIRE SEASON**

An unusual fire season, improved protection practices, major progress in forest land rehabilitation, continuation of the insect survey and increasing forest planting on privately owned lands, marked the activities of the state forestry department and its co-operating protection associations in the administration and protection of 12,000,000 acres of Oregon's forest lands during 1956.

A fire season which saw 578 lightning fires out of a total of 987 and the necessity of closing the fire season in late November after it had been formally opened a month earlier, were the unusual happenings in protection during the year.

The acreage burned during the regular fire season was 4831 acres placing it in the list of one of the most favorable in recent years. Then, during the latter part of November and early December, continuous gale-like winds came down the Columbia river gorge, contributing to an extremely high fire hazard in the northwest part of the state.

Numerous fires broke out and the governor issued a proclamation closing the season in northwestern Oregon. It was the first time that such action had been taken in the 46-year history of the state forestry department.

In Clatsop county, two fires broke out east of the city of Astoria and burned some 6000 acres before being brought under control. Another fire got away from slash burning in the Cronin creek watershed and spotted over several thousand acres of land, most of it belonging to the state. Smaller fires occurred on the Trask river in Tillamook county and in Clackamas and in Linn counties.

**ENLIST IN ARMY**

Walter ES. Johnson, brother of Mr. James B. Johnson of Box 1265 Gold Beach, Oregon has enlisted in the U. S. Army on January 23, 1957 for the Army Ordnance Corp according to SFC Richard L. Johnson of the U. S. Army Recruiting Station in Coos Bay.

Johnson will complete basic training at Fort Ord, California after which he will return home on leave, then he will report to the Army Ordnance Center for secondary training and schooling. Johnson enlisted under the 'Choice not Chance' enlistment program whereby a person is assured his choice of service in the U. S. Army prior to enlistment Sgt. Johnson explained.

**Local Girl Aids In Fund Drive**

Joy Gott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gott, Brookings, was a committee member for the annual Campus Chest drive on the Linfield college campus McMinnville. More than \$400 were contributed by Linfield students for needy students the world over.

Approximately 50 per cent of the fund will go to World University Service, an international organization for student aid. Part of its work concerns providing medical care for students, securing housing, sending books and equipment, establishing scholarships, and aiding student refugees in this country and in Greece, Germany and France.

Other organizations which will receive appropriations from the Chest are the University of Japan, the American Negro Scholarship Fund and Care.

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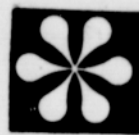
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**Karen Simpson Student At Linfield College**

Karen Simpson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Simpson, Harbor, is a sophomore pre-nursing student at Linfield college, McMinnville. The pre-nursing program has been worked out between Linfield and the University of Oregon School of Nursing in Portland.

Joy Gott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gott, Brookings, is a freshman at Linfield this year and is also studying under the nursing program.

Students attend Linfield for two years to obtain basic college course and pre-nursing courses in biology, chemistry, home economics and psychology. At the end of their sophomore year they transfer to the U of O Nursing school for three years' training.

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