

FIRES CAUSE MANY DEATHS

32 in Oregon Last Year, is Report of Clare A. Lee, State Marshal

There were 32 deaths resulting from fires in Oregon during 1929, or an increase of 18 when compared with the figures for the previous year, according to the annual report of Clare A. Lee, state fire marshal, which was completed here Friday. A total of 94 persons were injured, which was an increase of 35 over the year 1928.

Of the deaths by burning, seven were children under the age of 10 years, three were persons between 11 and 19 years, 19 were persons between 20 and 64 years and four were persons more than 65 years of age. Three of the deaths were girl students at the Oregon state normal school at Monmouth.

Gains Made in Control of Fires

"While the loss record of \$6,896,885 for the year 1929 compares very favorably with that of 1928," read Lee's report, "I desire to call your attention to the progress that has been made during the past year in the science of fire control. This was due in a large measure to the efficiency of local fire control units. Despite the heavy losses suffered by industrial plants in 1929, the total increase in losses over the previous year was only \$1,427, or 1.4%, while the increase in percentage to losses to values involved in 6309 fires was but four tenths of one per cent over that of 1928 in 5999 fires.

"The average aggregate losses for the six year statistical period was \$497,225 and the average percentage of losses to values involved for this period was 9 per cent, showing a reduction of \$1,783,563 or 20.5% in volume in favor of the 1929 record and a decrease of 1.9 per cent in the percentage of losses to values. The average loss per fire in 1929 was \$1,091.27, as compared to \$1,121.29 in 1928.

"Arson and incendiarism will be major problems for those identified in the work of fire prevention so long as the element of moral hazard enters into the fire insurance business. Persons who resort to arson as a means of collecting insurance are frequently highly respected citizens of a community, who would not think of committing any other crime.

"Instances in which over insurance is the usual cause for the malicious burning of property show the insurance is, almost without exception, taken out in premeditated anticipation of the fire.

"Much arson could be avoided by checking up the record and financial condition of the applicant and a careful survey of the premises upon which the insurance is sought. Of 123 fires reported for investigation during the year 1929, 107 investigations were completed.

"As the result of these investigations confessions were obtained in 18 cases and convictions in 19 cases. Two of those who confessed were committed to the insane asylum, two of those indicted are awaiting trial, four cases are awaiting action of the grand jury, and 16 cases are incomplete. Of the confessions secured were for violation of the fraud statute, which makes it a crime to make false claim for loss by fire. Nine were for the crime of arson.

'GONS' RIOT OVER BALL DIAMOND USE

(Continued from page 1.)

about 200 prisoners took part. Pending arrival of police emergency squads from Manhattan the fire department company on the island turned streams of water on the rioters in an attempt to stop the fight.

When rioting continued despite the aid of firemen, additional help was asked from police headquarters. Emergency trucks with machine guns and tear gas bombs were rushed to the stairway at the middle of the Queensboro bridge, which leads down to the island. A police boat with additional force was also sent across the river to the island.

Shortly after the police reached the island the riot subsided and the prisoners were herded back to their quarters. The emergency trucks then returned to Manhattan.

PRUN PORT SEEKS FURTHER CAPITAL

Stockholders of the Major Fruit Products company, sponsors of Prun Port, Tuesday night heard their general manager tell the success and value of their new prune juice product and adjourned without reaching any decision regarding an appeal for \$2,400 additional working capital.

Advertising in Portland papers has brought a considerable response with orders aggregating more than \$200 for the new product, the men were told, but the company lacks capital for sufficient advertising and a mortgage for \$300 on the Vancouver, Wash., plant of the concern, is also a handicap.

Grade Crossings Request Granted

The public service commission Tuesday granted the application of the Erie Logging company for permission to construct and maintain two crossings at grade, in Washington and Multnomah counties, respectively.

Zelinski Better After Operation

HAZEL GREEN, August 5.—Peter Zelinski, who underwent a major operation at Salem General hospital Tuesday, is doing nicely. It will be some time before he can be moved home.

Too Late to Classify

FRESHLY decorated home, apartment, 112, Call at 1601 S. High.

MOONEY TRIAL WITNESS APPEARS BEFORE SUPREME JUSTICES



Left to right are: Supreme Justices John W. Preston, John W. Chen, Elmer B. Stewart, John MacFarland, witness, Chief Justice William H. Wade and Justice John E. Richards, Jesse W. Curtis and William H. Langdon as they appeared in the supreme court in state building, San Francisco, at MacDonald's hearing.

LIVESTOCK FED ON WHEAT NOW

Grain Prices Rally Due to Grass Famine; Failure of Corn Also Factor

(Continued from page 1.)

weighed wheat prices down. From the Kansas State Agricultural college came a statement 25,000,000 to 30,000,000 bushels of hard winter wheat alone was going to fatten stock while an estimate from Indiana said 40 per cent of that state's wheat would go for feed. In Colorado wheat was left standing in the field.

Nebraska has had a 30 per cent cut in its corn crop prospects since the drought began. An official report today said the subsoil is still in good condition generally and a rain might bring a fair crop.

In central Illinois farmers reported they had been carrying water to stock for weeks. The Iowa corn crop has been cut five bushels to the acre, an official report said, and while steady rains fell in some parts of Iowa today, the heaviest precipitation failed to benefit the drier areas.

Ohio's loss from the drought was estimated at \$200,000,000 to date, Missouri's at \$100,000,000. Missouri corn has diminished from 60 to 60 million bushels, and gentleness and famine in the Kentucky stock growing regions has followed the five weeks' drought. The Louisville board of trade, describing the acute shortage of water in that state, asked the federal farm board to send inspectors to survey the situation.

'GONS' RIOT OVER BALL DIAMOND USE

(Continued from page 1.)

about 200 prisoners took part. Pending arrival of police emergency squads from Manhattan the fire department company on the island turned streams of water on the rioters in an attempt to stop the fight.

When rioting continued despite the aid of firemen, additional help was asked from police headquarters. Emergency trucks with machine guns and tear gas bombs were rushed to the stairway at the middle of the Queensboro bridge, which leads down to the island. A police boat with additional force was also sent across the river to the island.

Shortly after the police reached the island the riot subsided and the prisoners were herded back to their quarters. The emergency trucks then returned to Manhattan.

PRUN PORT SEEKS FURTHER CAPITAL

Stockholders of the Major Fruit Products company, sponsors of Prun Port, Tuesday night heard their general manager tell the success and value of their new prune juice product and adjourned without reaching any decision regarding an appeal for \$2,400 additional working capital.

Advertising in Portland papers has brought a considerable response with orders aggregating more than \$200 for the new product, the men were told, but the company lacks capital for sufficient advertising and a mortgage for \$300 on the Vancouver, Wash., plant of the concern, is also a handicap.

Grade Crossings Request Granted

The public service commission Tuesday granted the application of the Erie Logging company for permission to construct and maintain two crossings at grade, in Washington and Multnomah counties, respectively.

Zelinski Better After Operation

HAZEL GREEN, August 5.—Peter Zelinski, who underwent a major operation at Salem General hospital Tuesday, is doing nicely. It will be some time before he can be moved home.

Too Late to Classify

FRESHLY decorated home, apartment, 112, Call at 1601 S. High.

Here, There And Yon

Bits of Personal News Gleaned About Interesting People

John C. Davies, one of the "big guns" in the Port Oxford cedar lumber industry, was in the city yesterday from Marshfield to confer with Frank Johnson, county roadmaster. Davies reports that it will take eight cars to haul the 350 plating of Port Oxford cedar which Marion county has purchased to use on the 1800 foot trestle in the Lake Labish district. The last cars of the timber will be shipped next week, he said. The first estimate reckoned only six cars for the plating shipment. Davies stopped here on his way back south from a business visit in Portland.

Civil service as planned by the city council will be a good thing if it is inaugurated, in the opinion of Sergeant Ass Fisher of the city police department. "For one thing it will separate politics and the city employees, especially the police and fire departments," he declared. Fisher admits Salem has been fortunate in escaping the shake-ups accompanying changes in city administration, but "you never can tell what's going to happen," he says.

PORTLAND DEFEATS SEATTLE IN OPENER

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 5.—(AP)—Portland won the opening game of the series from Seattle tonight, 11 to 4. Woodall's homer in the fourth off Lomanak scored three runs of a Portland outburst in the inning.

OAKLAND, Aug. 5.—(AP)—

R	H	E	
Sacramento	5	10	2
Oakland	4	8	2

Bryan, Gould and Koehler; Craghead, McQuinn, Henderson and Lombardi.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 5.—(AP)—

R	H	E	
San Francisco	3	11	2
Hollywood	2	6	1

Jacobs and Gaston; Turner and Basler.

Pioneer Dies at Home of Sister Here on Tuesday

Mrs. Nellie Blair Holmes, sister of Mrs. Frederick W. Stearns, died at the Stearns' residence at 607 North Commercial street Tuesday morning after a illness of a little more than a week. She had visited at the home of her sister for the past two weeks.

Mrs. Holmes is survived by her widower, A. R. Holmes and a daughter, Juana, both of Independence. She was born in Vancouver, Wash. 68 years ago, but had spent the greater part of her life in Corvallis.

Shaking, Rusty Gun Gets Coin

HANFORD, Cal., Aug. 5.—(AP)—Their gun was rusty, and their hands shaking, but nevertheless, H. L. Boyd, service station owner, didn't want to take a chance. So two handies took the \$50 in Boyd's cash register, and drove away in a big automobile. He told police the handies' gun looked useless, but it wasn't worth \$50 to find out.

HOLLYWOOD

HOME OF 25 TALKIES

TODAY and THURSDAY

RUTH CHATTERTON

THE LAUGHING LADY

WHE LOIS WILSON and H. B. WATSON

ALSO Comedy - News - & M. G. M. Act

AUTUMN RAINS MAY AID CROP

Big "H" Seen in Forecast For Production; River Areas Suffer Most

(Continued from page 1.)

stiffness of an average production of food-grain is believed possible over a vast area comprised of parts of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas and Alabama.

Even three-fourths of a normal feed grain crop is indicated with normal August rainfall, that saved ribbon of farm land following the Ohio river to its junction with the Mississippi and on down to the Gulf. Three fourths of a crop is expected in similarly scorched sections of Montana, Wyoming and North Dakota.

Paradoxical as it seems, the river regions have suffered most; conditions approximating famine obtaining in Kentucky, southern parts of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois and in Missouri. Three-fourths of a crop there means farmers will have to sell their livestock or buy feed.

Reports from Kentucky speak constantly of the "famine" in that state. Early corn has been entirely ruined. Gardens are dead or worthless. Water for livestock has become contaminated and foul.

All crops not harvested in Missouri are about ruined in the worst drought since 1901.

TOO MUCH SITTING IN SOUTH, VERDICT

The Shenandoah valley reminded U. S. "Sept" Page of the good old Williams valley, Florida's most fertile summer and winter, but none too prosperous any of the time. In certain sections of the southern states whites and blacks alike start sitting down by nine o'clock in the morning, and stay that way all day long.

There were some of the impressions brought to Kiwanis club when Mr. Page, its president, reported on his eastern trip at the Tuesday noon luncheon. Page was impressed by the number of monuments erected throughout the south. "Each is, after we had read about so many of them we just stopped paying any attention to the next one," said Page.

He reaffirmed his belief in Oregon and its beauties. Fred Wolf, high school principal, got up in a clear-cut characteristic of the life of Kiwanis "Tommy" Roberts, who lost his eyesight through the pranks of a playmate when "Tommy" was six years of age. Wolf outlined the efforts Roberts made to achieve his education.

Shaking, Rusty Gun Gets Coin

HANFORD, Cal., Aug. 5.—(AP)—Their gun was rusty, and their hands shaking, but nevertheless, H. L. Boyd, service station owner, didn't want to take a chance. So two handies took the \$50 in Boyd's cash register, and drove away in a big automobile. He told police the handies' gun looked useless, but it wasn't worth \$50 to find out.

The Call Board

By OLIVE M. DOAK

ELMINORE

Today—John Crawford in "Our Blushing Brides," CAPTAIN

Today—Will Rogers in "So This is London," Thursday—Gold Diggers of Broadway,

HOLLYWOOD

Today—Ruth Chatterton in "The Laughing Lady," Friday—"Hunting Tigers" in India,

GRAND

Today—"The Furies" with H. B. Warner and Lois Wilson.

Friday—Buck Jones in "The Lone Rider."

Will Rogers has been drawing such a big laugh at Bligh's Capitol that he has been "retained" by Mr. Bligh and Manager Archie Holt for one more day. So cheer up, all you weary ones who thought you had missed him, for he is yours for the seeing today.

Today at the Fox Elsinore will be Joan Crawford in "Our Blushing Brides." I couldn't make the preview last night so can't say for sure just yet what I think of the show, but Joan has been changing so fast in each of her last productions I should hate to miss this one, for I am curious to see what she has done. The caption does not tip one off very much, might be anything. You might speak out if you agree with me Thursday morning.

Both the Grand and the Hollywood have productions of merit beginning with today. Ruth Chatterton in "The Laughing Lady" now at the Hollywood is a play worth seeing any day.

Dairymen Heard Scollard; Due Here Tonight

J. A. Scollard, one of the outstanding dairy league organizers of the state of Washington, who will address a meeting of the dairymen's association in the chamber of commerce rooms tonight, spoke to a large crowd at meeting of Hillsboro dairymen Tuesday night. A few dairymen from Salem attended the meeting.

Professor Brandt of Oregon State college also spoke at the Hillsboro meeting and may appear here tonight. Joe Dunne of Portland, also active in dairy organizing, will also speak.

YANKER IS WINNER

MATTAPSETT, Mass., Aug. 4.—(AP)—Yankel Bothen's candidate for the defense of the America's cup, defeated three other aspirants for that honor in the 50-mile race from Newport here today.

GRAND THE FURIES

WEDS. — THURS.

WHE LOIS WILSON and H. B. WATSON

ALSO Comedy - News - & M. G. M. Act

NATIONS SEND WAR VESSELS

Recovery of Changsha Now Claimed by National Government

(Continued from page 1.)

Kiang and Hankow, the communists for 24 hours have been looting and burning villages, apparently seeking to terrorize country folk into joining their legions.

Kiukiang advised states that were growing the city was about to be attacked shortly as 10,000 communists were reported advancing from the west. Additional foreigners departed from Kiukiang today for safer areas.

From Hankow came word that unassisted there continued at high pitch in Wuhan, Hankow and Hanyang as reds were reported planning attack. The Chinese populace was forming a volunteer defense force, its purpose being to prevent a repetition there of the wholesale robbery and murder perpetrated by communists at Changsha.

Reds continued active north of Hankow, extorting money and supplies from helpless people.

Carrie Welch Services to Be Held Saturday

Funeral services for Mrs. Carrie Welch who died Tuesday at her home on the Garden road, route 7, will be held from the Clough-Taylor chapel Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Rev. W. F. Gordon of Silverton officiating. Interment will be at Belcrest Memorial park.

Mrs. Welch was born in Indiana, July 24, 1863 and had lived on the farm on route 7 for several years. She is survived by her widower, B. Welch, two brothers, Lester Wise of Detroit, Mich., and Clarence Wise of California; four children, Mrs. C. C. Colwell, Mrs. M. L. Barber, Dale Welch, all of Salem and Mrs. Roy McFarland of Shastopol. She also leaves 19 grandchildren and two nieces.

Stayton Youth Now in Charge of New Grocery

STAYTON, Aug. 5.—Roy Lee, who has been in charge of the store here has been placed in charge of the store. Ted McDermott, who has held the store will go to Portland to take charge of a store there. Roy is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee of this place and was a member of the 1928 graduating class of the Stayton high school. He has many friends here who are much gratified to see him placed in so responsible a position.

Shade Trounces Florida Battler

BOSTON, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Dave Shade, veteran Los Angeles middleweight, gave Joe Anderson, Covington, Ky., a severe trouncing in the Boston Gardens feature ten round bout tonight at Braves Field. Dave's glazing two-fist attack to the head and body gave him nine rounds. Anderson held him even in the second. Shade weighed 158 and Anderson 163 1/2 pounds.

LLOYD LUCAS DEATH IS REPORTED HERE

Lloyd L. Lucas, a former Salem man and secretary of the Bellingham Tug and Barge company, committed suicide by jumping from the 15th story of a Bellingham hotel, says a Bellingham paper in telling of the death of the 38 year old man.

News of his death was received late last week by Salem friends, but no details were given. Discovery of the man's hat, coat and vest, and a note addressed to his wife saying "Good-bye. I love you all, take care of the children," led police to believe he took his own life.

According to the newspaper, Lucas returned from work on the day of his death suffering from a slight heart attack. After his wife had given him medicine he went for a walk, saying the fresh air would help him. He went to a hotel, wrote the note to his wife, entered the elevator and rode to the seventh floor. Then, the paper says, he walked to the 15th story, from where he leaped from a parapet to the sidewalk below. He was seen by two city firemen, the only witnesses.

Lucas is survived by his wife and four children.

Flier Has Cold But Endurance Test Continues

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Dale Jackson, one of the pilots of the endurance monoplane Great-er St. Louis, and over the plane short wave radio transmitter tonight he had a cold and don't feel good. The announcement caused concern at Lambert St. Louis field, but the consensus was it would take more than a cold to stop Jackson and his co-pilot, Forest O'Brien, and now that they are within striking distance of the record of the Hunter brothers.

At 8:11 p. m. Jackson and O'Brien had been in the air 374 hours. The Hunters remained up

Coats Shed as Mercury Rises To 88 Tuesday

A fairly high degree of humidity and higher temperature than in recent days, shed many a coat from the backs of Salem business men yesterday. The high mark of the day was reached at 5 p. m. when the thermometer stood at 88 degrees.

At 6 a. m., Tuesday morning the mercury showed 50 degrees. At noon the temperature had climbed to the 79-degree mark and it continued upward until 5 p. m. At 8 p. m. last night the thermometer had receded to the 70-degree point.

Keep Cool

Clearance Sale ESKIMO FANS

Was	Now
8 in. Fan.....\$5.00	\$3.50
9 in. Fan.....	6.00 4.20
10 in. Fan.....	8.00 5.50
10 in. Oscillating.....	11.00 7.55
16 in. Oscillating.....	17.00 11.00

VIBBERT & TODD
Telephone 2112
400 State

WILL ROGERS

"So This is London"

Vitaphone Act
Movietone Act

Brought back to Salem for return engagement by popular demand — Thursday, Friday, Saturday

JOAN CRAWFORD

Beautiful Joan sparkles like a gem in a setting of jewels! The love story of three daughters of today!

JOAN CRAWFORD

"Our Blushing Brides"

Gorgeous! Fascinating! ADDED CHARLIE CHASE in "WHISPERING WHOOPEE" THE METROTONE NEWS

GRAND THE FURIES

WEDS. — THURS.

WHE LOIS WILSON and H. B. WATSON

ALSO Comedy - News - & M. G. M. Act

ELMINORE

THREE DAYS STARTING TODAY

WILL ROGERS

"So This is London"

Vitaphone Act
Movietone Act

Brought back to Salem for return engagement by popular demand — Thursday, Friday, Saturday

JOAN CRAWFORD

Beautiful Joan sparkles like a gem in a setting of jewels! The love story of three daughters of today!

JOAN CRAWFORD

"Our Blushing Brides"

Gorgeous! Fascinating! ADDED CHARLIE CHASE in "WHISPERING WHOOPEE" THE METROTONE NEWS