

Weather Main Factor in Fire

Control Method in Forest Service Improved but 1938 Losses High

By BILL WHITE
WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—(AP)—Blame it on the weather. Despite vast improvements by the forest service in fire fighting methods, with better detection, communication and transportation facilities, and with increased man-power from the civilian conservation corps, the weather remains the unpredictable quality in fighting forest fires.

Roy Headley, chief of the division of fire control, estimates the damage done by fires throughout the country this year will be 10 per cent greater than last year—principally because of the weather.

However, that is not exactly a fair comparison, since 1937 set an all time record for the small amount of damage done by fires—again due to climatic conditions.

As an example, Headley cited a fire in the Slakyou national forest in Oregon where all available man-power and knowledge was employed to stop the blaze. Nothing was left undone, yet it took 16 days to check that fire. And the reason? The weather was hot and dry and winds swept the blaze out of control time and again.

Thus the fire fighter, though he knows more about fires now than he did even five years ago, though there are thousands of miles of new roads, hundreds of look-out towers, and mile after mile of telephone line he must pray for rain if he is to fight fire successfully.

Use More Machinery
Headley says that the increased use of machinery is the newest trend in fire fighting technique. The forest service has invented a trencher—a machine that digs a trench, as it's name implies—and it uses such things as "brush busters" (modified snow plows) and tractor powered trail builders to help do what every fighter knows is his first command—get a trench around the burning area.

New methods of handling men are being tried. The regular force of forest service men may be trebled within the space of a few hours, planes drop men and food at the site of fires, highly mobile CCC units are sped to the scene. Yet in the final analysis if there is no rain the fire fighters know they have a problem before them that they cannot hope to solve fully.

Even with a 10 per cent increase in area burned this year the service, according to Headley, has kept the loss down to about 1,000 acres burned for every million acres protected. As the golfers would say, that's about par for the course.

The forest service knows that one or two out of every five years will be a bad one. 1910, 1924, 1929, 1931, 1934—they were the bad ones.

No Closed Season
Actually there is no closed season for the forest service men, though they sigh with relief when the Pacific northwest's "tinder box" gets its fall rains. In the southern states the fires start in January or February racing

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As Nazis marched into Rumburg, Czechoslovakia

Here is the first original photo from Europe, showing Nazi troops marching into the town of Rumburg. Some of the soldiers wear flowers on their uniforms.

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through the grasses. Most of those fires are man-made because southerners still believe that setting brush fires which later become forest fires if not watched properly is "good woods practice."

The forest service has a year long staff of about 3,500 men. Some 4,000 men are added during the fire season, there are some 400 administrative guards and many recreational guards—and states are becoming more fire conscious and are helping cut down the danger. Educational literature and talks by members of the forest service are educating the public to be careful with matches. National organizations are taking up the banner of "your forests—your fire—your fault," but if Headley could only get the weather man on his side, he'd be happy.

Banking Institute Classes Underway

Opening of class work in the study of "Bank Organization and Operation," with 42 employees of Marion and Polk county banks meeting each Wednesday night at the Ladd & Bush building, the 1938-39 American Institute of Banking season is now under way with Professor William C. Jones of Willamette university conducting the class. Purpose of the class is to instruct in the modern methods of banking.

Thursday, October 20, has been set for the banquet of the group at the Golden Pheasant, with Father Alcuin Heibel of Mt. Angel college to speak on European matters and his impressions gained by a recent visit there. Elton Thompson, Marion county delegate to the national AIB convention, will also speak.

The first meeting of the women's committee of the local institute chapter, of which Nellie Schwab of Ladd & Bush is chairman, was held October 13.

Harvey B. Cornell, Ex-Resident Dies

Harvey B. Cornell, who was born in Salem about 1882, passed away at his Portland home early Saturday of a heart attack. He was the son of H. A. and Emily Parr—Cornell, his father having been a well-known architect here at one time.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p. m. Monday from Holman and Lutz, Portland. Survivors include the widow, two sons and a daughter, his mother, an aunt, Nellie M. Parmenter of Portland, and uncle, C. L. Parmenter of Salem.

Class in Pastel

HAYESVILLE—The first meeting of a WPA class in pastel drawing will meet at the home of Mrs. C. B. Johnson on the Pacific highway just south of Kappah's winery, on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Anyone wishing to join the class should attend the meeting. Mrs. Oscar Gingrich is instructor.

Newport Chosen Convention City

J. F. Cooper of Portland Is Chosen President of Camp Owners

The Oregon Auto Camp association selected Newport as its 1939 convention city as the 1938 meeting came to a close here yesterday. Joseph F. Cooper, Portland, was elected president; L. H. Lindley, Newport, vice-president, and C. A. Ambrose, Portland, re-elected secretary-treasurer.

The association selected three objectives for legislation to be sought at the next legislature. They are more satisfactory regulatory legislation, reduced insurance rates and reduced power and light rates.

A legislative committee was appointed to have petitions circulated asking the legislature to change the law so that building permits will be issued before camp ground structures are built rather than after they are built. Under the existing law it is said inspections are frequently made after buildings are finished, and if found unsatisfactory much inconvenience is caused operators.

Discrimination, which it is claimed exists in favor of camp grounds in counties bordering on the ocean, whereby they are not required to pay the annual inspection fee of \$10 if they rent by the week or month instead of by the day, will be another subject of proposed legislation. It is claimed the coast camps rent by the day as well as by week or month.

Would-Be Groom Is Still Blocked

PORTLAND, Oct. 15.—(AP)—No telegram, no marriage for Raymond D. Kramer and his Eugene sweetheart.

That was the situation over the week-end for the former Eugene resident, arrested several days ago for West Virginia officers, who said he was wanted on a murder charge.

Kramer was caught on the eve of his wedding. His bride-to-be followed him here and expressed a wish to marry him despite his jail sentence. U. S. Marshal Jack Summerville, doubtful whether such a ceremony was proper, asked the U. S. attorney-general's office for advice but his telegram brought no answer today, so the couple held all in abeyance, hopefully waiting for Monday.

Traffic Violators To Get Flat Tires

BERLIN, Oct. 15.—(AP)—A new order today said traffic police may deflate the tires of "road hogs" and reckless drivers right at the spot where they are caught.

Authorities explained the need of severe measures by the fact that despite more stringent control the annual average of 8,000 persons killed and 175,000 injured on Germany's highways remains almost stationary.

The tire deflation order will op-

erate in cases where drivers pass on the wrong side of the road, neglect to slow down when approaching main roads or turn corners at excessive speeds.

Offenders also may be fined or have their licenses taken away for a period of one week to three months.

4H Clubs Formed By Roberts Youth

ROBERTS—The 4-H club boys and girls have organized with Mrs. L. D. Johnston leader, for the boys and Mrs. Rose Howland the girls.

The boys have two groups, one of five and the other of seven members.

They elected Robert Reders president; Raymond Eyerly, vice president; and Everett Klopp secretary.

The girls club is "The Happy Sewers" and will meet at the home of their leader every second Friday. Officers are: president, Yvonne Grey vice president, Aline Klapp; secretary, Phyllis Howland; treasurer, Mary Sharpe; yell leader, Opal Howland; song leader, June DeBellis.

Legion Sons Set Installing Monday

The Capital Post chapter of the Sons of the American Legion will meet at Fraternal temple at 6:30 p. m., ahead of the Legion post meeting, Monday night for installation of officers.

The ceremonies will be conducted by the chapter from Federal post, Portland. Al Greenwalt, member of the national Sons of the Legion committee, will be present.

Lytle Brown, the new captain, succeeds Bob Lafky.

Members and their parents are urged to attend.

Union Case Appeal Before High Court

The state supreme court next Tuesday will hear the appealed case of Hugh Reynolds, ex-husband manager of the Eugene local, teamsters' union, who is under one year county jail sentence in Lane county for destruction of property.

Officials charged that Reynolds employed persons to throw rocks through windows in connection with his union activities.

This is the first of the labor terrorism cases set for hearing in the supreme court.

State's Revenue Being Estimated

Estimates of the state's revenues for the year 1939 are being tabulated by the state budget department.

The 1939 tax levy will be announced early in November by the state tax commission. Whether there will be a state levy for 1939 has not yet been determined.

The state tax was omitted once during the Meier administration and once during the Martin administration.

Rails Restate Cut Intention

Testimony Ends in Rail Wage Dispute Hearing Before Board

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—(AP)—A reiteration by management of its intention to put through a 15 per cent reduction in railroad wages marked the end today of testimony-taking by President Roosevelt's emergency fact-finding board.

The board, which is attempting to avert a nationwide strike by nearly 1,000,000 railroad workers opposing the proposed cut, will hear concluding arguments Monday.

To Submit Report
Then it will have until October 27 to submit a report to President Roosevelt. Both the wage reduction and the workers' strike have been deferred by law until after this report is made.

J. J. Kelley, president of the American Association of Railroads, was the final witness for the carriers. He told the board: "There is nothing that can be done for this railroad industry that would obviate the necessity of prosecuting this wage reduction to the last."

"We went through this thing one end to the other before this wage movement was started, and I know from my own knowledge that this is the only way out for us."

Speaking for nearly all the major railroads in this country, he denied testimony by Chairman Wheeler (d-Mont.) of the senate interstate commerce committee, that railroads were wasting \$1,000,000 a day.

Pelley asserted that railroads were pleased by legislative relief programs offered by labor and congressional leaders, then added:

"But what I want to say to the board is that there is no plan, there is none that can be made, there is none that can be put in effect that will meet this emergency we are in now."

16 Communities Get Instruction

Sixteen communities in Marion and Polk counties are now being served by the adult education-registration program, according to Earl Litwiler, supervisor.

In addition, classes are held in five state and federal schools and two CCC camps. Instruction is being given in 31 different subjects and there are 49 teachers. The subject matter ranges from the strictly academic subjects such as elementary French and English through handicrafts to the physical activities as basketball and football.

A very popular subject for which there are not sufficient instructors, is basketry. Several new classes in this subject have recently been started. The Salem basketry class meets 9 to 12 and 1 to 4 in the old high school.

Jason Lee Group to Meet Tuesday

Jason Lee Men's Brotherhood will hold its first meeting for the fall on Tuesday, October 18, at 6:30 under the direction of the new president, Andrew Hunter. Dr. J. C. Evans of the Oregon state hospital will talk on Oregon's new marriage law that will come up at the November election.

The entertainment committee is arranging a fine program. The October circle of the Ladies' Aid will serve dinner. Reservation should be made by Monday night at 8:58.

Reginato Exonerated Of Blame in Accident

EUGENE, Oct. 15.—(AP)—Victor Reginato, varsity football end for the University of Oregon, was exonerated by the county grand jury of blame in the death of Mrs. W. R. Hall, who was struck and killed by the student's automobile on Oct. 1, after the UCLA-Oregon game here.

Youth Is Victim In Daring Climb

WENATCHEE, Oct. 15.—(AP)—Rodney Bretz, 13, was killed near here today, a victim of his own daring.

He fell from the highest peak of Saddle Rock, a jagged cliff, and was crushed to death on the rocks 100 feet below. He was trying to reach the pinnacle from a side never before scaled.

His companions said he wanted to climb higher than any of his friends.

Winston Churchill To Answer Hitler

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—(AP)—A reply from Winston Churchill, British statesman, to Adolf Hitler's characterization of him as an enemy of peace was expected tomorrow (3 to 3:30 p. m. PST, NBC blue network) in an overseas broadcast scheduled by Churchill.

In a speech at Saarbrücken last Sunday, Chancellor Hitler called Churchill militant conservative member of parliament who has frequently attacked Prime Minister Chamberlain's foreign policy, a "leftover from Versailles."

The Nazi chief also placed in the same category Anthony Eden, former British foreign secretary, and Alfred Duff Cooper, former first lord of the admiralty, who resigned in protest against the Munich agreement for cession of Czechoslovak territory to Germany.

Policy of Martin Praised at Meet

Governor Charles H. Martin's policies of establishing forestry camps and handling Oregon parolees received favorable recognition at the recent national convention of the American Parole association, American Prison association, and National Probation association, State Parole Officer E. M. Duffy reported on his return here Saturday.

The conventions were held at St. Paul, Minn. Duffy said Governor Martin also received applause for his plan to develop prison farms where the honor system could be employed and more complete segregation of prisoners provided.

Salt Creek Church Parsonage Burned

DALLAS, Ore., Oct. 15.—(AP)—The parsonage of the Salt Creek church, located on the cutoff to the coast, was destroyed by fire about 9:30 o'clock this morning. Some furniture was saved, but the library of Rev. Otto Mellinger, pastor, was lost with other contents.

A defective flue is believed the cause of the fire. The Dallas fire department made the six-mile run but arrived too late.

The building, the property of the church, adjoined the stucco church erected a number of years ago.

Woodburn Train Crash Victim Said Recovering

WOODBURN—Hospital attendants reported Ben Shattuck, who was struck by a train Wednesday, is progressing nicely and is expected to recover. He received a fractured skull, fractured leg and fractured arm. Attendants were unable to set the leg until Saturday because of swelling in it.

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GOP Is Ahead In Voter Total

Democrats However Show Increases in All but Six Counties

Registration figures received here from 16 of the 36 counties for the November election show the republicans leading the democrats by 61,607 to 58,928. The total registration for these counties is 121,308.

A number of the larger counties are yet to report their registrations. These include Multnomah, Lane, Jackson and Clackamas.

Democrats Gain
The democrats have made substantial gains in virtually all of the counties that have reported while the republicans have increased their registration in only six counties.

Clatsop county showed a gain from 11,571 at the November election in 1936 to 11,634 for this year's election. The republican registration decreased from 7396 in 1936 to 6695 this year while the democrats gained from 4138 to 4830.

The Tillamook county registration also showed an increase from 6286 to 6320, with the democrats showing a gain of from 2327 to 2554. The republican registration dropped from 3852 to 3666.

Linn Figure Drops
Linn county's registration dropped from 15,713 to 14,947. Republicans decreased from 8579 to 7397 with the democrats showing a gain from 6806 to 6511.

There also was a decrease in the Lake county registration from 3170 to 2974. Republicans decreased from 1697 to 1507 while the democrats remained at 1445, the same as reported two years ago.

Douglas county reported a gain from 14,000 to 14,202. Republicans dropped from 8325 to 8115 while democrats had an increase from 5555 to 5805.

Suit Is Problem In Federal Court

PORTLAND, Oct. 15.—(AP)—The \$25,000 suit Virginia DeGroote filed against Mary and Charles Welch of Roseburg presented something of a problem today in federal court.

The Welch's attorney, in a statement to Judge Claude McCulloch, expressed doubt that the suit could be prosecuted, asserting that at the time Miss DeGroote was injured between Marshfield and Roseburg in the Welch car, she was being taken to Roseburg in an enterprise not countenanced by the law. The attorney said, therefore, that he doubted whether the law could take a hand and award damages to either party.

There the case remained awaiting further developments.

Board of Control To Approve Paper

The state board of control will meet Monday to approve the contract for construction of the new central heating plant to serve all buildings in the capitol group.

The contract recently was awarded by the capitol reconstruction commission to Malarkey and Kallander, Portland.

Work on the plant will start within the next two weeks.

Property on which to locate the plant recently was purchased by the state board of control at a cost of \$10,500.

Clinic Discovers Girls Vaccinated

72 per Cent of Examined Girls at Parrish Are Vaccinated

Work conducted among Salem grade school children by the Marion county health department was reflected in the results of a girls' clinic conducted last week at Parrish junior high school, where 71.4 per cent, or 115 of the 161 examined were found to have been already vaccinated for smallpox. Approximately one-half showed a thyroid deficiency and 63, tooth defects.

Reports on other clinics included:

Salem high school boys—75 examined, 51 already immunized against diphtheria and 58 vaccinated against smallpox, 14 free of all physical defects and 33 having defective teeth.

Mill City—High school boys and new pupils, 43 examined, 17 found to have defective teeth.

Marjory Ketting, new health nurse for the south end of Marion county, assisted Dr. Vernon A. Douglas, health officer, with the Mill City clinic and Beatrice Turle, Salem nurse, conducted the Salem high examinations.

Carl Wolz Rites Held Saturday

Final rites were held yesterday afternoon for Carl Charles Wolz, 54, former Salem resident who died Tuesday at his home near Amity. Wolz worked for 17 or 18 years with Ennis Wait here prior to leaving Salem about two years ago. Death was due to a heart ailment which Wolz had suffered the past two years.

Mr. Wolz was a long-time member of the Woodmen of the World here and members of that order were pallbearers at the funeral, the sermon for which was preached by Rev. W. C. Kantner.

Surviving Mr. Wolz are the widow, Helen Wolz; three children, Carl W. of Salem, Miss Delores Wolz and Mrs. Fay Jo Lutz, both of San Diego; also a sister, Mrs. Anna Turner of Los Angeles and a brother, Henry Wolz of Albany.

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