

Two-Day Program Series for War Savings Brings 'Victory House'

Today Anniversary of Huge Oregon Fire



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The Tillamook Fire of 1933
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Two important announcements timed on the anniversary of the Tillamook forest fire which started August 14, 1933, were made by Oregon lumbermen, planning a reforestation project along the Wolf Creek highway through the burn, and State Forester Nelson S. Rogers, warning against complacency, as August and September are the northwest's worst fire months.

Young Forest to Shield Tillamook Burn Planned by Oregon Logging Operators; Hedge to Be Planted When Labor Ready

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PORTLAND, Aug. 13—(AP)—A multi-million three reforestation program in the Tillamook burn—site of one of America's costliest forest fires—was announced Thursday by Orville Miller, Portland lumberman, spokesman for operators in the burn area.

Within 10 years from its start, it is expected that a 15-mile-long young forest, stretching a quarter of a mile back from each side of the Wolf Creek highway—new sort route from Portland to the sea—will provide a 15 to 20-foot hedge, to shield from the sight of motorists the gaunt, blackened snags that now cover some 300,000 acres in the coast mountains.

The program has been drafted and will be financed by logging operators although virtually all of the land bordering the highway is state-owned, Miller said. He added that it was considered economically sound by operators because it will form a natural reseeding area for adjacent privately owned land and will center public attention on fire prevention.

The reforestation announcement was made on the eve of the ninth anniversary of the fire that destroyed 12,000,000,000 (B) feet of timber from August 14 to 25, 1933.

Shortage of labor will delay start of the program, which had been planned for this fall, he said, until after the war. "As soon as men are available, work will start in setting out the millions of yearling trees needed to cover the highway corridor.

Many of the new trees will be Douglas fir, replacing the fir forest that went up in flames nine years ago, but extensive use of fast-growing Port Orford cedar and hemlock is contemplated, Miller said.

The project will involve 50,000 to 75,000 man-hours of labor for planting alone, he estimated, if trained personnel is used. If common labor is used to provide post-war employment, the time will be extended.

But whatever the planting time, trees soon again will cover 5000 acres in the coast mountains that now are a grim reminder of the desolation brought by fire.

The burned area once was one of Oregon's finest stands of virgin timber. On August 14, 1933, humidity was so low that operators closed their work. But in this camp a few miles southwest of Gales Creek in Washington county, the final log snaking over a cedar windfall rubbed the wood into flame. The Tillamook fire had started.

It spread with explosive force. Experienced fire fighters, CCC workers, woods and mill workers battled to trail the fire. The trails were built, then lost as the blaze crowned and roared on. More than 3000 men fought the

Boys' and Girls' Pet 'Mutts' To 'Yap at Japs' in Bond Drive Contest Today

The pre-fire cruise is being recovered by the crews and the undamaged lumber is going into war-needed buildings and ships.

Natural reforestation has proceeded in many parts of the burn but in others no seed trees were left.

The reforestation project announced Thursday—in which N. L. Rogers, state forester, and the highway department have cooperated in planning—will in a few years shield from motorists the present gaunt outlines that tell of Oregon's costliest fire.

"What better opportunity could be used than the ninth anniversary of the disastrous Tillamook fire of 1933 to impress upon people of Oregon the grave and threatening months just ahead of us," said Rogers. "I hope our people have not become too complacent because of the rains we have had this summer. This year is very similar to 1936, when on September 23 the holocaust known as the Bandon fire claimed 11 lives as it literally exploded and took thousands of acres of rich timber lands."

"Our big job right now is to see that fires such as destroyed the great virgin forests of Clatsop and Tillamook counties do not happen again," Rogers continued.

Figures at the office of the state forester indicate that the fire season to date in Oregon has been the best in history with a record of only 89 man-made fires and a total of only 137 acres burned on protected land. This very record alone may be the worst handicap the rest of the fire season in the opinion of Forester Rogers.

Children's Dog Show Starts at 4:30, Part Of 'Victory Days'

It will be "yap at the Japs" in Salem at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon when the city's boys and girls bring their dogs to town for competition in the "Victory Days" program on Liberty street, between State and Court.

Yip as they may, and scratch, the mutts will have their day, at 4:30 p.m., in contests for the largest, the smallest, and other classifications outlined by J. H. "Harry" Willett, dog show chairman. Following, said Willett Thursday, are the classifications for dog show entries:

- Best dog.
- Largest-eared.
- Smallest-eared.
- Longest-tailed.
- Largest dog.
- Smallest dog.
- Best mannered.
- Best-educated.
- Best conditioned.

Only boys and girls from 6 to 14 years of age, inclusive, will be eligible for entry in the show. Many prizes are to be awarded.

Willett said judges would be Frank Bell and Bert Hill.

At the same hour "Victory Days" chairman of event, Barkley A. Newman, has arranged for a Centennial costume competition.

Saturday at 4:30 p.m. a series of sports contests for children has been arranged for by Newman and Oliver B. Huston. Prizes also will be awarded to the children best made up to caricature Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini and Japan's emperor.

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