

Forest Fire Toll Is High, Report Shows

Forest fires last year burned over a total of 31,854,124 acres of United States woodlands, compared with 26,404,385 acres in 1941, the department of agriculture said today. The total number of fires in the first year was 208,218, an increase of 8,516 over 1941.

These fires destroyed forest resources of critical importance in the war drive, and the diversion of men to fire-fighting necessitated by outbreaks constituted a serious drain on manpower that could otherwise be utilized on war production, the forest service points out.

Of the 31 million acres burned in 1942, ninety percent was in eleven southern states. Acreage loss by regions was eastern states, 1,362,894; southern, 28,531,119; north central, 1,123,421; Rocky Mountain, 263,221; and Pacific 872,469.

A sharp rise in the number of incendiary forest fires occurred during the year. Nearly one-third of the forest fires reported on protected lands were of incendiary origin—12 percent more than the number of incendiary fires during the preceding year. A large percentage of the incendiary fires result from traditional but misguided woodburning practices in the south. The number of fires for which smokers were responsible ranked second only to those of an incendiary nature. Careless brush and debris burning was third in importance as a cause of forest fires.

More than 136 million acres of forest land still lack organized protection against forest fires, the forest service reported. This is approximately one-fourth of the total area classed as needing protection. Eighty-six percent of the total acreage burned last year was on this unprotected area.

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At the first boys' home, police said they found some of the tools taken from the Oregon Wrecking company repair shop recently and were told of the theft of a revolver from a parked car. Boy No. 2 said he had ridden his bicycle around outside Oregon Wrecking while No. 1 entered and removed tools and equipment which had all been carried away in a paper bag.

Names of two or three other boys of junior high and high school age were turned in by No. 2. Questioned, they allegedly admitted theft of a radio from Schroek's used car lot, a number of shoplifting escapades from downtown and community stores, and the sale of gasoline stamps, which are believed to have been some of those taken in a service station burglary early this month.

New Owner Tire Check Ruling Set

Rules under which the purchaser of a used car may qualify for a gasoline ration to operate it, even though he is unable to get a tire inspection record from the previous owner, were announced today by the district OPA, effective June 21.

In the past, the new owner was required to turn in existing inspection record when applying to a local war price and rationing board for a gasoline ration.

Under the new procedure, if the buyer is unable to present the tire inspection record, he must satisfy the local board either that:

1. No tire inspection record ever was issued for the vehicle—or
2. The buyer has been unable to get the record from the previous owner after diligent attempt.

When either condition is met, the board may issue the appropriate gasoline ration and a new inspection record for the car.

The tie-in of the inspection record with the issuance of gasoline rations gives the board an opportunity to examine the record and take appropriate action in case tires have been improperly mounted on the vehicle.

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SILVERTON — Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hill and infant daughter arrived at Silverton Monday night for a brief visit with Mrs. Hill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Mires. They will leave again Saturday for Monroe, La., where Mr. Hill is stationed.

Mrs. Hill is the former Miss Minnie Mires, who was for three years employed in the Silverton Public Library.

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All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified as required by law, and with the proper vouchers, to the undersigned Executrices, at Salem, Oregon, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, said first publication being made the 21st day of May, 1943.

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Island Signals Surrender



A white cross in the center of the landing field on Pantelleria, Italian island fortress reduced by three weeks of incessant bombing, signals the allied air forces that the island has had enough. (Associated Press photo from Algiers by signal corps radiophoto.)

Police Solve City Thefts, Hold Youths

A series of burglaries and a number of other thefts from Salem streets in recent weeks was solved Thursday as outgrowth of one juvenile arrest, city police revealed.

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'Home Rule' For Farmers Is Praised

Decisions for Oregon farmers should be made in Oregon rather than by the alphabetical agencies of Washington, so that America's first individualist who produces individually may be preserved, Ervin L. Peterson, director of the state department of agriculture, declared at the Thursday luncheon meeting of the Lions club held in the Mirror room of the Marion hotel.

Although centralized farm control from Washington is necessary to an extent, Peterson admitted, farmers would be better served by local agencies of Oregon making decisions in the field for the individual producer's needs.

Peterson predicted tighter rationing in the future and said that even with the bumper crops of 1942, which in normal times might have supplied 20 million more people than there are in this country, rationing was necessary. In 1943 crops are below par and there is even more food needed for lend lease, the armed forces and post-peace stock piles to feed starving Europe.

Concluding his survey of the agricultural crisis of the war, Peterson turned to Oregon milk control, listing its principle as a sound one which might prevent cut-throats competition and waste during overproduction.

Peterson said that the story of the difference between consumers' and producers' prices would have to be told the public in the future by improved public relation methods of the farmer.

All Lions club members attending the Roseburg Lions War Problems conference would attend as delegates, President Monroe Cheek announced.

Methodists Leave For Conference; Jones Retained

SILVERTON — Rev. and Mrs. Leonard Jones and Mrs. Nada Grinde, lay delegate, will attend the Oregon annual conference in Portland this week when the ministerial appointments for the year will be read by Bishop Bruce Baxter.

The local Methodist church reports a total of \$4500 raised and expended this year. Over \$600 was used for improvements to complete the program for the past four years. More than \$1000 on hand from the missionary fund.

At the May meeting, according to the report prepared for the conference, the official board of the "Buy a Bond and Build a New Church" committee was launched. The plan is to have \$2000 on hand ready to build a new church in ten years. The minister was invited to return with an increase of \$500 in salary.

Attu Wounded Get Medals

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 17. —(AP)—Pvt. Kasper P. Hahn smiled Thursday as the medal was pinned on and the officer told him it was "A purple heart on a field of gold."

The officer described the medal for the Los Angeles man, one of 42 soldiers wounded on Attu who received purple hearts, because a Japanese bullet had cost him the sight of both eyes.

Not alone for the decoration did Hahn smile. Behind his bed hangs the sword of a Japanese officer whose fighting days ended on Attu.

Three Pacific northwest men were among those who received medals. They were Capt. Marion R. Carstans, Reardon, Wash., whose wife attended the ceremony; First Lieut. Robert J. Abbey, Boise, Ida., and Pvt. Gilbert H. Uht, Corvallis, Ore.

16 to Write In Bar Exams

Sixteen applicants will write in the state bar examinations to be held here next Monday and Tuesday, Arthur S. Benson, clerk of the state supreme court, announced Thursday.

Two other applicants will take the examination at army posts. The examinations will be conducted by the state board of bar examiners.

Nearly 100 wrote in the bar examinations a year ago.

Pea Harvest Has Setback

Harvesting of peas which has been going full blast since Monday in the Grand Island district received a setback Thursday due to inclement weather. Ray-Maling company started wining operations Thursday morning and requested more men to work on the vines.

Buses will pick up workers at the employment office at 7 a.m. for the morning shift and at 3:45 p.m. for the night shift. The crop is maturing rapidly.

Kunkle Ill for Week

FOX VALLEY—John Kunkle has been sick for the past week or longer. He is some better but is able to work only part of the time.

Mrs. Garbe Worse

AUMSVILLE—Mrs. F. A. Garbe who has been ill at her home here for some time, but not confined to her bed, took a turn for the worse Friday night and was taken to the Salem General hospital. She was reported to be resting easier, Tuesday night.

Trial Run Begun

The Rogers Canning company plant at Athena began a trial run on pea processing.

Bicyclist Killed

Robert G. Leith, 8, Delake, riding a bicycle on the coast highway near his home, was killed by a logging truck.

Takes Real Estate Job

SILVERTON — Miss Martha Mires, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Mires, is employed at the Childs Real Estate company at Salem. Miss Mires was graduated from the Silverton high school in early June and accepted the new position this week. She commutes to Salem each day.

Lions Select Delegates

WEST SALEM — The Lion's club met in regular session at the legion hall Wednesday night. After the regular routine of business, the convention was discussed. Delegates selected were L. B. McClendon, Robert Forster and Dr. Goffrier.

Fine for Salads or Fruit Cocktails

MY-TE-FINE GRAPEFRUIT

No. 2 Can **13c** 6 for **75c** 10 Points

These juicy segments of grapefruit are free of rind and peel. Juicy and rich in vitamin A, without seeds.

LIBBY TOMATO JUICE No. 300 Can **8c** 2 for **15c** Delicious ice cold for an appetizer.

NEW WEST APPLE JUICE 32 oz. Can **22c** A healthful and invigorating drink.

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Sumar Soda Crackers 23c lb.

My-Te-Fine Corn and Starch 1 lb. **7c** 2 for **13c**

Giant Panda Soy Sauce 5 oz. Can **10c**

My-Te-Fine Chinese Noodles 15 oz. **13c** 2 for **25c**

Stamp No. 24 Now Good for 1 Pound

My-Te-Fine COFFEE 24c lb. Alpine Coffee, 1 lb. 32c

My-Te-Fine 4 Sieve Peas, No. 303 Can, 10c

My-Te-Fine Tomatoes, No. 2 1/2 can, 17c; 2 for 33c

My-Te-Fine Sliced Yellow Cling Peaches, 8 oz. can, 8c

Lions Maraschino Cherries, 4 oz., 12c

Fred Meyer Green Split Peas, 2 lbs., 19c

F. M. Med. Walnuts, 1 lb., 25c

CHB Cocktail Sauce, 10 oz., 18c

Purax, 1 gallon, 19c

My-Te-Fine Catsup, 14 oz., 14c; 2 for 27c

Wet Me Soap Pads, reg. size, 7c

Post's 40% Bran Flakes 10c 9c

Post Toasties, 18 oz., 12c

Figo, 1 lb., 26c

Dan-Dog Dog Food, 1 lb. 18c; 2 for 35c

Red Hear Dog Food, A, B, C, 12 oz., 3 for 35c

Bon Ton Shoe Paste, black, brown, blood, army tan 15c

Elmdale Clothes Line, 50 ft. 23c

Krusteaz, for good pie crusts, 17 oz., 24c

Maxine Toilet Soap, Reg. 5c; 4 for 19c

Gets Hands Clean!

Lava Soap Med. 6c 3 for 17c

Fred Meyer Grocery Section

Makes Light Cakes

Crisco Shortening 24c lb.

Goes farther. Fine for all baking and frying.

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For Family Washing

Dux Washing Powder Large Pkg. **23c**

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Mild for Soap

Ivory Soap Med. 6c

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Adds Zest to Salads

Durkees Famous Dressing 10 oz. Bottle **27c**

Delicious on all types of salads.

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Makes Clothes Whiter

Oxydol Washing Powder Large Pkg. **23c**

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Wholesome Goodness

Tiny Tots Cereals 28 oz. Pkg. **20c**

Start your child's day with this healthy wheat cereal.

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Sea Island Sugar 5 lb. Sack **33c** 10 lbs. 63c 25 lbs. \$1.58

My-Te-Fine Citrus Pectin, 8 x., 2 for 25c

Pen Jell Pectin, 3 oz., 9c

Jelly Glasses, squat and tall, 1/2 pint 43c

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Bernadin Mason Jar Lids, 9c doz.

1 Piece Jar Caps, 15c dozen; 2 for 29c

Cupples Mason Topneal Rubbers, 4c doz.

Easy to Iron

Staleys Corn or Glass Starch Reg. Size **8c** 2 for 15c

Makes your ironing easier and clothes like new.

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Old Dutch Cleanser 14 oz. Box **7c**

Cleans pots and pans quickly with out scratching.

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Fisher's Blend Flour 49 lb. sack **\$2.09**

A flour you can depend on for all purposes.

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Fresh From Garden Flavor

Vale 5 Sieve PEAS No. 2 Can **10c** 10 Points

Tender and delicious large peas. Fresh from vine when packed. Serve with butter.

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A Delicious Treat for Father's Day Dinner

Fathers Day Cakes 75c ea.

2-Layer Round
Chocolate nut cake laced with chocolate nut icing. Decorated with scroll and "Dad" written in the center. Delightfully rich and moist.

Almond Strussel Coffee Cake Serve it toasted for breakfast tomorrow or sold in a lunch. **10c each**

Milk Bread Golden crusted and wholesome for vitamin rich diets. **1 lb. 10c** 1 1/2 lb. 14c

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