

50 Fires Eat into Northwest Forests During Heat Wave

Temperature Hits 98 in Salem; Fire In Portland Eases

Salem's official temperature crested at a sizzling 98.4 degrees Monday, McNary field weatherman reported. What's more they predict it will climb a degree today. And there's no relief in sight through Thursday.

Hot as it was Monday, it was hotter last month and the month before. July's peak was a 99 on the 11th. June's was 99.2 on the 29th.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

It was my privilege last week to spend two days with rangers of the forest service visiting selected portions of the north part of the Willamette National forest. This vast domain of one and two-thirds million acres spreads along the western ridge of the Cascades through Marion, Linn and Lane counties. The Detroit district, with headquarters at Detroit embraces 275,400 acres of which 137,600 acres are commercial forest area and 70,000 acres old-growth forest area. It covers primarily the headwaters of the North Santiam. Forest Ranger S. T. Moore of the Detroit district was our host, but Jack Smith of the Eugene headquarters, and Ranger Jack Saubert of the Cascade district spent a day each with us on the tour. The other guests were Lawrence Spraker of the Stayton Mail and W. M. Hamilton of Salem.

At this period of the year we are apt to think of men in the forest service as busy primarily with fire prevention and suppression. That is only part of their duties. This year all men in the forest service are jittery, because of the dry season. Detroit is particularly vulnerable because of the extensive clearing in progress for the dam reservoir and the power line up the Breitenbush.

The forest rangers really are forest managers. Their responsibility extends more and more to forest development and utilization. With the depletion of privately owned forests on the lower altitudes pressures are increasing for the cutting of timber in national forests. This is timely because many stands in these forests are mature and ripe for the harvest.

Marked changes have taken place in the way forests are cut. Instead of starting at the bottom of a creek basin and working up, cutting all the merchantable trees on the floor and ridges, cutting, at least on public lands, is done selectively. In the fire region (Continued on editorial page, 4)

Youth Drowns Near Lyons

LYONS, Aug. 20—James Courtney, 15, drowned in Jordan creek while boating near the Jordan dam this evening.

Linn County Coroner Glenn Huston said reports at the drowning scene indicated that young Courtney jumped into the water from the boat, swam a few strokes and then tried for help. A younger brother and a third boy in the boat held out an oar which the drowning boy couldn't reach, then jumped in after him.

When they couldn't find Courtney in the six-foot-deep water they attracted three men working nearby, John Lightly, Henry Huburger and Jerry Silberagle. They located the body within a few minutes but neither their efforts nor those of a Mill City fire department resuscitation crew were successful.

The drowning victim was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Courtney who live on Thomas Creek road near Jordan. Ten brothers and sisters also survive.

Animal Crackers



No thanks, I'm a bottle baby myself.

Humidity was down to 10 per cent in some of the woods areas and the foresters of both states kept all logging operations shut down. That put 35,000 men out of work. The western Oregon closure was "until fall rains come."

There has been no rain of consequence since May. A half dozen of the fires were major. Others were minor.

Two communities, one in each state, were threatened but apparently escaped.

North of Seattle the town of Newhalem in Whatcom county was menaced yesterday. Flames—

backfired away from the town—were halted by 300 firefighters after they had raced over 2,000 acres.

South of there in Skagit county a blaze estimated at 1,800 to 2,000 acres was called the worst in that state.

In Portland Hills
Fire in Portland's west hills—partly within the city's municipal forest and partly in Multnomah and Washington county timber—caused a score of families to flee their homes last night. Today, though, they moved back as 600 firefighters kept the flames from the community of Bonny slope, and reported a trail around it in the steep ground rising up behind the Willamette river.

Nearly 200 riles to the south the Vincent creek fire—worst in the region between Eugene and Coos Bay since the Smith river fire of 13 years ago—was reported at 10,000 acres this morning and still spreading.

At Eugene, Ray Oglesby, the western Lane county fire patrol warden, called for 50 sets of experienced fallers to go into the fire and cut down flaming snags. Smoke jumpers ready.

The federal forest service assembled 38 smoke jumpers at Illinois valley airfield in southern Oregon for use as needed. Some of them were sent in against 24 fires that sprang up in Jackson county within the Rogue River national forest.

On Hubbard creek, 20 miles north of Roseburg, 300 men were making little headway against a fire that spread out over an estimated 5,000 acres.

On Days creek another southern Oregon fire blackened 250 acres. Lightning storms tonight started new forest fires in northern California adding to blazes which have swept over some 25,000 acres since the week end.

The forest service pulled in fire fighting teams from Idaho, Montana, Utah and southern California to combat the worst outbreaks. (Additional details on page 7)

Circus Parade Available for Early Risers

Salem folk willing to turn out about 5 a. m. Thursday may find that circus parades are not entirely a thing of the past. Big Ringling brothers circus hits Salem in the early hours that day, it will unroll from railroad siding at the state fairgrounds, then move all the way across town to the city airport property to set up its tents.

This means a motorized caravan will move the circus equipment, three or four wagonloads per truck or tractor, through the heart of Salem, probably over North Capitol, State and 25th streets starting at about 5 a. m., according to advance circus representative W. L. Carr.

The circus will play at city property along the east side of 25th street at its approaches to the airport administration building. Parking area will be provided on the opposite side of the road.

Circuses in recent years have appeared in Salem usually at the state fairgrounds parking area, but this week's circus was denied that location because of the nearness to state fair opening.

State Sen. Vernon Bull Discharged by Railroad

PORTLAND, Aug. 20—(P)—State Sen. Vernon Bull, La Grande, a Union Pacific trainman, has been released for a rule violation, railroad officials said today.

They declined to amplify the statement, a company spokesman said. Bull is a Democrat.

3 MORE CADETS LEAVE WEST POINT, N. Y.

(P)—Three more cadets left West Point today, bringing to 81 the number banished thus far for academic cheating.

The Oregon Statesman

101st YEAR 12 PAGES FOUNDED 1851 The Oregon Statesman, Salem, Oregon, Tuesday, August 21, 1951 PRICE 5c No. 148

Hospital Inmates Process Beans at Prison



State hospital inmates Monday started processing beans in the state penitentiary cannery as convicts still refused to return to work. The strike, which will be a week old today, showed no real signs of ending, although 40 trustees returned to their jobs Monday morning. (Statesman photo.)

Korean Truce Talks Head into New Crisis

MUNSAN, Korea, Tuesday, Aug. 21—(P)—Deadlocked Korean truce talks appeared headed into a new crisis today because of a shooting in the neutral zone near Kaesong, site of the conference.

However, Maj. Gen. Henry I. Hodson and Rear Adm. Arleigh A. Burke held sub-committee talks as usual today at Kaesong on the tangled armistice buffer zone issue.

County Chest X-Ray Survey To End Today

The Willamette Valley Chest X-ray survey will end today for most of Marion county residents.

Two units stationed in downtown Salem will close down at 8 p. m. The units will then join others to begin the survey in Clackamas county Wednesday.

"Those who have not yet been X-rayed should take advantage of their last chance today," said Jason Lee, Marion county program chairman.

A total of 46,038 have been filmed in Marion county out of a potential of 77,750 adults, Lee said. Plans are being made, he said, for mobile X-ray machines to return to Marion county high schools when school starts. A unit probably will be stationed at the state fair, he said.

Machines operating in Salem today are to be at Pay Less Drug store from noon until 8 p. m. and at Bishop's men's store from 11 a. m. to 8 p. m.

"It is the purpose of this survey," said Dr. Willard J. Stone, Marion county health officer, "to discover unknown cases of tuberculosis, because if we wait for symptoms to show we may have waited too long."

It costs about \$2,400 a year to keep a patient in a tuberculosis hospital, said Dr. Stone. Frequently if the disease is discovered in time through X-rays the hospital treatment can be shortened or eliminated entirely.

Man Drowns In Santiam

SWEET HOME, Aug. 20—The body of John McCoy Wood, 62, apparently a drowning victim, was found in the Santiam river near the Sweet Home water plant today.

Coroner Glenn Huston said the body was found by Fire Chief Jack Gilbert and Fireman John Surry in eight feet of water after they dragged the river about an hour. The coroner said the man apparently drowned yesterday.

Officials were notified about 6 p. m. today by Ben J. Weaver who came upon Wood's clothing and billfold on the river bank near Wood's trailer home. Wood had been working for Gilbert Eaton Logging Co.

OFFENONTS' MARRY CLEVELAND, Aug. 20—(P)—Reporter Leah Jacoby has been moved by the Cleveland Press from the police to the suburban news beats. She married Charles Montgomery, a police reporter from the rival Cleveland News.

1300 Cons Fail to Budge as 40 Trustees Start to Work

Court Ruling Paralyzes Washington Finances; Legislature to Convene

OLYMPIA, Aug. 20—(P)—The state supreme court today threw out the combination appropriations-tax bill enacted during the 1951 fiscal session. The action virtually paralyzed the state's finances and led to a quick announcement by Governor Langlie that he will call a special session soon.

The 5 to 3 decision ruled that the combination appropriations-tax law passed by the 1951 legislature was unconstitutional. The law carried the main authorization for various state agencies to spend money to run the state.

Atty. Gen. Smith Troy said the decision created an emergency situation.

Most state checks issued since April 1—the start of the present biennium—now have no legal backing. Troy said, however, that the legislature could meet in special session and pass a law making good all such checks issued to date.

State Auditor Cliff Yelle said he will stop issuing warrants (checks) against the law immediately. It may be a temporary shutdown, he added, depending on the outcome of an emergency meeting tomorrow with the attorney general and other state officials.

Langlie said the decision of the court "makes necessary a call of the legislature at the earliest possible day."

In a 5 to 3 opinion with the ninth justice concurring in part and dissenting in part, the court ruled:

1. The 4 per cent corporation tax portion of the law is unconstitutional because it violates the uniformity provisions of the state charter.

2. The tax is discriminatory against corporations doing business on a calendar year basis, and is therefore unconstitutional.

3. The law contains two unrelated subjects and thus violates the constitutional provision that no bill shall embrace more than one subject.

The combination tax-appropriations bill was passed by a special session of the 1951 legislature last April.

Fire Threat To Mehama

MEHAMA—Fire, for a time, threatened this Santiam river town 20 miles southeast of Salem when a barn at the west edge burned to the ground Monday afternoon.

Fire equipment from Ercill Wilson Logging company, district fire warden's office, Mill City fire department and Stayton fire department battled the blaze which spread through dry grass and showered sparks on dwellings. Flames crossed the highway, stopping traffic for nearly an hour.

The fire was completely out by dark.

Destroyed was a barn of undetermined value and \$2,000 worth of household goods stored there. The property was owned by Jack Alloway. No insurance was held on the property.

Councilmen Meet In Eugene to Talk Over Bus Problem

Mayor Al Loucks and eight Salem city councilmen journeyed to Eugene Monday—held informal discussions with Eugene city officials regarding City Transit lines problems—en route arrived at no immediate conclusions.

The company, serving both cities, claims financial difficulties. Mayor Loucks said last night that no conclusions were reached at the informal discussions but that all phases of the problem were discussed for serving the best interests of the public and business.

Continued Search
Prison officials have denied there was any brutality. In the meantime, guards continued their search for 30 knives reported missing from the prison cannery.

McIntyre, whose first meal outside the prison was a hamburger sandwich and a glass of milk, said convicts were eating a mixture of hot water, salt and pepper, called "chicken broth," and a simple syrup of water and sugar.

Meanwhile, the governor's office reported receiving many letters, telegrams and telephone calls, about evenly divided between persons wanting prison officials to stand pat and those demanding the convicts be fed regardless.

BASEBALL

Western International
At Vancouver 8, Wenatchee 9 (Only game scheduled)
Coast League
No games scheduled
National League
At Boston - Brooklyn (rain). (Only game scheduled)
American League
At Detroit 6-4, New York 5-13 At Cleveland 3, Washington 3 (Only game scheduled)

Dr. Hamblin



Dr. Chester W. Hamblin, Salem minister who has been called to the pulpit of First Presbyterian church of Palo Alto, Calif.

Presbyterian Pastor Accepts California Call

Dr. Chester W. Hamblin, pastor of Salem's First Presbyterian church the past six years, has received and accepted a call to the pastorate of First Presbyterian church of Palo Alto, Calif.

Dr. Hamblin will meet with the session of his church tonight to take first steps relative to concluding his term as pastor here prior to accepting the California call.

The local pastor said Monday night he would make no comment on the call because his first announcement would be made to the church board.

Since coming to Salem, Dr. Hamblin has played a prominent part in religious and other activities of this city and the state.

He served twice as president of the Oregon Council of churches and for the past five years has been president of the Westminster foundation for the Synod of Oregon. This foundation has to do with student work at Oregon State college and the University of Oregon. The pastor also has been chairman of several committees of the synod.

37 Applications
Thirty-seven applications, some of them "top-flight men," now are on file, the governor said, and the board of control "will move to fill the office" as soon as the governor and State Treasurer Walker Pearson have completed an examination of these applications.

Secretary of State Earl Newberry, third member of the control board, already has studied the list, the governor said.

McIntyre, the convict released Monday, alleged there was "no discipline" in the prison; that guards "made up their own rules from day to day and the prisoners don't know where they stand; that medical treatment was inadequate; and that the strikes were not planned and was called because Guard Morris Race used a bully club on a prisoner to break up a fight. The convicts demanded that Morris be removed.

Continued Search
Prison officials have denied there was any brutality. In the meantime, guards continued their search for 30 knives reported missing from the prison cannery.

McIntyre, whose first meal outside the prison was a hamburger sandwich and a glass of milk, said convicts were eating a mixture of hot water, salt and pepper, called "chicken broth," and a simple syrup of water and sugar.

Meanwhile, the governor's office reported receiving many letters, telegrams and telephone calls, about evenly divided between persons wanting prison officials to stand pat and those demanding the convicts be fed regardless.

Cures for Colds, Polio; Rocket Trips To Moon Expected Within 75 Years

homes with optional television, also wireless electric appliances." Foods will be built up synthetically, and economically, from carbon dioxide, water and ammonia with the help of the sun's energy, Dr. Grossie thinks.

A new industry will make proteins and fats from algae, tiny plants in the sea, says Prof. Harry N. Holmes, Oberlin college, scientist will supply cellulose to produce more beef than farm acreage alone can do.

Salt marshes will be farmed with chemical feeding of salt-resistant plants, and fertilizers will come more and better food from our land—Prof. R. Norris Shreve, Purdue university. And we'll get drinking water from the sea.

Atomic bombardments and phototynthesis will help some of the metals and basic chemicals which are raw materials of modern civilization, Drs. Baller and Furnas predict.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, Urbana, Ill., Aug. 20—(P)—Leading chemists predict cures for the common cold and polio, rocket trips to the moon, even guarantees of no rain at picnics.

How soon? Within the next 75 years. What they see in the crystal ball of the future is told in the Diamond Jubilee issue of the American Chemical Society magazine, chemical and engineering news. The society celebrates its 15th anniversary at a meeting here Sept. 3-7.

Prof. John C. Baller, University of Illinois, foresees "cures or preventives available for infantile paralysis, mental illnesses, allergies, the common cold."

The complex chemistry of cancer, hardening of arteries, and arthritis will be unraveled, adds Dr. H. B. Haas, General Aniline and Film corp, New York. "At least one man will have cir-