

Forest Fire Losses Rank High for Year

PORTLAND, Sept. 20—Acreage losses from forest fires on national forests of the Pacific Northwest to date have been the most serious since 1939, according to Kermit W. Linstedt, assistant regional forester in charge of fire control, U. S. forest service, Portland.

"Already, approximately 29,000 acres of national forest land and other lands within national forest boundaries have been burned," Linstedt said "and the history-making 1951 fire season is not yet over. Many of our largest fires have occurred in September.

"The 1951 fire season may be characterized as one with as severe burning conditions as have ever been experienced in the Pacific Northwest," the fire control chief said. "Humidities from 10-20 per cent and winds from 20 to 30 miles per hour were frequent during July and August. This resulted in forest fuels reaching a critically dry stage."

Linstedt said that lightning occurrence has been unusually low this season. Only 352 lightning fires were recorded to September 1, and man-caused fires have jumped to 347. This is not an alarming figure considering the severity of burning conditions, he said.

"The number of man-caused fires undoubtedly would have been much greater were it not for the fine prevention efforts made by the K. P. Green association, the radio, press, and numerous private advertisers," Linstedt remarked. "Their cooperation has been appreciated greatly."

The federal forester pointed out that the next five weeks should bring the rains which end the fire season but that there should be no relaxing of care with fire in the woods until these rains have arrived.

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CRASH KILLS DOCTOR
LONGVIEW, Wash., Sept. 20 —(AP)—A Longview doctor was killed and his wife was injured critically in the crash of a small private plane at the airport late today. The victim was Dr. Harry M. Morgan. He was pinned in the wreckage, which exploded into flames after the plane crashed.

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Psychiatrists To Run Child Guidance Clinic

Operation of the Marion county child guidance clinic during the coming year will be by Portland psychiatrists, under a plan adopted Thursday by the executive committee of the county health department.

Because a Salem psychiatrist is not available, the department arranged for the clinics, one day per week, to be conducted by Dr. Carl Morrison, director of Portland Community Child Guidance clinic; Melvin L. Murphy, executive director, and Dr. James Conant of the staff.

The committee also authorized funds for Dr. Willard J. Stone, county health officer, and others of the staff to attend the annual convention of the American Public Health association October 29 to November 2 in San Francisco, and for Vera Wood, chief clerk, to attend an institute on causes of causes of death October 22-26 in Portland.

Vital statistics for August as reported to the committee included: Births—122 boys and 134 girls, compared to 109 and 96 for August, 1950, to make the total so far

this year 1,122, compared to 1,794 for the first eight months of 1950.

Deaths—48 male and 32 female, compared to 32 and 21 a year ago; the five infant deaths are one more than for August, 1950; total of 573 deaths to date in 1951, compared to 527 a year ago. Deaths caused by heart disease 25, disease of the arteries 18, cancer 13, apoplexy 5, none by communicable diseases.

Diseases — Measles led list of cases with 20, compared to 4 in August, 1950, making total of 449 for year; others included chickenpox 4, amebiasis, impetigo and poliomyelitis 3 each.

Burglars Hit Apartments; Money Stolen

An estimated \$210 in money and property was taken in three burglaries Wednesday night at two different apartment houses.

City police said that all the burglaries were probably committed by the same man.

A radio, valued at \$35 and a \$10 bill were taken from the apartment of Susan Carter at the Roberts apartments, 157 S. Winter st. Marie Prime, living in the same apartment house, reported the loss of a piggy bank loaded with about \$100 in silver and currency and

Radio Crusade Drive Rolling In Salem Area

Crusade for Freedom in Salem began this week with groups of women canvassers soliciting house-to-house for contributions and setting up of collection boxes in downtown restaurants and business houses, Chairman Sidney Schlesinger reported Thursday.

The campaign was launched to finance radio broadcasts beamed behind the Iron Curtain, carrying word of democracy to communist-dominated peoples of Europe and Asia.

"Reception has been very good in the initial steps of the campaign," Schlesinger said, with comments heard that this is the first opportunity for the public to join an aggressive move by democratic countries in combating

communist propaganda. Although the figures for contributions were available last night, Schlesinger said the campaign was "progressing very nicely."

Plans for Monday call for the campaign to enter Salem public schools, with explanation of the work and organized contributions to begin. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, subscription booths will be set up in all four Salem banks where subscriptions will be accepted, Schlesinger said.

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