

County Plagued by Outbreak of Grass Fires

40-Year Cattle Breeders Honored

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles S. Jones

Last week the Association of Oregon Counties met in Portland. One of the topics considered was a reported demand of the public school people that the schools be cut in for a larger share of proceeds from the national forests. This news may be somewhat confusing to readers. There are two associations of counties, the one mentioned which includes all counties in the state, and the Association of O. C. Counties which includes 18 counties in Western Oregon. For the former, Forrest Cooper of Lakeview is the counsel and for the latter, Frank Sever of Portland and Guy Gordon of Washington, D. C., are the attorneys. The distribution of proceeds from forests owned and administered by the federal government is not the same. The national forests, with by far the largest acreage, remit to the counties 25 per cent of proceeds of sales from these forests. In some counties where the national forests are extensive, such as Lane, Douglas, Clackamas, Grant and Crook counties, this amounts to a sizeable sum. The total remitted to counties in fiscal year 1953 was over \$6,000,000. Under a state law the counties divide these receipts as follows: three-fourths to the county road fund; one-fourth to the school fund of the counties. The schools, it is (Continued on editorial page)

Illness Takes Life Of Nixon's Father

Vice President, Family at Bedside

WHITTIER, Calif., Sept. 4 (AP)—After fighting for his life for 13 days, Frank A. Nixon, 77, died quietly at his home as his family silently stood by at 8:25 p.m. tonight, Vice President Richard Nixon, his son, had been summoned from a friend's home, a half hour before.

Suez Parley Atmosphere Still Hopeful

CAIRO, Sept. 4 (AP)—President Nasser and the five-nation mission from the London conference discussed Suez Canal control for an hour and 45 minutes tonight without running into any barriers on a compromise. A source close to the mission said the sessions now have entered a discussion "in a very good atmosphere" indicating Nasser has not slammed the door on the possibility of a peaceful settlement. Robert G. Menzies, Australian prime minister and chairman of the mission, came out of the meeting in good humor. He said "We have not begun to attack each other yet."

Ike to Kickoff Campaign on September 12

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
President Eisenhower formally launches his campaign for reelection Sept. 12 with a speech before a rally of campaign workers at his Gettysburg, Pa. farm. Newsmen were told it would not be correct to class the President's Gettysburg speech as a major address. Vice President Nixon also will speak at the rally. The White House announcement of the President's plans came yesterday shortly after his Democratic opponent, Adlai Stevenson, left Chicago by plane for Los Angeles for a major speech today at the American Legion convention. However, campaign schedules were temporarily eclipsed yesterday when James C. Hagerty, Eisenhower's press secretary, said Democrats "seem to welcome and look for isolated instances of misery among the American people" for partisan reasons.

Russ, China Said Industrializing Northwest Asia

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 4 (AP)—Red China and Soviet Russia are building and will jointly operate a gigantic industrial system in northwest Asia, a Chinese diplomat told the American Legion convention today. The speaker was Dr. Hollington Tong, Nationalist China ambassador to the United States. Tong described vast railroad building programs designed to connect China with the industrial districts Russia is constructing in Siberia. He said China and Russia have signed an agreement for joint development of "an enormous new industrial area, based on hydro-electric power" in the Amur River basin.

Husband, Wife Teams Ready to Start School as Teachers



School days won't begin until next week for Salem area youngsters, but they began Tuesday for these six people. The three couples are among 30 new teachers of the Salem district who are getting acquainted this week with their new system. Carrying books for their wives are (left to right) Stanley Shott (South Salem), Alfred Crist (Parrish), and Lloyd Beerman (Leslie). Next to their chivalrous spouses in the same order are Phyllis Shott (South Salem), Helen Crist (Horseshoe) and Rayma Beerman (Roberts). (Statesman Photo). (Story on page 17).

Special Fair Rites Paid to 5 Oregon Men

By LILLIE L. MADSEN
Farm Editor, The Statesman
Five dairy cattle breeders who have been raising Holsteins in Oregon for more than 40 years were honored at a special ceremony Tuesday at the half-way mark of the 91st annual Oregon State Fair. Receiving the commemorative plaques were Edgar and Randall Grimes, Harrisburg, whose father started the Holsteins on the Grimes

ATTENDANCE

| | 1955 | 1956 |
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| Saturday | 41,970 | 47,555 |
| Sunday | 49,279 | 75,480 |
| Monday | 29,875 | 29,875 |
| Tuesday | 24,483 | 28,615 |
| Total | 145,344 | 181,600 |

Crash Near Eugene Kills Salem Man

EUGENE, Sept. 4 (AP)—A car spun out of control and overturned on Highway 58, nine miles southeast of here early today, fatally injuring the driver, Everett F. Smith Jr., 22, 104 E. Wilson St., Salem. Police said Smith, alone in the car, may have fallen asleep at the wheel. He was found by residents of the area in a gully near his car. Still alive, he was taken by ambulance to a Eugene hospital. He was dead on arrival. Funeral services are being arranged by Clouth-Barrick Co., Salem.

Mayor to Risk Dunking at Fair Today

Mayor Robert F. White will risk a dunking at the State Fair today. In an event worthy of the special attention given Salem Day at the fair in former years, the mayor will appear at the Salem Junior Chamber of Commerce fund raising booth. He will mount a dunking board platform that will tip him into a water tank if someone with a good throwing arm and the price of three baseball throws can hit the "trigger" that trips the board. Some of the Junior Chamber members have been doing the honors on the board. When they saw the mayor enjoying the stunt, they challenged him to join in. Adding interest to the booth is the marking of the two diving boards in operation. One is identified "Morse"; and the other "McKay." Both attendants say the two targets have been about equally popular. Mayor White will be on hand from noon to 1 p.m. First five throws will be auctioned off.

Ostrich Runs, Downs Man

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 4 (AP)—Mercy Hospital records today disclosed one of the oddest accidents of the Labor Day weekend. Thomas Otto, 16, of suburban Pleasant Hills was recovering from internal injuries sustained when he was run down by an ostrich. Otto stepped onto the race track at the Allegheny County Fair during a novelty event in which ostriches were pulling sulkeys. Witnesses said one of the big birds knocked Otto down and the two-wheeled sulky ran over him.

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Clear, Dry Days Seen in Forecast

Clear, dry weather will continue at least two more days, McNary Field weathermen said Tuesday. High temperatures both days is expected to be about 86 compared with Tuesday's 84. Low tonight will be about 43, they said.

Rabbit Becomes Refugee From Forest Fire



A refugee from the Eagle Crest forest fire in the West hills, this rabbit was burned out of its forest home by fire-fighters (background) Tuesday afternoon when they started a back fire near the top of the hill. The young rabbit raced from the burning underbrush, but paused long enough in an open field to have his picture snapped. (Statesman Photo by John Erickson).

Churchill to Make Brief Appearance in Hollywood Film

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 4 (AP)—MGM announced today that Sir Winston Churchill will make a brief appearance in a Rock Hudson movie. The studio, doing research for the movie "Something of Value," came across some prophetic words Churchill wrote in 1907. When the studio asked Churchill's permission to use the words in a foreword, the famed statesman-author not only agreed but was photographed speaking them for the screen. "This is Churchill's foreword: 'Forty-nine years ago I visited Africa. In my book, 'My African Journey,' I wrote, 'The problems of East Africa are the problems of the world.' This was true in 1907. It is true today.' The movie depicts the Mau Mau uprisings in Kenya, East Africa. It co-stars South African actress Dana Wynter and British actress Wendy Hiller.

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Publisher Shot; Hunter Arrested

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, Dominican Republic, Sept. 4 (AP)—Police said today Robert Harrison, publisher of the magazine Confidential, had been wounded in a hunting accident in the northern part of the country. Police said Richard Wely, a big game hunter, is being held for questioning. Police said the shooting took place on a hunting expedition in the mountainous Jarabacoa region in the north. It is one of the better known Dominican Republic resort areas. There was no indication how seriously Harrison had been hit.

Electric Shock Fatal at Pendleton

PENDLETON (AP)—A man dead of electric shock was found hanging from high voltage wires atop the Swansdown Caké Flour Mill here today. Power company crews removed the body of Orville C. McKamey, 36, Orofino, Idaho, after power had been shut off. Dist. Atty. John Walker could offer no explanation for McKamey's being on the building. He said the man had been released from jail here Saturday after being held on a drunk charge.

2 Burned; Blazes Quelled

Twelve Fires Reported; West Salem's Subdued

By RUSSELL BIERAUGEL
Staff Writer, The Statesman
Peaceful patches of dry grass sprouted flames in all parts of Marion County Tuesday while forest fires in the Brush College and Eagle crest area northwest of Salem threatened again before they were apparently subdued by State Forestry crews. All the grass fires were reportedly out Tuesday night, including one that burned 1,000 acres near Sublimity and injured two Aumsville persons. Father and son, who were surrounded while fighting the flames and had to run through them to escape. (Story on page 4.) Ten of the 12 fires reported Tuesday in Marion County were grass or stubble fires. Salem Fire Chief Ellsworth Smith, county coordinator of mutual fire aid, attributed the outbreak to excessively dry weather and brisk winds at the "normal time of year" for burning off stubble and grass. Humidity Tuesday dipped to 18 per cent, McNary Field weathermen said, while a north wind which reached as high as 22 miles an hour at times maintained 13 miles an hour or better from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. No New Fires Dallas firemen, reporting no new fires Tuesday in Polk County, said the same dry condition existed in that area. Another grass fire was reportedly burning out Tuesday five miles southwest of Amity on the historic Broadmead farm owned by Harry Hawkins, after destroying the original barn and machine shed—believed to be two of the oldest buildings in the area. Five Salem fire trucks and one from the Naval air facility at nearby McNary Field battled a grass fire that burned an estimated 100 acres Tuesday afternoon west of the airport. The fire endangered Pacific Rendering Co. buildings and a section of new houses in its course south from Electric street south to the creek between 22nd and 25th streets, firemen said. Flares Up Again The forest fire at Brush College flared up again Tuesday afternoon, jumping Brush College road and approaching within 100 yards of the homes of Lester Rowe and W. L. Lantis. The fire late Monday night burned within 75 yards of the Frank Rivett home at the west end of Michigan City lane. Meanwhile, the Eagle Crest fire a half mile to the west burned along the hillside but was kept from creeping over the brow of the hill to farms along Eagle Crest road. A 20-man State Forestry crew from Corvallis, aided by men from the Salem office and many neighborhood volunteers, dug a ditch entirely around both fires. James Walker, assistant state forester, estimated total area burned at 500-600 acres. Other Salem Fires Other Salem fires were a small late afternoon grass blaze near the bridge at Mission and Lee streets; a minor morning single fire at the Edna Ingerson home, 498 N. Cottage St.; and an evening fire starting from a hot plate in the trailer house of Harold Smith, 643 Edgewater St. where damage was estimated at \$25. Liberty-Salem Firemen were called in mid-afternoon to a vacant house on Baxter Road where damage was reported minor. Keizer volunteer firemen turned out at 2:05 p.m. for a small grass fire on a vacant lot on Larry avenue. Stubble Blaze Turner Volunteer Fire Company put out a three-acre stubble fire on the Donker Brothers farm, one-half mile west of Aumsville. A small stubble fire was reported on the farm of Joe Walker in Mt. Angel. No damage was reported. Tuesday evening the Jefferson truck was called to Parrish Gap for a grass and brush fire. The Monitor fire department was called out twice to put out a small brush fire on Arnold Thompson's farm. The first call was made at 10 a.m. when the fire looked as if it might reach the home of Mrs. Sam Hancock. In the afternoon firemen were once again called to the Thompson farm which the fire started up again.



"Oh, stop trying every time someone steps on one of your toes!"

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