

WIND-FALL SEEN AS FIRE HAZARD IN LANE FORESTS

A great carpet of tangled twigs, broken branches and fallen trees covers the forest floors throughout the mountain areas east and west of Eugene and constitutes one of the most serious fire hazards of recent years.

This is apparent in continued reports from the forest country reaching the offices of the national forests here following the heavy wind storm of a few days ago. The situation, it is said, is unprecedented, and in small areas the devastation by the wind was complete.

A fire situation somewhat similar to a heavy smoldering area has resulted from the windfall, according to forest officials. This great, tangled mass, much of it small stuff, will dry out quickly, and once a fire is started in the litter it will feed its flame to such an extent that control will be extremely difficult and perhaps impossible.

Because of the difficulty of moving through the forests, the problem of getting to incipient blazes will be doubly difficult and this adds another serious obstacle to control work.

A. G. Lindh, assistant ranger of the Cascade national forest, with headquarters at Oakridge, made a check of conditions along the South Fork road and in a report to the office here stated that he counted 200 logs across the road in the first eight and one-half miles. Heavier damage, he said, was apparent above that point, but he could not make a full check.

The damage in the region in general was spotted, with occasional small areas almost completely devastated by the wind. He found 30 logs over the trail from Castle Rock saddle to the South Fork trail, and 43 over the trail from McKenzie Bridge to Castle Rock lookout.

C. J. Back, regional forester, will receive from the Cascade forest by the end of the week a complete report on the wind damage, and additional allotment of funds to take care of maintenance and reconstruction will be forthcoming, it is expected.

Cascade officials estimated that from 25 to 50 per cent additional money will be needed for telephone line maintenance as a result of the wind storm. Telephone lines are down throughout the forest, and it is believed that they have often been broken up. Ralph Shelley, Siuslaw supervisor, has estimated that it will require an additional \$1 a mile for telephone work in his forest as a result of the storm.

P. A. Thompson, Cascade supervisor, was at McKenzie Bridge Wednesday and expected to take charge of storm damage checks in that area.

Thompson Studies Landing Field Job

Perry A. Thompson, Cascade national forest supervisor, went to McKenzie Bridge Wednesday and expected to remain there several days in connection with damage done by the recent wind storm and to work out plans for construction of the new Onllie mountain airplane field.

Thompson hopes to start work on the landing field as soon as possible, and is studying the problem of getting equipment into the site, which is over trail from McKenzie Bridge.

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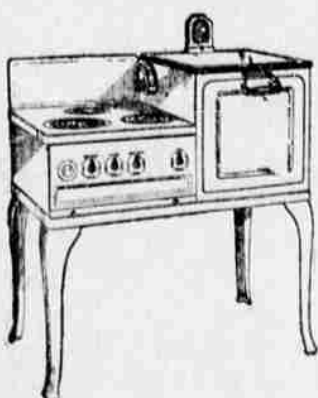


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Kids to Display Their Pets in Big Parade Here

The downtown streets of Eugene will be a virtual menagerie for an hour or so Saturday, May 10 as children of Lane county lead their pets in the big pet parade which will be a feature of Lane County Children's day sponsored by the Merchants' division of the chamber of commerce.

Advance done on the pets that are coming indicates that Eugeneans and their guests for the day will be treated with as rare a review of the Noah's Ark scene as they have ever witnessed. Word comes from Santa Clara that the world's ugliest dog and the globe's snappiest snapping turtle will be on deck, along with the horses and calves and dogs of the county.

So, kids, get your pets all ready for the big show. In this issue of the Register-Guard you will find an entry blank. Clip it out, fill it in and send it to the chamber of commerce office in Eugene and let the folks see what kind of pets you have.

The committee in charge has made

10 rules for entering animals in the pet parade. Here they are:

- Any live animal may be entered as a pet.
- Pet must be owned by entrant or some member of family.
- Competition is open to any child in Lane county.
- Each household may make as many entries as it desires.
- Dogs in parade must be on leash and those unreliable must be muzzled.
- Each child in line of march will receive a prize—a ticket to "Skiway" at the Fox McDonald theater as the guest of the merchants of Eugene.
- Parents or other relatives may accompany children in parade.
- Children must remain in division placed by committee until excused by division captain.
- Each entrant must submit an entry blank.
- Parade will start promptly at 10 a. m.

to do with the increase in travel, says Mrs. Calkins. Travelers are beginning to trek northward from California after having spent the winter where the sun shines a great deal of the time, and now that the rainy season in the northwest is practically over they are beginning to seek the refreshing green of the northern country.

There is an increased demand for travel maps at her office, Mrs. Calkins said Wednesday.

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PRATT RE-ELECTED INSURANCE LEADER

J. K. Pratt of Eugene was re-elected president of the Oregon Fire Insurance Agents' union at the annual convention held Monday and Tuesday at Corvallis. Charles Sigman of Eugene was named to the board of directors. H. D. Quinn of Roseburg was elected secretary-treasurer.

Other members of the board of directors are: Claude Nasburg, Marshfield; president; R. E. Scott, Hood River; Paul Landry, Klamath Falls; Charles Reynolds, La Grande; Mr. Ohling, Salem; Cole Holmes, Medford.

Percy H. Goodwin of San Diego, president of the national association, spoke at the convention.

Plans were discussed for keeping fire insurance premiums in the towns there they originate. Ten attended from Eugene. The meeting was the third annual convention for the Oregon group which now has a membership of 140 and is associated with the national association.

Tourist Travel in Oregon Increases

Tourist travel has shown a rapid increase during the past two weeks, according to Mrs. Lucile Calkins, in charge of the local office of the Oregon Automobile association.

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POSTER CONTEST WINNERS NAMED

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In the first division, embracing the fourth, fifth and sixth grades, first prize was awarded Etta Miller, Frances Willard, sixth B, and second prize to Clinton Mann, Condon, sixth A. Honorable mentions for the first division went to Phyllis Westphal, Whiteaker, George Haldevahl, Condon, and Barbara MacLaren, Condon.

For the second division, composed of the seventh and eighth grades, Roberta Marshall, Woodrow Wilson, eighth A, won first, and Marjorie Zane, Roosevelt eighth B, second. Jane Louise Hall was given honorable mention. The first prize was \$5, and the second, \$2. The awards will be made later.

Mrs. Clarence Elkins was chairman for the contest, assisted by Mrs. Hazel Fishwood, district supervisor for the Eugene public schools. Judges were Miss Grace Ash, art instructor Eugene and University high schools; Miss Henriette Hansen, art instructor Lincoln school; Mrs. C. M. Urey, Mrs. Elkins, Mrs. Virgil Key, and Mrs. Sam Wilderman.

Jury Disagrees in Weidenkeller Case

The case of the state versus Maggie Weidenkeller, who was charged with larceny of a bank check, was to be dismissed following disagreement of the jury which heard the trial. After eight hours of deliberation, the jury reported late Tuesday that it was unable to agree.

Deputy District Attorney Eugene Slattery stated that the case would not be pressed further against the Marcola woman.

Alley Stops to Be Required Under Law

Alleys will become stop streets when the new state traffic code goes into effect June 6, according to Captain Jay Saltzman of the state traffic department.

Automobiles coming out of alleys present one of the most serious hazards to pedestrians, said Captain Saltzman, and the state law will do much to curb the carelessness of drivers who cross sidewalks from alleys.

Disagreement As to Cause Dust Is Seen

BERKELEY, Cal., April 29.—(AP)—University of California chemists disagreed with the U. S. weather bureau in San Francisco as to what caused the dust storm at sea off the Pacific coast last week, obscuring the sun for hours and covering the decks of steamers with mud.

The chemists informed the Matson Steamship company, which made the inquiry and submitted samples of the dust for analysis, the deposit is volcanic ash from some volcano in violent eruption. The bureau in San Francisco said it was doubtless dust from Oregon and Washington carried to sea by high winds.

The question of where the volcanic ash came from remained unanswered. No volcano is known to be in eruption within several thousand miles of the vicinity of the dust storm, approximately 500 miles west of San Francisco.

Prof. W. C. Blasdale of the university chemistry department, said the ash was not from Alaskan volcanoes as the ash from Alaska is different in appearance and composition from the samples submitted.

Auto Damage Suit On in Court Here

Suit for \$300 brought by J. J. O'Brien against the Better Candy company and Lewis Staton was being tried in circuit court Wednesday. The suit is the outgrowth of an automobile accident in October, 1930, on the Pacific highway north.

The jury in the case is composed of Samuel A. Sage, Tom V. O'Brien, Elsie Large, Claude Wilkerson, Mrs. F. M. Spicer, Pearl I. Clark, Fred Wallace, Carrie L. Hemenway, Frank McFarland, Elizabeth Beytine, L. H. Bain and Nellie Blackmore.

James K. King is attorney for the plaintiff and E. L. McDougal of Portland represents the defendants.

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PARENTS RESPOND TO BOOK REQUEST

Parents of Eugene school children are responding very readily to the request for donations of school books

so that books may be entirely free to the children when school opens next fall, according to H. R. Gould, city superintendent.

The superintendent a few days ago sent blanks to all the schools for distribution among the children. The books that the children have used in previous years are still on hand at the homes are checked off on the blanks and the blanks are to be returned to the schools. This will enable the superintendent to ascertain just what books must be bought.

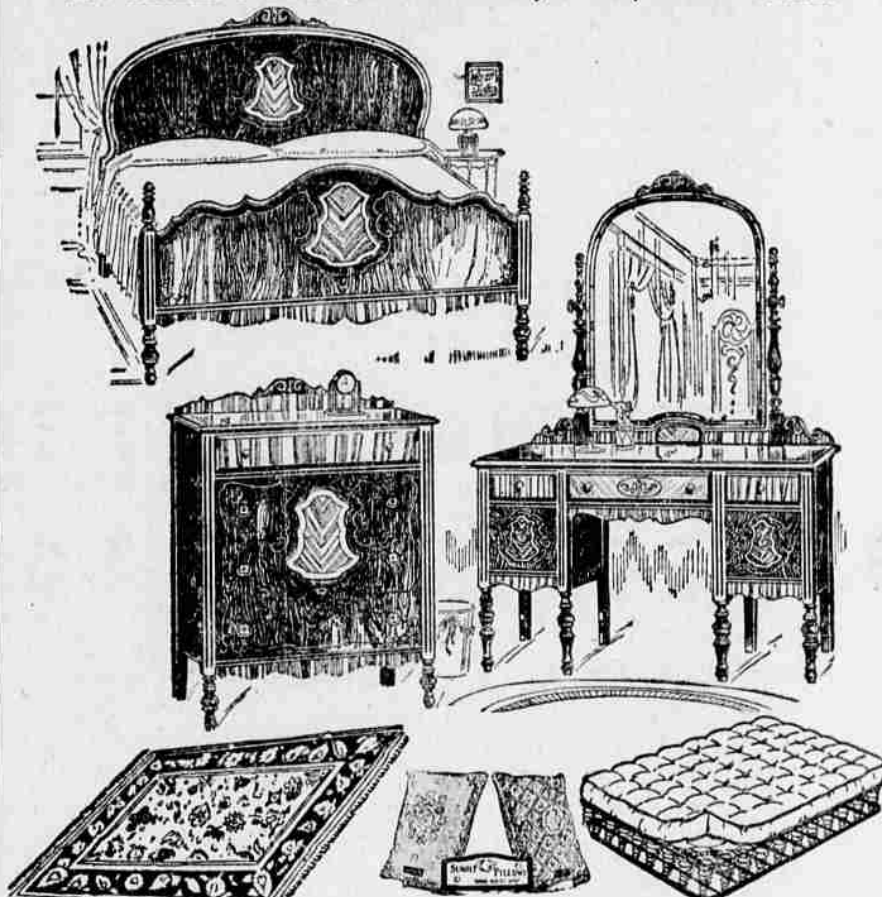
The new state law providing for free books placed a limit of \$1.50 per pupil. As the expenditure for books per pupil amounts to considerably more than that sum, the request for donation of used books has been made. The books are to be taken to the schools just before the term ends in June but the blanks are to be turned in immediately.

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