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KEEP OREGON GREEN ALWAYS

This is the time of year when the Keep Oregon Green movement bids for your close attention—because it is the season for fires. If you have forgotten just what it is, there are hundreds of Lane county kids enrolled in the Green Guards who will tell you. If you want to feel that you really belong you can join by paying \$1. A list of places is being prepared. Nobody is going to "ding" you for money, and you don't have to join, but you can help, wherever you live, in town or country. All you have to do is PREVENT FIRES!

Since we got into war, Oregon has had a pretty good fire record. Last season, Oregon had only 632 fires which burned over 7,838 acres. In 1942 we had 492 fires in 5,654 acres. For the 20 year period preceding the war, we had an average annual burn of 144,592 acres with an average annual loss of \$1,246,620. In the last four years we have cut the annual loss to \$72,190.

But—we slipped a little bit last summer, maybe because we stopped being so afraid of Japanese bombs. Here's an interesting tabulation of last year's forest fires:

Fire Cause	Western Oregon	Eastern Oregon	Total
Lightning	137	120	257
Railroads	19	4	23
Lumbering	22	10	32
Debris burning	25	2	27
Incendiaries	48	0	48
Campfires	10	14	24
Smokers	70	62	132
Miscellaneous	75	14	89
Man caused	269	106	375
All causes	406	226	632

Lane county contributed 18 fires to this total, of which 17 were man caused. We had only 1 lightning fire and no incendiaries. Douglas, for some reason had 32 incendiary fires and Coos and Curry 11.

Not a bad record and we owe a great deal to the loggers and lumbermen who work the woods, the railroaders and truckers who make the big hauls for the safety standards they have observed. But we owe most to the 15 and 16 year old lads who have manned the forest fire crews. They have done "a man's job," and they will do it again this season, if we all help.

Note those figures on "smoker fires"—the guy who tosses "a butt" out of a car. Over in Eastern Oregon the other day a huge wheat acreage was burned because some traveller was careless with a rag. Note the relatively heavy totals for careless brush burning and for campfires.

Already our East and West Lane fire patrols are rendering almost as much protection to farms on the margins of timber as they do for the woods. Many rural areas are learning the fires can be controlled and they are acting under county law to create fire districts of their own.

"Keep Oregon Green" began with the lumbermen, is still financed mainly by them. Its work is mostly educational, but it is one of the most important undertakings in Oregon. Trees and green fields are not quite "worth their weight in gold," but it takes nearly 100 years to replace a burn—especially when it hits "brush" where the young trees grow.

TO NOMINATE A VICE PRESIDENT

The Democratic party will meet this week—to nominate a vice president. There is little else for it to do. Mr. Roosevelt is again the candidate for president. The platform is embodied in his recent letter acknowledging the "draft" which his henchmen have arranged. No doubt a resolutions committee will spend much time and a great many words bringing out "a platform," but the only issue is Mr. Roosevelt himself, the regime which he has built up—and the choice of a man to take over as president, if anything should happen to Mr. Roosevelt.

It is obvious that Mr. Wallace is "willin'" and even eager to be vice president again, and there has been much speculation as to whether Mr. Roosevelt will insist on "L'il Abner". There are many who feel that for the safety of the party and the nation the choice should go to some more stable individual, such as "Dear Alben" Barkley senator from borderline Kentucky. It is our guess that Mr. R. will "see Henry over the hump," because he can scarcely afford to do less, although he may not be so peremptory this time.

In some ways, the Democratic convention may be one of the most interesting in our history. As many of the Southerners lament:

"The Democratic party is the prisoner of the New Deal."

Its poverty is emphasized by its utility in the presence of "the indispensable man." As a party it has no other formula for winning the war, making the peace, preparing for the difficulties of post-war, and it says to the nation:

"This is all we can think of to offer, and

all our hopes and your hopes must depend on the continued health and good fortune of one man."

It is strange doctrine for America which has always boasted "forests of presidential timber." It results, of course, from long years of EXPEDIENTCY which have developed a regime, not principles upon which a party can stand, or any young and vigorous leaders competent to carry on, only this most of "little men," looking to their jobs, their patronage, their fortunes dependent on the fortunes of "the man."

More and more it has become apparent that the selection of a vice president should not be the second rate handout it has been in both parties. The Democrats face a particularly difficult situation because of Mr. Roosevelt's age and reported infirmities. If Mr. Roosevelt is their only possible man for president they owe it to the nation to try to give the nation a strong man to take over if anything happens to Mr. Roosevelt.

We do not rate Mr. Wallace quite so low as many do. At least it could be said that he talks in the vernacular of "the liberals," and since liberalism seems to be the dominant philosophy of the New Deal, he may be a more logical choice than somebody "to represent the South." Nor do we shudder at the thought of living four more years "Under Roosevelt." We only say:

"Some day we must come back to the realization that America never has and never can depend on ONE MAN."

And from every part of the world comes evidence that America still is producing men, the kind that can look any other man in the eye, the kind who fight for beliefs, and that is why the war is being won and why we have a right to believe that there can be justice in the peace which will be made.

"DAMP SQUIB"

To Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts, Hitler's pilotless plane, the vaunted secret weapon which was calculated to terrify and immobilize British effort, is just a "damp squib."

In case you don't know what a squib is, it's a powder-filled tube of paper—a sort of crude firecracker. But even if you didn't know, it was still a wonderful description. The very sound is a splendid synthesis of courageous, imperturbable, thoroughly British contempt.

Our American boys ride the wave of popularity in France. City after city falls for them.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By PETER EDSON
(Register-Guard Washington Correspondent)

COMPLACENCY ON HOME FRONT

Paradoxical as it may seem, the most difficult job on the homefront today is to make the war seem tough enough.

Where American propaganda for home consumption fails, maybe a three-line report on an interception of a German radio broadcast may succeed, and there is no reason why Nazi propaganda should not be so diverted. Summing up the first month of the invasion of Europe, the Nazi commentator simply said that the Allied beachhead on France today consisted of only 1 per cent of French territory.

Think that one over. The conclusion is that 99 per cent of the war in Europe is still to be won. The same thing holds true in the Pacific, where U. S. forces battling on Saipan are just at the outer edge of Japan's inner defenses.

There is not even the 1 per cent toehold on Japan proper. All the thousands of islands of the Philippines and the Dutch East Indies have yet to be liberated, while on the Asiatic mainland the Japs hold all of Malaya, Burma and Eastern China. Why, then, is it so impossible to realize that these are long hard roads ahead?

Production Down, Complacency Up
Admiral King and General Marshall and Arnold report to the president that the war effort must not sag, yet the plea fails to register.

Army tells the War Production Board that deliveries of munitions are behind schedule—aircraft production off 3 per cent last month, heavy truck production off from 19 to 31 per cent in May, tire production off 18 per cent for the second quarter. The sad fact is that Army production, which aggregated \$1,885,000,000 in May must be stepped up to \$2,270,000,000 a month by late fall—an increase of 17 per cent—but even these figures make no impression.

Though the pay is \$100 a week, there is difficulty in recruiting electricians for two vital construction jobs at Pasco, Wash., and Knoxville, Tenn., requiring no less an official than Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson to appeal for 90-day volunteers.

War Manpower Commission controls which went into effect July 1 to meet just such situations as those arising at Pasco and Knoxville, are accepted—but grudgingly.

The Fifth War Loan drive goes its lethargic way towards quota fulfillment. Casualty figures are just numbers—so long as they don't hit one's immediate family or friends. Appeals to cut down on vacation travel go unheeded.

Victory gardens are fewer in number than last year.

Politics is becoming more intriguing than war.

Fighting Spirit A Minus Factor

Complacency oozes from every wall, like an unartistic hanging of dead ducks and fish. The desire to go in there and hit 'em all the harder, now that the enemies have been forced to stand and fight, is missing everywhere except in the military and naval forces themselves.

Perhaps all this is only natural. The news from the fighting fronts is too good. Even military leaders, while calling for continued effort one day, radiate optimism the next.

General Arnold, back from inspection of the European theater, says German airplane, ball bearing and petroleum refining have been reduced two-thirds, solely by aerial bombing.

Secretary of the Navy Forrestal reports the Jap pre-war merchant fleet of from 12 to 14 million tons reduced from a third to a half by submarine, fleet and plane action.

Trying to view the situation realistically—without either optimism or pessimism—Secretary Forrestal admits the net impression from any review of recent operations is favorable and the cumulative effect of a number of these reviews gives the impression that the war is nearly over, even when that is not the case. "And this," he comments in closing a neat phrase, "is not intended to be any pious affirmation of the obvious."

SOCIETY. WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By MARIAM LOWRY

WOMEN OF MOOSE HOLD MEETING HERE

Ten chapters of Women of the Moose were represented at the conference held in Eugene Friday, Saturday and Sunday, in conjunction with the conference of the Oregon State Association of the Loyal Order of Moose. Those represented were: Seattle and Longview, Wash.; Kallispel, Mont.; Portland, St. Helens, Merrill, Klamath Falls, Corvallis, Marshfield, and Eugene.

Women's meetings closed Sunday with a breakfast at the Eugene hotel, largely attended. A reception was held the preceding evening, also at the Eugene hotel, in the bamboo room, where all senior regents were introduced.

Saturday afternoon was held the conference chapter meeting, where a candidate from Klamath Falls was initiated, work being put on by various chapters. Gifts were presented at this meeting to the honored guests of the conference, Mrs. Dorothy Eggleston of Seattle; Mrs. Fanny Mae Thompson of Klamath Falls; Mrs. Naomi Warman and Mrs. Rosa Wood, Eugene; Mrs. Irene Gee, Corvallis; and Mrs. Ruby Bell, Klamath Falls. At the regular meeting of the Eugene chapter, Friday night, a class of fifteen candidates was initiated. Conference delegates were guests.

An open joint meeting, for both men and women, was held Friday afternoon at the hall, at which Mrs. J. H. Parsons, senior regent of the Eugene chapter, introduced the honored guests. Mrs. C. O. Beitel, who was the senior regent last year and under whose leadership the local chapter established a fine record of advancement, exceeding three previous peaks, was shown special honors. An address of welcome was given at this opening session by Pilgrim member, Charles Poole. Ray Van Meter, association president responding.

Other speakers were Mrs. Dorothy Eggleston, dean of the academy of friendship; Charles Beitel, governor of the local Moose chapter; Tobe Watkins, association secretary; Mrs. Ruby Bell, associate dean from Klamath Falls; James Ballard, of the supreme council at Mooseheart; E. A. Kalen, deputy supreme secretary from Mooseheart; N. R. Smith, regional northwest director.

MISS LOUISE KOON WEDS MR. JUHLIN

Miss Louise Koon, daughter of Mrs. Morris Koon and the late Morris Koon, pioneer rancher of Junction City, was married to Homer Juhlin, formerly of Salt Lake City, Utah, in a civil service performed Friday afternoon by County Judge Clinton Hurd at the Lane county courthouse. Witness to the ceremony was Kenneth Dornhecker of Junction City, the bride's brother-in-law. The bride had recently returned from Spokane, where she completed nurse's training. The bridegroom is a civil engineer, and has been in the employ of the government in defense work along the coast. For the present, Mr. and Mrs. Juhlin will make their home in Junction City with the bride's mother. Mrs. Juhlin plans to follow war nursing for the duration.

VISITING HERE

Mrs. C. R. Clark of Seattle, formerly of Eugene, is visiting here for two weeks as guest at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Rundlett.

FROM PORTLAND

Mrs. Elmer Reddick of Portland visited the past week with relatives and friends in Lane county.

PAINTING GROUP

Painting group of the Women's City club met the past week with Mrs. Harry Lichty. The group worked on modeling plastic. Two new members were added, Mrs. J. B. Gierhart and Mrs. L. C. Achteman. Next meeting, August 3, will be at the home of Mrs. J. A. Hoffman, 942 Lawrence street.

Springfield Pioneer Picnic will meet Sunday, July 23 at Cottage at Skinner Butte, Eugene, Ore.

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LEONARD-MORRIS WEDDING REPORTED

Miss Anne Morris and Gordon Raphael Leonard were married at an afternoon ceremony July 12 in the garden at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Harry O. Smith of Cave Junction.

Rev. E. J. Aschenbrenner, pastor of the Grants Pass Methodist church, officiated.

The bride wore a bouffant skirted white organza dress with a short train, with a fingertip veil falling from a tiny flowered cap, and carried a pink and white shower bouquet of roses and bouvardias.

Miss Margaret Morris of Bend was her sister's only attendant. Her dress was rose colored embroidered organza, and she carried a nosegay of pink and white sweet peas.

Mrs. M. A. Porter of Roseburg, sister of the bride, played the wedding marches and sang "O Perfect Love," accompanied by Miss Alice Smith, preceding the ceremony.

John Williams of Cave Junction was the best man. A small reception followed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. C. G. Morris of Cave Junction. She was graduated from Willamette university, where she is affiliated with Alpha Phi Alpha sorority. For the past two years she has taught in the Harborsburg high school. Mr. Leonard is the son of Mrs. R. S. Leonard of Cave Junction.

KENNETH MCCORMACK MARRIED IN PORTLAND

FLORENCE—The First Christian church in Portland was the scene of the marriage of Miss Joan Bales, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Bales of Portland, to Corporal Walter S. McCormack, U. S. army, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth H. McCormack of Florence, on Sunday July 2 at four o'clock.

Dr. Thompson L. Shannon read the double ring ceremony before a floral setting of simplicity, consisting of two white wicker stands filled with white delphiniums and salmon pink gladioluses banking two wrought iron candelabras holding white tapers. Miss Inez Houston, cousin of the bride, lighted the candles just before the ceremony, carrying the lighting candle concealed in her nosegay of flowers.

Mr. Bales gave his daughter in marriage. She wore an afternoon dress of sheer and of maple sugar coloring with brown accessories. She carried a white Bible topped with two orchids. Her matron of honor, Mrs. Cecil A. Crafts, wore a sand jersey dress and brown accessories, and carried a cascade bouquet of pink sweetpeas.

PFC William Tugman of the U. S. army was best man.

Ushers were James McCormack, the bridegroom's brother, and David Houston, cousin of the bride.

After a short wedding trip along the Oregon beaches the couple are now at home at 2421 N. E. Irving street in Portland.

Corporal McCormack is a graduate of Siuslaw high school and attended the University of Oregon before leaving for army service. He is now attending Pacific Dental college.

SEWING CLUB

Sewing club of the Daughters of Union Veterans will meet for a picnic at the home of Mrs. Arthur Biers in Springfield, Wednesday at twelve o'clock, noon. Members are advised to bring a covered dish and silverware, while the hostess will furnish a beverage and bread and butter.

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MISS CHANDLER IS WED AT FLORENCE

FLORENCE—At a candlelight service, Wednesday evening July 12, Miss Betty Chandler, daughter of Mrs. Sylvia B. Chandler and the late Albert W. Chandler, was married to Mahlon R. Snidow Jr., 3122 U. S. N., son of Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon R. Snidow Sr. The chapel of the Evangelical church was the scene of the wedding with Rev. Robert Waggoner reading the single ring ceremony at eight o'clock in the presence of close friends and relatives of the couple. The altar was decorated with baskets of calla lilies on either side with larger baskets of red, white, and blue summer flowers in the background.

Preceding the ceremony Mrs. Kenneth McCormack sang "Because" and "I Love You," accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Navarre Dunn, who also played the Mendelssohn wedding march.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Sydney Chandler, wore a white satin gown, fashioned with a bouffant

skirt of net, a sweetheart neckline, and long sleeves. Her veil was of fingertip length and fell from a tiara trimmed with seed pearls. She carried a white Bible.

Attending her sister as matron of honor was Mrs. Carroll J. Morgan, whose dress was of pink satin brocade, fashioned with bouffant skirt of net. Her flowers were white gardenias.

Don Thomasson of Swisshome was best man.

Mr. and Mrs. Snidow have left for a wedding trip along the Oregon beaches before he returns to duty August 5.

AID MEETS

Central Lutheran Ladies Aid society met recently at the parish house, voting to buy a hundred-dollar defense bond. Mrs. H. J. Thorpe presented a reading, entitled "Discipline for Tomorrow." After the business meeting, a birthday party was held for those whose anniversaries came during the first half of the year.

The next meeting will be at the parish house, with Mrs. John Torkelson, Mrs. Arnold Lindeland and Mrs. Edwin Hanson as hostesses.

The Museum of Modern Art in New York has pieces of movable metal type which were used in Korea in 1406 A.D.

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