

After the Perilous Beauty of Fire at Night, a Dreary Wasteland



Store Ruins

The scene of a fire, which may have an eerie beauty at its peak, is a desolate and ugly place on the day after. Such was the case at the Big Y shopping center Wednesday morning. A solitary Eugene policeman (left) stood guard at the front of what was left of the barn-like building. Burned and broken



canning jars (center photo) were still stacked at the store front, some of the few items of the store's stock of thousands still recognizable. And two McKay's employees (right photo) wandered through all that's left of what was one of Eugene's biggest markets.

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After Praise for 25 Years of Sustained Yield O&C Officials Cautioned

By DAN SELLARD
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SALEM (Special)—Officials of 18 Western Oregon counties that have collected millions of dollars from the timber logged from old railroad land grants gathered here Tuesday night to pat themselves on the back.

But they heard, amidst the praise commensurate with celebrating 25 years of sustained-yield operation of the "Oregon and California" lands, several predictions and warnings that things might not go so well in the future.

About 100 persons spent the day looking at O and C lands (those acres which were given to a railroad to encourage development of the West but returned to public ownership later) in the Salem area, and then listened to several speeches.

In the afternoon, David T. Mason, vice chairman of the O and C Advisory Board and a Portland consulting forester, predicted that lumber production will decline on the West Coast in the next ten years.

The annual cut of private timber will continue to dwindle, Mason said, because the supply of timber will decrease where private operators are not practicing sustained yield.

This, in turn, will throw more pressure on such public timberlands as the O and C lands, Mason said.

"Then, increase of and fuller use of the allowable cut (from public lands) will increase the harvest from these lands," Mason urged that the allowable annual cut (the amount harvested from an area each year) be determined on "sound technical grounds and not as the result of political pressure."

The forester told the county administrators that since the 1937 Act making sustained yield practices mandatory was enacted, the counties have received \$279 million.

Without sustained yield, he claimed, they probably would have received less than one third of the amount.

In the evening, former Gov. Charles Sprague warned the administrators not to forget that the O and C timber belongs to all the public and not just to the counties in which it stands.

"We must never lose sight of this," he said. (The counties with O and C timber get a percentage of the revenue.)

"The Bureau of Land Management and the Department of Interior have a public charge to manage the lands well and we should never forget this charge," Sprague said.

Sprague traced the evolution of the O and C management from the 1915 conference at Salem when the state decided

that the O and C lands should be "disposed of, developed and taxed."

Had the 1915 land conference had its way, he said, the revenue would not be coming to the counties today. He said that the sentiment then was all for developing the timberlands into farm lands, "and the people wanted no more forest resource."

Laying the railroad grant lands out in a checkerboard fashion, he continued, "was a monstrous mistake" and should be corrected by land exchanges so that better management units can be created.

Karl Landstrom, director of the Bureau of Land Management, called the O and C lands "a showcase for large-scale forest land administration."

Among those in the audience were Lester Dunn, Eugene district manager for the BLM, and Jess Hill and Frank Elliott, Lane County commissioners.

Air Show Nets Nearly \$4,000

Parking fees charged for the Blue Angels air show at Mahlon Sweet Airport last weekend netted nearly \$4,000 after expenses. The amount is being divided equally between the Civil Air Patrol and the Eugene Chamber of Commerce.

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Meeting Notices

Tonight
COLUMBIAN SQUIRES open house at Columbus Hall, 1144 Charnelton St., Eugene, for all boys aged 13 through 18 interested in joining the squires. Starts at 6 p.m. standard, 7 p.m. daylight. Movies and refreshments.

Thursday
RIVER ROAD Golden Age Club potluck picnic at 6 p.m. standard, 7 p.m. daylight, at Emerald Park, 1400 Lake Dr., Eugene. Meeting will follow dinner. Program, cards and dancing in clubroom. Bring table service. Anyone 50 years or older welcome.

SALON No. 545, 8 et 40, meeting at home of Mrs. Martin Lien, 3568 George Court, Eugene, at 8 p.m. standard, 9 p.m. daylight.

Services Set For Man, 95

Funeral services for a 95-year-old resident of Springfield, James F. Shannon, will be held Friday afternoon at 1 p.m. standard, 2 daylight, in Jerome, Idaho.

Shannon, a retired farmer, had been a resident in several Eugene-Springfield area nursing homes for the past 10 years. He had been an area resident for the past 12 years.

Survivors include two sons, Lottie M. Shannon of Springfield and Herbert A. Shannon of The Dalles; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren, and two brothers.

Wylie Funeral Home, Jerome, Idaho, will be in charge of services there and Buell Chapel, Springfield, is in charge of local arrangements.

Showers Show Up as Fog

Those showers predicted for Tuesday night by the Eugene weatherman didn't show up in the Eugene-Springfield area until early Wednesday morning—and then appeared as fog.

"The storm," the Eugene weatherman explained, "faded out before it got here."

Portland, he said, got .01 of an inch of rain, and Salem got a trace of precipitation from the storm. But it had lost its punch—and most of its moisture—by the time it reached Eugene.

Now, weathermen are expecting fair skies for the area through Friday, although some early morning cloudiness may continue. There is a chance of showers Saturday or Sunday.

Temperatures in Eugene were expected to climb to 75 degrees today and 79 degrees is forecast for Thursday. Tuesday's high was 71 degrees. Low temperature readings will be in the 40s, and Wednesday morning's low was 48 degrees.

Jaycettes Give \$1,000 To Build Pool

The Springfield Jaycettes Tuesday evening presented the Willamalane Park District with a \$1,000 check to finance construction of a combination wading-spray pool at Meadow Park in the urban renewal area.

The presentation was made during a Jaycette meeting at the home of Mrs. Sonny Jenkins, 580 Hayden Bridge Road. R. W. McDuffie, park board chairman, accepted the donation from Mrs. Ron Harmon, Jaycette president.

Co-chairmen for the wading pool project are Mrs. Charles Speight and Mrs. Steven Cain. Jaycettes started money-raising efforts in 1958-59 by selling Christmas cards and conducting cake sales. Some \$59 was collected in this period. During 1959-60-61, the organization collected more than \$1,300 by sponsoring food booths during the annual Springfield Broiler Festival.

The group has also contributed funds for other community projects.

Robert Artz, park district superintendent, said Wednesday the fund-raising efforts of the Jaycettes represented a "tremendous community effort" and that organization members spent hundreds of hours on the project. "We know from attending the Broiler Festival the hard work that was involved," he said.

The superintendent said the planned spray pool will be circular and about 30 feet in diameter with a spray device in the center. He said pool designs will be prepared and that construction will probably start next spring.

A plaque noting the Jaycette fund-raising achievement will be placed at the site of the wading pool, Artz said.

Observance Urged

SALEM (AP)—Gov. Mark Hatfield, urging observance of next week as Union Label Week, said Tuesday that "the trade union movement has provided many benefits for all citizens of this state."

Couple Unharmed In Crash Landing

By PETE DOWNS
Of the Register-Guard

COTTAGE GROVE—A California couple escaped injury Tuesday afternoon when their light plane made a crash landing on a field near the Walker Airport five miles north of here.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster Alexander were headed for Seattle from the San Francisco Bay area when their aircraft ran out of gas. They were scheduled to make a fuel stop in Eugene.

"I thought I'd have another hour's fuel, but the gauge was dropping so fast I saw we'd never make it to Eugene," said Alexander, 34-year-old San Mateo automobile dealer.

"It was cloudy up to about 5,000 feet so I came down and saw this open space. I didn't know it was an airport because it isn't listed on the charts."

The plane came in under a low power line, clipped an apple tree, and crashed into a patch of blackberry bushes. It came to rest in a field short of the end of the airport runway.

Alexander seemed unruffled, but Mrs. Alexander, an attractive blonde, was still a little shaken a couple of hours after the accident occurred.

The damaged plane, which Alexander rented for the trip, will not be moved until Federal Aviation Agency inspectors have a chance to check it over.

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