

## Boy of Nine Prevented Forest Fire Spreading

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(Associated Press Correspondent)

Billy Taylor, a nine-year-old boy in Chemult, wrote: "First I tried to put out the fire. Then I told my mother and then I told the warden. And he said that was O.K. It had been burning for two days before I found it."

Billy's alertness, typical of hundreds of similar cases, prevented a forest fire from spreading. He's one of 30,000 Oregon boys and girls, between the age of 8

and 16, who have joined the Green Guards since it was created 10 years ago by the Keep Oregon Green Association.

Billy is one of 129 boys and girls who won KOG awards during 1953 for putting out fires or reporting them.

Albert K. Wiesendanger, executive secretary of the Keep Oregon Green Association, gives the 10,000 children who now belong to the Green Guards much credit for reducing Oregon's fire losses.

Besides suppressing and reporting fires, the youths are effective agents in promoting fire prevention. They do this among their friends, their families and their schools.

"The objective of our Green Guard," Wiesendanger said, "is to make our young people conscious of the need for caution while using our outdoor areas by learning how to report fires, how to prevent them, what to do in case of fire, and how best to enjoy the great outdoors."

Last year 5,537 boys and girls joined. Each got a badge and a kit with instructions how to reduce fire risks.

Wiesendanger is surprised at the way it has grown. KOG, which is supported by gifts from lumbermen, county courts, garden clubs, and other conservation agencies, is a little organization that operates on a shoestring. It has only two paid employees—Wiesendanger and his secretary.

The Green Guards have grown in numbers largely because the enthusiastic members get their friends and schoolmates to sign up.

When a member helps put out a fire or reports one, he sends in his report, verified by an adult. The boys get pocket knives, and the girls are awarded pretty scarves.

The Green Guard program, Wiesendanger says, also is a help in keeping youths out of trouble. He calls it a "worthwhile, educational and time-consuming activity."

Three boys who live near Union were given membership last August for a good piece of work, even though they are over age.

They are Keith Delaney, 18; Dale Briggs, 17; and Larry Watts, 18. They put out a lightning-set fire 20 miles south of Union, without any help.

Gary Showalter, 14, student at Cleveland High School, Portland, helped fight a forest fire with wet gunny sacks. His partner was badly burned. Gary gave him first aid and took him to medical help.

Joe Rainwater, 10, who goes to Salem's Englewood school, carried water and wet sacks to some men who were fighting a fire in a grain field. He also put out sparks that blew over the fire lines.

David Swan, 11, Yachats, saw an abandoned beach fire which had spread to grass near some beach homes. He aroused the populace to fight the fire, and then he shoveled sand like mad along with the townspeople he had summoned.

An 11-year-old Grants Pass boy, Stanley Martin, spotted a brush and forest fire. He built a fire trail, summoned help, and then assisted in putting it out.

When Danny Nicholas, 10, Medford, was hunting with his dad, they found a fire in the mountains. They reported it and helped fight it.

Those are a few of the many examples of the Green Guard's help in the Keep Oregon Green program. The State Forestry department gives these boys and girls a lot of credit.

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## Cherry Men Meet Friday

Arrangements have been completed for the annual Polk-Marion County cherry growers meeting in Salem Friday, announce County Extension Agents N. John Hansen and D. L. Rasmussen. The program will start at 1:30 p.m. at Mayflower hall, 2135 Fairgrounds Road.

"New sweet cherry plantings in the Willamette Valley" will be the theme of the meeting. Speakers will be Robert Shinn, manager, Willamette Cherry Growers, Salem; S. C. Jones, associate entomologist, Oregon State College; Dr. Quentin Zielinski, associate horticulturist, OSC; Norman Dobie, assistant plant pathologist, OSC; and two Polk county cherry growers, Fred Gibson and Jim Smart.

In speaking as a representative of the processing industry, Shinn will include observations about the future of the sweet cherry industry. Jones will discuss insect pests of cherry orchards and Dobie will review cherry disease problems. Dr. Zielinski will summarize factors to consider in selecting the site for a new cherry orchard and give a progress report on testing new cherry varieties. Gibson and Smart will relate some of their experiences in establishing new sweet cherry plantings during recent years.

## Budget Hearing Set for March 8

DALLAS — The Polk county court room is the place set for hearing on March 8 of the notice of non-high school district budget prepared in the office of F. C. Green, county superintendent of schools.

The 1954-55 budget asks \$122,717, which is \$8605, below the \$131,322 budget of 1953. There probably will be no change in millage due to consolidation of various districts. Because of this fact, the \$122,717 item will be spread over a smaller assessed valuation.

The fund is used to cover expenses of transporting high school students from non-high school districts to high school districts.

## Free Concert For Woodburn

WOODBURN — About 85 members and families of the Band Parents Club gathered at Woodburn high school Tuesday night for a 6:30 pot luck supper preceding the regular meeting. Special guests were E. Donald Jessup, band director, and Principal and Mrs. Lester E. Keller. The committee in charge included Mrs. C. H. Ahrens, Mrs. Dean Bishoprick, Mrs. Frank P. Doerfler and Mrs. Layman Baird.

Mrs. N. F. Tyler presided at the business meeting, and it was announced that the Willamette University band will be at Woodburn high school at the morning of Thursday, Feb. 18, for a clinic with the local band. In the afternoon the W. U. band will give a free concert for students and to which the public is invited and urged to attend. Two Woodburn boys playing in the band are John Ticknor and Paul Edwards. The Band Parents will serve a lunch at noon to both bands with Mrs. Harold Ticknor in charge, assisted by a committee.

Following the business meeting the Band Parents were guests of the high school student body at the basketball game between Woodburn and Sandy.

The next meeting will be March 9.

## The Tiller Shop New Business Here

The Tiller Shop is a new business now open at 1188 South Commercial Street operated by Joseph T. Rosen and Lillian A. Rosen.

Some of the things the business will deal in are garden tractors and supplies, lawn mowers, motors and parts, a full line of Sherwin-Williams paints, and other things of kindred nature. Also it will do repairing and servicing of the tools and implements and will sharpen lawn mowers.

Another service that will be given the public will be tool rentals.

The concern is occupying a new building of 2000 square feet of space, for which John Grimmer Groom was the architect, and also another older building of 2000 square feet where the shop work is done.

## Knights to Observe Day of St. Patrick

WOODBURN—Plans for a St. Patrick's Day festival on March 17 were completed at the regular meeting of the Father Rubis Council, Knights of Columbus, last week at St. Luke's hall. Events from 5 to 7:30 p.m. will be a sausage and waffle supper, followed by games and other entertainment for the benefit of St. Luke's school.

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## Sweet Home Dates 1954 Talent Show

SWEET HOME — The first presentation of the Sweet Home Kiwanis club's 1954 talent show series will begin Feb. 11 in the Sweet Home Union high school auditorium, according to Chairman Frank Kikel.

The three preliminary shows are slated on three successive Thursday nights and the grand final show for the four winners of each preliminary will be held March 4.

Dick Meyer will serve as master of ceremonies and a wall-type plaque will be awarded the winner of the final show with all final contestants receiving a certificate.

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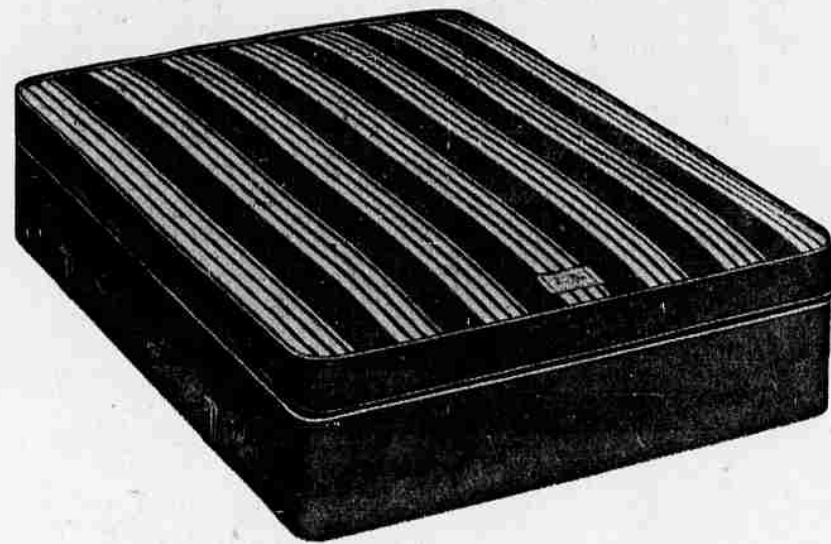
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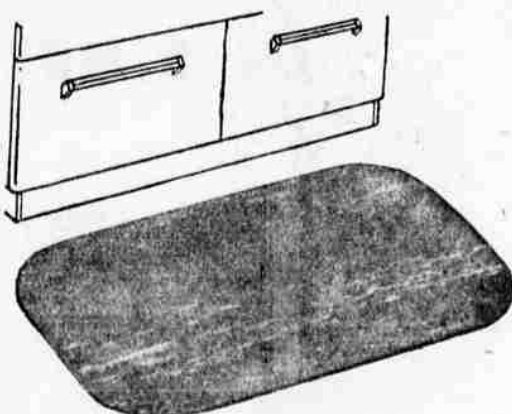
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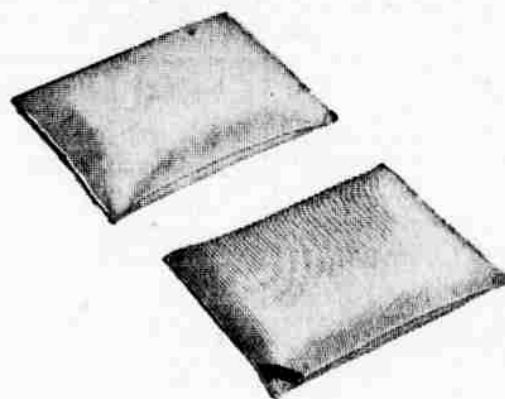
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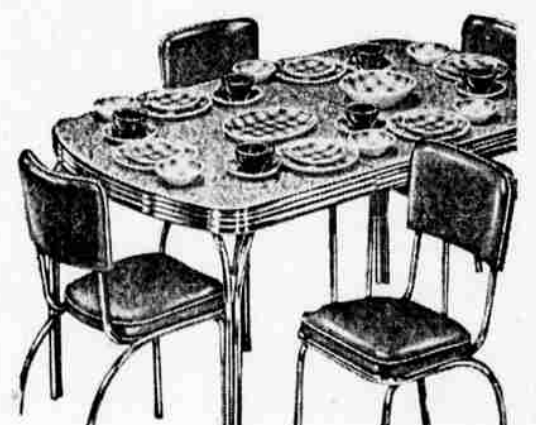
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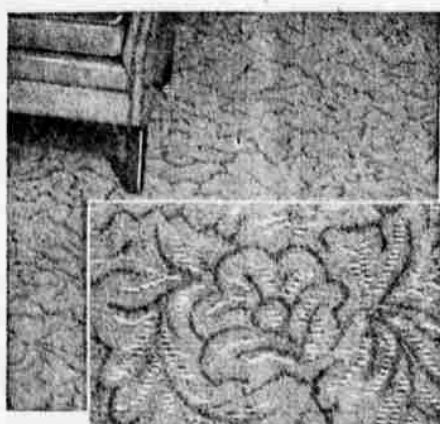
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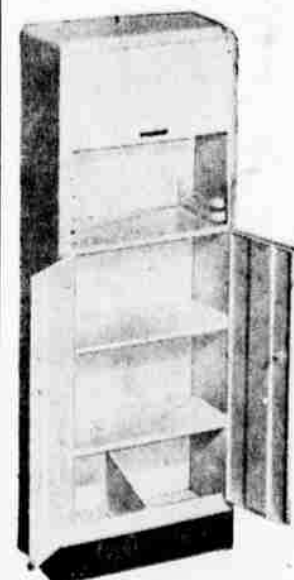
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