

Women Take Over Forest Fire Lookout Activity

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SALEM (AP) — Women have invaded almost every other phase of masculine employment, so it isn't surprising that now they've taken over most of Oregon's forest fire lookout business.

In another two weeks, 150 lookouts, hired by the State Forestry Dept. and the Fire Protective Association, will trek to the high hills to stand guard over 15,500,000 acres of forest lands.

More than 100 of them will be women.

State Forester George Spaur says women make better lookouts than men because they are more conscientious.

But when it comes to running off to throw a bucket of water on an infant blaze, the men have the edge because they can navigate better through the trees.

The Oregon Forestry Dept. is mobilizing this year as never before to protect the forests from fire. More than \$5,500,000, of which more than half is contributed by the lumber industry, will be spent on this job.

The women, consisting largely of school teachers, college girls and girls who just want to be alone, will play a big role. It's a good summer job. The starting pay is \$219 a month, and the top salary is \$272.

That might not sound like much. But remember that nearly all of it can go into the bank. There isn't any place to spend it on top of Cougar Butte.

The lookouts have to detect the first wisp of smoke, because the Forestry Dept. finds it's a lot easier to put out a little fire than a big one. They make weather observations, and carry their own wood and water.

Farmers Union Meets Saturday

A state-wide educational conference will be held at Salem Friday and Saturday by the Oregon State Farmers Union. Officers and members from all Willamette Valley counties and Wasco, Deschutes and Jefferson counties in central Oregon are expected for the conference which will be held in the VFW hall.

Mrs. Flossie Harris, national educational director of the National Farmers Union, is coming from Denver to direct the two-day session.

The first session will be held Friday morning at 10 o'clock. There will be discussion of the Farmers Union program, demonstrations of methods of conducting meetings and panels on various topics.

Vice President H. D. Rolph of Denver will also be present. Local arrangements are being made by President Harley Libby of the Oregon Farmers Union.

North Howell

NORTH HOWELL — Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Fosholm and sons, Bob and Jerry, were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Richter of Canby.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Strachan were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Art Rasmussen Saturday evening. Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Bame. Cards were enjoyed during the evening.

Guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Espe were their daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Rolie and children and Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Epping and children of Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dunn and family spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Harvey at Molalla.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stark and children, Nikki and Gary, of Sweet Home, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Sawyer.

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Hoss Talks on Industry Plans

Dave Hoss, member of the KSLM radio station staff, spoke to the members of the Exchange Club Wednesday noon at the Marlin Hotel on the Salem Industrial Development Council's progress in persuading industrial firms to locate in Salem. It was the second in a series of three talks planned for delivery to the club.

Hoss said that the council now employs a full time member and that letters will be mailed to 50 leading industrial companies in the country inviting them to visit this area on five day "whirlwind tour," planned for several months from now. He said that the group also had the backing of Governor Paul Patterson and Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay, who will reportedly give support to the project.

Also, there have been 2,000 letters mailed to various industries in the country attempting to persuade them to locate a branch of their organizations in this region. He said that there have been a good number of favorable replies.

In discussing the proposed location of KSLM-TV, a proposed television station sponsored by the local radio station, he said that their application had been held up in Washington, D. C., because of an application by a firm in Richland, Washington, for the same channel. According to FCC rules, stations with the same channel must be at least 90 miles apart. According to Hoss, the Salem and Richland transmitters would be only 89 1/2 miles apart, and could not, therefore, both be allocated.

Hoss did say, however, that he thought that the Salem station would be in operation within the next six months.

Eight Bands to Vie At Gates on May 15

CLEAR LAKE — Eight bands will take part in a music festival to be held at Gates High School Saturday at 1 p.m. Roy Shelton, Salem, is director of all the bands.

They are from Perrydale, Detroit, Gates, Clear Lake and Buena Crest, and will play as three groups—first-year, second-year, and advanced bands.

Students in the Gates bands are acting as hosts and will serve a luncheon at noon.

Students in the Clear Lake - Buena Crest band are Gary Goulet, Terry Eichelberger, Van Sawyer, Patty Jones and Robert Lindquist.

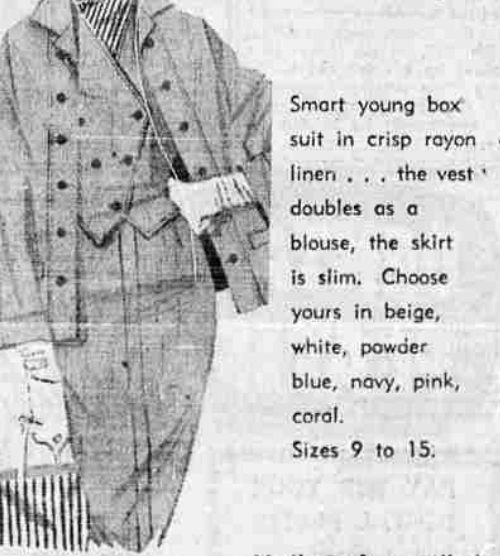
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