

FOREST FIRES TAKE TIMBER RESOURCES

Largest Number of Fires in the History Occurred During 1926

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—(UP)—Forest fires took a huge toll in the nation's timber resources last year, according to figures submitted to Congress by E. A. Sherman, Associate Forester of the Agriculture Department. The largest number of fires in history, 8,263, occurred in 1926, destroying 257,376 board feet of timber. These fires covered a total area of 722,000 acres.

While the number of fires were the largest in history, quick action by the Forestry Service prevented the damage from becoming as great as that of former years. In 1919 there were 6,800 fires which destroyed 3,113,903, the largest destruction on record. "We had one of our occasional extreme fire seasons during the summer of 1926," said Assistant Forester Roy Headley. In terms of area burned over, there have only been four worse seasons since national forests were created. In terms of the cost for fire-fighting, there has been only one year where it has been more expensive.

"The trouble during the past season was not so much in the number of fires, because the number was slightly less than normal for recent years; but was due chiefly to the bunching of lightning fires. Most of the lightning fires came from two storms, one on July 6 and one on July 12. So many fires started by those two storms, particularly the latter one, that the available force of guards and rangers was not able to get around fast enough to keep them under control.

These two storms covered practically the whole of northern Washington and northern Idaho and the western part of northern Montana. Since 1916 a total of 67,324 fires have destroyed 6,064,240,000 board-feet of timber.

Mrs. Coolidge is Graceful Hostess

By SALLY ROSS (U. P. Press Correspondent) WASHINGTON (U. P.)—When the women ask the government that it lists wives as "home-makers" rather than as persons of no occupation in the 1930 census, they might also ask Uncle Sam to give one of his hardest-working wives some pay. The first lady of the land has a government job which almost rivals her husband's in difficulties and importance. The social and executive duties of the president's wife are manifold, and it is generally admitted that no White House wife has ever exceeded and a few have equalled Mrs. Calvin Coolidge in administering them with grace, efficiency and charm.

To Mrs. Coolidge is given the credit for creating the atmosphere of gracious hospitality about the executive mansion. The former New England school teacher is a woman of poise, serenity and unconscious dignity, which makes it possible for her to soil her gloves cuddling mongrel puppies one instant and greet the stately diplomat the next.

When the Coolidges were in the less conspicuous position granted the vice president of the United States, they were among the most popular couples in social Washington. Mrs. Coolidge was famous for her interest in unimportant as well as famous folk, and she never changed. The mistress of the White House has a big job.

First, she has a huge corps of servants to oversee. While the housekeeper at the White House a woman now, is a highly efficient person, nevertheless the food housewife at the head of the President's table O. K.'s every detail of household administration. The problem of the important state dinners is always before her. In the past, famous caterers, such as Demoret or Rauscher, used to prepare the dinner, and bring it in with the proper corps of servants. Now the food as well as menu is prepared in the White House under the supervision of the first lady.

The first lady must know the soup is correct and the roast is not burnt, and be perfectly gowned, and full of the most correct conversation. The president and his wife entertain naturally a good deal. They dine out, however, only at the homes of cabinet members, and they dine once at the table of each of them.

Mrs. Coolidge is a woman of vast charitable interests and consequently this takes much of her time and attention. She is interested in the Girl Scouts, visits the Children's Hospital, Walter Reed Hospital, the government hospital for its soldiers, and similar institutions. Her wardrobe is an important and precarious affair to a president's wife. She must not appear twice at any formal function in the same gown, although Mrs. Coolidge did break this tradition last year by wearing one gown twice. Mrs. Coolidge always dresses well and suits her clothes to her type very cleverly.

Kiwanis Club Hears Talk On Chinese

Dr. William Locke of China was the speaker at the noon day luncheon of the Kiwanis Club. Dr. Locke is with the Presbyterian Board and has spent much time in China and is conversant on China and her problems just now. Dr. Locke spoke on present time problems in China and their effect on the world at large and America in particular.

His talk is of times importance and one that makes one's thoughts take on a more serious trend, according to those present at the luncheon. R. H. Robinson, advance man for the University of Oregon Symphony orchestra, spoke of a proposed visit and showing of the orchestra in Ashland in the near future.

EMPLOYED BOYS MEET
The Y. M. C. A. Employed Boy's club held their regular mid-week meeting and dinner in Pioneer hall last evening. The evening was spent in discussion and a short business session. Following the business session members of the club joined in a song fest which was led by L. H. Hansen newly appointed leader of the club. Members were quite enthused over the new pins which just arrived. The pin is of gold with the letters E. B. on the face. A guard pin with the letter A as attached by a gold chain to designate Ashland Employed Boys. "The club is growing and we are

having some live meetings," Mr. Hansen said this morning. One member of the club stated, "I got a kick out of just attending these meetings for the sake of the fellowship and good times we have. It is a good place to go."

SALEM HIGH WILL PLAY LOCAL TEAM

Hard Basketball Tilt Scheduled for Junior High Gym Tonight
Ashland high school's basketball quintet will make a determined effort to redeem itself at the Junior Hi gym tonight when it meets the Salem high school basketballers in the first of a two game series on the local floor.

RAILROAD OFFICIAL TAKES OWN LIFE

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 11.—Believed to have suffered a sudden attack of insanity, Edward Chambers, 58, second vice-president of the Santa Fe railroad, leaped to his death from a room on the fourth floor of the St. Lukes hospital here today.

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