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Considerable interest was taken in the kicker or replacement shot tournament played at the Valley golf course last Sunday morning. Of the twenty-two players, Spike Leslie had the best and very good score of 25 gross, minus his handicap of seven, which gave him the low net of 28. Budzie Johnson also got hot and carded a 42, minus 13, equaling 29. Our own inimitable Oscar was saddled with a gross of 49, minus 8 handicap, and net 41, for the high score which also was in the prize bracket.

The first two-ball mixed foursome of the year was played in the afternoon and all who participated thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The twosome having low honors and taking first prize were Lillian Bowers and Geo. Johnson, with score of 36, closely followed by Eddie McLarrin and Andy Richardson with 37, Irene Mullen and C. Mast 37, and Lillian McLarrin and John Gelfer with 37. Jane Martin and Roland Bowers had as much fun and more shots with the highest score of 46.

Next Sunday, August 13, there will be a Tin Whistle of Bogey-Par-and-Birdie tournament, which is one of the most interesting tournaments of golf and will be played with full handicaps, which will be established and posted before that time.

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Out-of-Doors Stuff

by LANS LENEVE

Many times we have made brief comments concerning that great organization, The Boy Scouts of America, in this column but, even at that, we feel that we have slighted this organization of young Americans by not dwelling more at length upon their splendid work.

It is noteworthy to quote the fact that practically every member of The Boy Scouts is an ideal American lad, that it is rarely indeed the case that any one of them may be accused of any act of vandalism; that at a tender age they possess a manly character and a keen sense of sportsmanship and that they delight in the conservation and propagation of wildlife, as well as doing their good deed daily for mankind.

The Boy Scouts is an organization that is one hundred per cent American, that teaches loyalty to America and respect to our flag. Any boy should be proud to be a member and any parents of a boy of Boy Scout age, should insist that their son join The Scouts.

Recently, in another part of the state a trio of youths, while fishing, became separated and one of them became lost in a vast expanse of wilderness. But through his Scout training in woodcraft, he emerges from the jungles within 24 hours, none the worse for the ordeal.

Scout training instills confidence in a lad at an early age, gives him confidence in his ability far beyond his years and his training gives him a certain quiet confidence and a superiority far above that of the youth of the same age who has not been blessed with such training.

It is up to youths of Boy Scout age to carry on the banner of sportsmanship, to conserve wildlife and to keep down fascism and keep America free and clean during the generations that are to come, for as they grow into manhood their early training will become apparent. The future destiny of America lies in the hands of these who are taught to love one's country, to practice honesty and to live by the creed adopted by The Scouts.

If every boy in America could join The Scouts, have close association with them, so that they might follow their doctrine, it would no doubt be surprising to note the decline in crime throughout the United States.

Many lads are situated where it is impossible for them to take advantage of the privilege of becoming a Scout, but those who are not, should join and join at once and should be urged to do so by their parents.

In our estimation, for the up-building of youth, for the making of clean-cut American citizens, there is no greater organization in existence than The Boy Scouts of America. Scouts, we salute you!

This A Dangerous Fire Season

Have you a little fire bomb in your camping gear—you berry pickers?

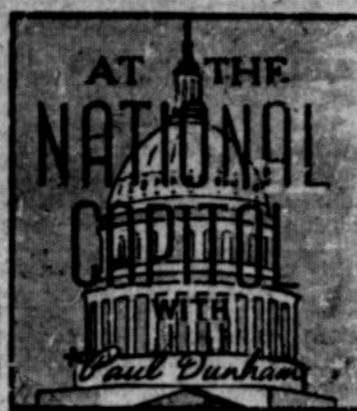
"Several Oregon families who spent the fall months in the forest and wilderness areas of western Oregon searching for wild blackberries and huckleberries last year started forest fires," Mrs. Stella Cutlip, North Bend, Coos county chairman of Keep Oregon Green, stated today. "I want to warn berry picking families and campers who hunt berries in the woods to be careful with their campfires and do not smoke while in wooded areas."

Forest fire authorities point out that this season may break a five-year all-time low record for forest fires because of the lack of rainfall and the extremely dry condition of the forests. Just for example, over an 11-month period, September to July, Portland had its second record dry spell. The rainfall was 26.73 inches, whereas the lowest mark for that period was in 1923-24 when only 25.22 inches fell. With a serious shortage of men in the logging woods, who usually are available for emergency fire fighting, and a complete dependence upon young boys for fire fighting, the condition today is dangerous.

"Conditions are just right now for another Tillamook forest fire, unless absolute caution is practiced by those who use our forests," said the fire prevention leader, as he stressed the need for 100 per cent co-operation by the general public in the drive to Keep Oregon Green. "Don't be a saboteur. Fires that never start, don't have to be fought."

"You berry pickers need the berries for food and the government needs our forest for lumber," the KOG chairman stated. "We can both get what we need if you use care while in forest areas."

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Washington, D. C., Aug. 10 — Of course, the United States invented the submarine and the airplane but the strategists have been doing some "copy-cat" on other war materials. The latest is the rocket. Germany has developed rocket planes and the robot bomb which flies blindly and explodes on contact. To date, the robot has not damaged a single military installation, only civilian buildings. Just before the end of the first world war the technicians of the military service had worked out a rocket, or jet-propelled device, but came the armistice and the experiments ceased. The use of the rocket by the Germans has renewed interest in that type of weapon and orders have been issued for an almost unlimited supply of this type of ammunition to be fired from land or water, especially on water from all varieties of vessels. Rockets will play an important part in the later phases of the war if hostilities do not end before the instruments to use the ammunition have been perfected.

Early in the war efforts were made to have the war department build glider planes. An historic document is the letter written by the assistant secretary of war in which he stated that the war department was not interested in gliders. Congressmen from the northwest were urging these motorless planes to be manufactured of wood. Not until the Germans invaded Greece with a flotilla of gliders did the war department wake up and decide to try out the gliders. Now they are a part of assault attacks, carrying paratroops. The paratroop idea developed in the woods of the Pacific northwest when fire fighters and their supplies were dropped from the sky. When a German military attaché witnessed a parachute drop and when equipment followed, he made a report to Berlin and paratroopers became a part of the army. It was long later before the American army adopted the idea.

Men from Puget sound cities and Portland (representing the same company) spent months here in the national capital trying to sell the maritime commission the idea of building landing barges on the west coast, using the lumber produced in that section. Commissioner Vickery more than "knocked down the ears" of these brass men from the northwest country. Neither Vickery nor others on the commission saw sense in building barges; they were anxious to get the Liberty ship under way. Not until army engineers on the Persian gulf sent word that they wanted barges to lighter supplies from ship to shore did the maritime commission give heed, and then they frittered away time for many months before taking steps to meet the requirements of the engineers.

Look for the resignation of James Lawrence Fly from the federal communications commission (FCC). Do not look for the real reason for his resignation, for it will not be made public. Before Fly became chairman of FCC he took a flyer in the power situation in the Oregon-Washington country but left the Bonneville administration to dabble with the commission on communications. He made a few talks on power in Washington and Oregon; but did not undertake to run the show as he has since been doing with FCC.

Fly has clashed with groups and members of congress and generally has won. He was mixed up in the Pearl Harbor debacle through his control of radio. The higher-ups in the army did not want FCC handling confidential messages; they wanted the war department to do that. But Fly won out and a prominent army officer who protested was eased out of his job. There have been many complaints brought against Fly, who is quick on the trigger in defense of his position. He recently raised a fuss with a magazine which interviewed him, and threatened dire things unless he was permitted to go over the article prior to its publication. He has been what might be said to be the Fly in the ointment.

Colonel Edmund W. Starling has passed on. People who knew him best were the police and sheriffs and the working press in the capital. The colonel bossed the presidents, and they had to obey. It was his job to guard the president and members of his family. On the many presidential trips to the Pacific northwest of Wilson, Harding, Hoover and Roosevelt the colonel went ahead like the advance man of a circus. He

"Bo" Johnson Receives Medal

Capt. Edward E. (Bo) Johnson, a formerly well-known Coquille young man, brother of Mrs. Georgianna Vaughan and son of Mrs. Flora Johnson, has received the Merchant Marine Distinguished Service Medal for heroism in running the ship of which he is skipper past Jap raiders in the Pacific in order that the gasoline being transported could be delivered at Darwin, Australia. Capt. Johnson, who visited his old home here a year ago, is now operating in the south-western Pacific.

The citation issued by the War Shipping Administration and released by the O. W. I., was as follows:

For heroism in running their ship past Jap raiders and into embattled Darwin, Australia, early in the Pacific war, and for nine successive nights delivering sorely needed gasoline, two officers of the American Merchants Marine have been decorated by order of President Roosevelt, the War Shipping Administration announced today.

They are Capt. Edward E. Johnson, of Woodland, California, and Chief Officer Albert E. Milbourne, of San Francisco. Their ship was the SS Admiral Halstead, a medium-sized freighter.

At a ceremony in Sydney, to which they were flown, the two officers were presented with the Merchant Marine Distinguished Service Medal, highest award of the service. They are the first men of the Merchant Marine to receive the honor outside continental United States.

The citation accompanying the medal states that in addition to their Darwin exploit, Johnson and Milbourne operated their ship without escort for eighteen months in the uncharted danger zone of New Guinea waters, carrying military supplies to our forces.

examined the line of march of parades, the speaker's stand; examined boats, such as the ship that took Harding from Seattle to Alaska. When he was through with the plans of Spokane, Seattle, Vancouver or Portland they were as near fool-proof as human ingenuity could devise. He was intensely loyal to the president under his charge, whether the president was a Republican or a Democrat. No one ever heard him discuss politics; no one knew his party affiliation.

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Assessed valuation on personal property, newly computed by Assessor Charles W. Forrest, for the fiscal year 1944-45 in Coos county, show a decrease of \$291,730 over the previous year's assessments, the assessment as of Jan. 1, 1943, being \$5,822,530 and the assessment as of Jan. 1, 1944, being \$5,530,800.

Assessor Forrest states this decrease is caused by two factors. The first is that personal property this year was assessed on a 50 per cent basis as compared to 60 per cent last year. The second factor is the loss of some business establishments, together with low inventories, especially in the amount of logs and lumber on hand as of Jan. 1, this year.

The Public Utility valuations, recently received from the State Tax Commission, also show a decrease in assessed valuations. This decrease amounted to \$313,404. The Utility valuations for the previous year were \$3,564,533, whereas they dropped to \$3,251,129 for the present year.

The total loss in assessable valuation of the Utilities and the Personal property assessments is \$605,134. Assessor Forrest and his office force are very busy at the present time totaling the valuation of all real property. This will be released as soon as available. It is estimated by Mr. Forrest that there will be a loss in assessed valuation on the real property of approximately \$400,000 due to county tax foreclosure, acquisition of large blocks of property by the Federal Government which is not assessable, and through loss in valuation by timber removal.

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Green growing forests, and the white cascades of tumbling water power, symbolize the basic strength of this great Oregon country. If we would keep this land as one worth living in, we must keep our forests green and productive. They in turn will furnish the raw materials of industry, and keep our streams flowing.

Therefore, forest fire prevention is good, patriotic citizenship. And forest fire prevention is a job for every one of us. It takes only one spark to start a raging conflagration, when the wind and weather are right. So now, all of us, check up on our habits with fire in the woods—think, talk, act, forest fire prevention. That way we can each do our part to—

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