

Square Dances Sweeping On With Old-Time Swing

The old-time square dance is not only coming back, but is taking the country with speed comparable to a new collegiate fad, reports Miss Izola Jensen, O. S. C. extension specialist in community

social organization, who has just held some training meetings in southern Oregon. These training meetings, held in Coos, Jackson, and Klamath counties, were the first of a series which will include other counties this fall and winter. Outdoor square dancing this summer, at a national training

meeting at Colorado Springs attended by Miss Jensen, was participated in on some occasions by from 60 to 80 sets of four couples each. At the recent indoor training meeting at Medford, 12 sets took part, while at Klamath Falls 17 sets were on the floor, with a loud speaker over which Miss Jensen did the calling.

Both young and old are taking to these "swing clubs," says Miss Jensen. They are being introduced in schools for noon hour or after school recreation, are used by granges and other community groups, and are even being used at church parties, frequently with the participants in costume.

A new mimeograph entitled "Fun With the Old-Time Swing" has been prepared for free distribution to those interested in developing this type of recreation.

Planning More Defense Foods



Farmers in this State and elsewhere in America are beginning to make plans for producing more "defense foods" in 1942. Among the highly-nutritious foods needed in greater quantity are milk, eggs, meats, and vegetables. Good market prices for the year are assured. Every farmer in the nation will be visited this fall by an AAA farm program committeeman who will assist in planning the increases.

FOREST FIRES MAKE RECORD

SALEM — Only 7,700 acres of forest land were burned over during the season of 1941 on the 12 million acres of forest land coming under the jurisdiction of the state forestry department, according to a statement by Lynn F. Cronmiller, assistant state forester. This represents an all time record, he added, and is just half the previous low of 1937.

"Another striking feature of the season," stated Mr. Cronmiller, "was the record breaking number

of lightning fires which totaled 535 for the season. Nearly five hundred of these occurred during the thunder storm of July 14 and 15. This is far in excess of any previous year. On the other hand the man caused fires were the lowest of record with only 353.

"Favorable weather was a large factor in this record but it is also certain that the aggressive Keep Oregon Green campaign had its influence. It is noteworthy that in going around the state that we find people in all walks of life thinking and talking about this matter of not starting fires. It is planned to continue this work of public information during the season of 1942."

Reade Dowlin, manager of WNU of Portland, visited the M. C. Athey's for a short time last Friday. In the evening he left for Crescent City and Gold Beach where he spent several days on business.

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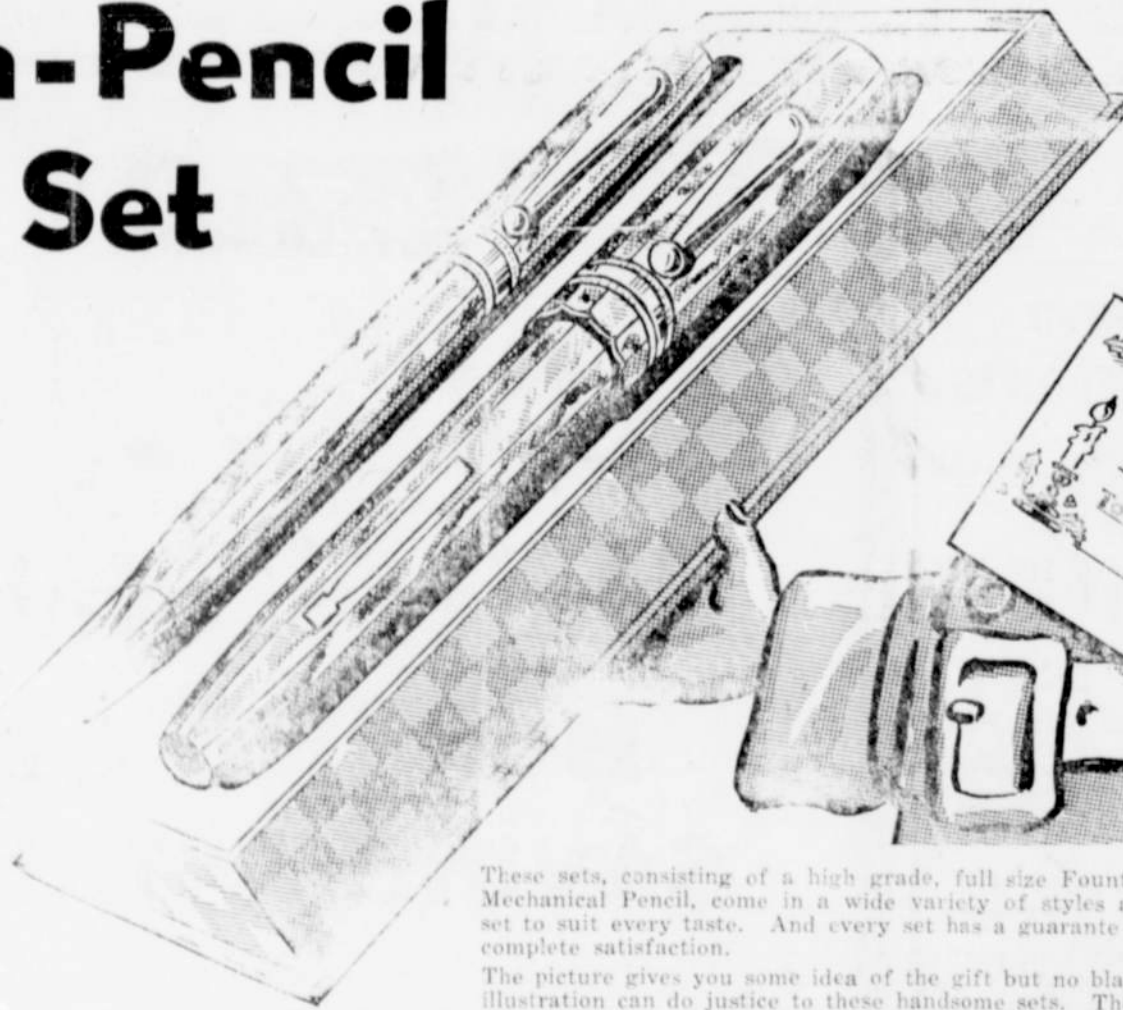
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