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A FIRE DISTRICT

There is a law in Oregon that permits unincorporated communities and rural places to organize what is termed a "Fire District" for the protection of the community against fire.

The Cave Junction fire department is an organization of citizens in Cave Junction, and the business men of the city have tried to keep up the department for the benefit of the community at large, but the expense of the organization has been met by a few citizens who wanted the protection the department afforded. And the fire truck has been respendible for saving the city from a bad fire four different times. This in itself should make the citizens believe in a fire department.

With a fire district organized, all the property in the district would pay their just proportion towards the upkeep of a fire department. A fraction of a mill would be added to their taxes and this would maintain a competent fire department equipped to give the community adequate fire protection.

In order to form such a district, the county court, if properly petitioned, would call an election, and if a majority of the owners wanted to organize the fire district, it would be so designated and a board elected to see that the district was properly operated with a minimum of expense.

Until the city is incorporated, this is the best method of giving this community proper fire protection with proper equipment. If the citizens of Cave Junction think this is a good move, let's do it.

FIRE SEASON

The fire season is at hand, and we have done nothing, as a community, to clean up premises and keep the fire hazard down to a minimum. We must do something immediately.

The valley has not had a clean-up day for a long time. We suggest that the chamber of commerce, at its next meeting, name a day that shall be designated as clean-up day for the entire valley, and then let's pitch in and gather up all the inflammable articles and

OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

As Ye Sow —

A SOWER WENT FORTH TO SOW... SOME SEEDS FELL BY THE WAYSIDE... SOME FELL UPON STONY PLACES WHERE THEY HAD NOT MUCH EARTH; FORTHWITH THEY SPRANG UP, AND BECAUSE THEY HAD NO ROOT, THEY WITHERED AWAY. BUT OTHERS FELL INTO GOOD GROUND AND BROUGHT FORTH FRUIT, SOME AN HUNDREDFOLD.



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get rid of them.

If the military men are not mistaken, we will be darn glad we did a little later. If, as it is expected, Japan does invade our country, it is certain that airplanes will drop bombs on our forests and cities. Let's clean up now so there won't be much for the bombs to set on fire.

Another thing—every resident should see that their stove pipes running through the roofs or floors, are well protected. Do not allow them to come in contact with any wood. This causes most of our fires in the valley.

Inspect your homes and see that all fire hazards are eliminated. You may be glad you did.

CHILDREN'S RECREATION

A movement is on foot to utilize all the facilities we have to help the children with a constructive recreational program during the summer, and through the influence of Don McGregor, of the McGregor 5c, 10c and 25c store in Grants Pass and Jerry Acklen, principal of the Lincoln grade school in Grants Pass, a program has been arranged that will fit into the niche of any community.

Child delinquency in our nation is getting beyond control, and everything that will help reduce the casualties of delinquency should be given every consideration.

This newspaper hopes the good ladies of the valley will take hold of the children's recreational program and give the youngsters in our valley every bit of this training they can get.

4-H Clubbers End Wartime Session At State College

Oregon's second wartime 4-H club summer school, the twenty-ninth annual session, had delegates from every county among the 1900 boys and girls attending the 12-day program at Oregon State college. All class work and judging contests were scheduled to end Thursday, June 10, with the fleet of school buses homeward bound on Friday.

Aside from their regular instructional work, the clubbers heard a notable list of assembly speakers, including Governor Earl Snell, E. L. Peterson, director of

agriculture; President A. L. Strand of Oregon State college; Dean William A. Schoenfeld; Morton Tompkins, master of the Oregon State Grange; Ammon Grice, president of the Oregon Farmers Union, and many others.

RAILS NEED MEN, LOCOMOTIVES FOR GROWING WAR JOB

For the successful handling of the ever-increasing war load, the most pressing heads of the railways, as faced by Southern Pacific, are for men, motive power, and continued cooperation of all concerned with production and use of railroad service.

This is the answer of A. T. Mercier, president of the Southern Pacific company, to the question "What do the railways need to continue their record service?" propounded by Railway Age for its "Freight Progress" issue, just off the press.

"Current shortage of men on our system is around 10,000," says President Mercier, who advocates importation of Mexican track workers, and consideration by draft boards of the railways' need for experienced men.

Southern Pacific has employed 3,000 additional women, who are performing work formerly done exclusively by men, Mercier points out. In addition, the company is now receiving an average of 4500 man-days of work each week-end from "white collar" track crews, made up of business and professional men and students.

In spite of Southern Pacific's very large purchase of engines since 1939, locomotives comprise the most important item in the list of equipment for which materials are needed, Mercier says.

Cooperation within the railroad industry and with transportation

users and government agencies, together with the helpfulness of the press in presenting the facts as to transportation, is praised by the Southern Pacific president.



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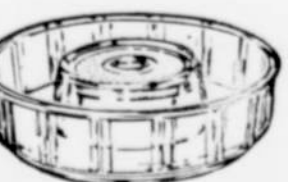
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