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Keep Oregon Green Always

This is the time of year when the Keep Oregon Green movement bids for your close attention—because it is the season for fires. If you have forgotten just what it is, there are hundreds of Oregon kids enrolled in the Green Guards who will tell you. If you want to feel that you really belong you can join by paying \$1. A list of places is being prepared. Nobody is going to "ding" you for money, and you don't have to join, but you can help, wherever you live, in town or country. All you have to do is PREVENT FIRES!

Since we got into war, Oregon has had a pretty good fire record. Last season, Oregon had only 632 fires which burned over 7,838 acres. In 1942 we had 482 fires in 5,654 acres. For the 20 year period preceding the war, we had an average annual burn of 144,592 acres with an average annual loss of \$1,246,620. In the last four years we have cut the annual loss to \$72,190.

But—we slipped a little bit last summer, maybe because we stopped being so afraid of Japanese bombs. Here's an interesting tabulation of last year's forest fires:

Fire Cause	Oregon	Oregon Total
Lightning	137	257
Railroads	19	23
Lumbering	22	32
Debris burn	25	27
Incendiary	48	48
Campfires	10	24
Smokers	70	132
Miscellaneous	75	89
Men caused	269	375
All causes	406	632

Lane county contributed 18 fires to this total, of which 17 were man caused. We had only one lightning fire and no incendiaries. Douglas, for some reason had 32 incendiary fires and Coos and Curry 11.

Not a bad record and we owe a great deal to the loggers and lumbermen who work the woods, the railroaders and truckers who

make the big hauls for the safety standards they have observed. But we owe most to the 15 and 16 year old lads who have manned the forest fire crews. They have done "a man's job" and they will do it again this season, if we all help.

Note those figures on "smoker fires"—the guy who tosses "a butt" out of a car. Over in eastern Oregon the other day a huge wheat acreage was burned because some traveler was careless with a fag. Note the relatively heavy toll for careless brush burning and for campfires.

"Keep Oregon Green" began with lumbermen, is still financed mainly by them. Its work is mostly educational, but it is one of the most important undertakings in Oregon. Trees and green fields are not quite "worth their weight in gold," but it takes nearly 100 years to replace a burn—especially when it hits "brush" where the young trees grow.

Guardsmen Commended By NSC General

Major General David McCoach, Jr., commanding general of the Ninth Service Command, at Fort Douglas, Utah, paid tribute to State Guard units for their "excellent work in dealing with disaster work throughout the country during past weeks."

The Army Service Forces General, in urging all eligible men, especially discharged servicemen, to join such organizations, declared "local communities are looking more and more to the State Guard for assistance in time of emergency."

Oregon, Washington, Idaho, California and Utah, within the geographic limits of the Ninth Service Command have State Guard organizations.

RENFRO MILL FIRE (Continued from Page One)

of control with a strong breeze. The city's fire truck was driven to the fire by W. F. Darger, but it was not used as there was nothing to do but watch. Dick Sowell and his crew from the State Forest service, brought the state fire truck to the scene, but likewise it

was not needed.

The fire spread so quickly there was nothing that could have been done to extinguish the flames. It was all over in a short space of time. This is the second time this mill has burned and the entire community sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. Renfro in their loss.

This mill was put into operation in April last year and was leased to the Fleishman Lumber company who in turn leased the operation of the mill to William Parry. The plant was capable of cutting about 35,000 feet of lumber a day, and was the only mill in the valley that could cut long timber, it having a capacity of 32 foot logs, but most of the logs were from 16 to 20 feet long. C. G. Hockett was supervisor of all operations of the company in the Illinois valley.

We understand that the Fleishman company will continue to operate their logging crew to furnish logs for other companies and to provide a stock pile for future operations. The company owns approximately 20,000,000 feet of timber in the valley.

The mill employed 17 men, most of whom will be absorbed by other mills in the valley.

Dave and Mrs. Renfro want to thank all the people for helping at the fire. Dave said it is surely great to know that your friends are so willing to help in cases of emergencies.

GENERAL AND ADJUTANT (Continued from Page One)

new recruits.

State Senator L. W. Whipperman is also expected to be present at the inspection of Co. A and he hopes to find out what can be done to recognize the services of the guardsmen, and it is hoped that they will be given consideration in post war employment as part of this recognition.

The company will be inspected Friday night at the Legion hall, and Captain Bamberger and his officers are going to hold open house and invite all those who wish to see the inspection to attend.

CHURCHES

BRIDGEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday school, 10 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m.
Young People's service, 7:45 p. m.
Evening service, 8:15 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday, 8 p. m.

There will be special meetings morning and evening at the Bridgeview Community church with Sgt. Bill Rockshaver the principal speaker. Come and hear him. I know you will enjoy his message.—L. A. Beard.

ILLINOIS VALLEY CHURCH OF SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS

Sabbath School at 9:30 a. m.
Preaching Service 11:00 a. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

You are invited to meet with us.
F. W. Cooper, elder, Cave Junction.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Sunday church service, 4 p. m.
Across from Legion hall.
Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Coor.

CAVE JUNCTION COMMUNITY CHURCH

Geo. H. Gray, Pastor.
Sunday School 10 a. m.
Morning Worship 11 a. m.

Forty-one were in Sunday School with Joan Sutton's sister, a visitory in the primary class. The feltogram story was given by Mrs. Ruth Hill.

Rev. Gray spoke on "The Victorious Christ." Scripture reading from Matt. 5:1-14 and Acts 2:14-24. The choir sang "I Remember Calvary."

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Jones met with us before leaving for their new home in Gold Hill, as did their daughter, Mrs. Woodrow Nealy of Grants Pass, Miss Shirley Bolinger attended the afternoon service.

The gospel song was well attended. Selma, Cave Junction, Bridgeview, and Klamath Falls being represented. Rev. Martin had charge of the service and L. A. Beard the devotionals. Rev. Chism of Klamath Falls brought a short message. The next song service is September 17, in charge of Ernest Hatmaker of Selma.

The Missionary society met Thursday at Kumfy Kamp. The Sunday School picnic at Kumfy Kamp will be Wednesday, August 23, instead of the date originally planned. Bring your table service

and baskets of lunch. Supper at 6:30. Free cold watermelon.

BLESSED EVENT

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Evans York, Camp U-Res. Cave Junction, at the Josephine General hospital in Grants Pass, Tuesday, August 8th at 11:50 a. m., a son, weight six pounds 12 ounces.

News From Our Boys

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assimilate gas. Next time it will probably be tear gas. Tomorrow morning we have a 10 mile hike. Supposed to be checked on what we take and what care and precautions we take of our feet. Treatment for mustard gas burns. There is a fellow going to mail some letters so, so long for now.

Love,
JIM.

(Jim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Baldwin, near Holland. Jim is still at Camp Roberts, Calif.)

GENE VANCE WRITES TO HERB WATTS

Dear Herb: Well boy, a lot of water has gone under the bridge since I last heard from you. I am now somewhere in the Aleutian Islands. As you know I can't tell you just where it is at. So far I like it fine and am feeling fine. I'd sure like to sit in with the band again though, long about Saturday night. That would be fun eh? We sure used to have fun playing for some of those dances. I have some mighty fond memories of the time I spent in good old Oregon.

How are things around the village now days? I expect there are lots of new faces around from what I hear.

I imagine you are busy with crops along about this time. Well, I must close and hope to hear from you soon. As ever,

GENE.

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- AUGUST
- 19—Plymouth colonists establish settlement in Maine, 1607.
- 20—Gen. Wayne ends 40 year warfare with Indians in northwest, 1794.
- 21—Coplethorpe makes peace with Creeks, 1739.
- 22—Brazil declares war on Axis, 1942.
- 23—Nazis capture Russ power center of Dnepropetrovsk, 1941.
- 24—British lease Bermuda Sound for U. S. seaplane base, 1943.
- 25—Duke of Kent killed in seaplane crash, 1942.

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