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## EDITORIALS

### 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 Lane County 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 492 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     | TOTAL |
|----------------|-------|
| Lightning      | 257   |
| Railroads      | 23    |
| Lumbering      | 42    |
| Debris burning | 27    |
| Incendary      | 48    |
| Campfires      | 24    |
| Smokers        | 132   |
| Miscellaneous  | 59    |
| Man caused     | 375   |
| All causes     | 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 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 fides"—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 traveller was careless with a fag. Note the relatively heavy totals for careless brush burning and for campfires.

Already our East and West Lane fire patrols are rendering almost as much protection to farms on the margins of timber as they do for the woods. Many rural areas are learning the fires can be controlled and they are acting under county law to create fire districts of their own.

"Keep Oregon Green" began with the 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.—Eugene Register-Guard.

### Letters to Nephews

By Ella H. Leonard

Dear nephew:

Most of the clothes are brought off the line. The light bread is this minute out of the oven. Dinner is over, so I'm plumped on the old organ stool to write you again. What has more uses than such a stool!

Let's see. . . "What do you want to hear first,—about Abner's new tail he's sprouting? It resembles some magnified dandelion seeds just ready to blow away. He's beginning to look like a goose. "Whose god is his belly." That's the way he eats. Stands between his mash and the pan of water, and dips alternately. Sometimes, a long drink sets him back on his rear. He visits the hens thru the fence. Dad brought him down ahead of the hose when he was found eating the young beans.

Elmer, the pet sheep across the road, is like Mary's lamb—he follows the kids as they ride their bike, He

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attended 4H last week. When he broke loose once, and got on this side. Dad said he was sure in fine condition.

Going up the hill the other evening a hen pheasant whirred out of Mrs. Hast's corn into the fence, knocked herself down, and then sailed over on to safety. Smudge was with me. Yesterday he was just finishing one as dad stepped outside. Smart?

The upstairs windows became too vine-covered. Standing in the window, leaning out the upper half, the center of gravity fell outside the window. Appealing for help, the "other half" growled, "Yeah. I'll tie a rope to your leg and the other end to the bed. If you fall, I'll hold you." He kept both feet planted on the floor, reached with a hoe to pull the heavy vine from the roof's edge. The vines would soon blackout the windows.

Do you remember anything you learned about trees? There's one down the block with great rust-colored clumps all over it, at the end of the branches. They are clustered seedpods with only one seed in the middle of the 1 1/4 inch pod. The leaves are large, compound. The tree resembles a walnut. They make an effective church decoration. A branch looked perky under a Crater Lake picture inside our entrance.

Ever have one of those days of "When I get this done, I'll do so and so?" I was wanting to set bread. There were crusts for dinner, and no bread set, meant having to make biscuits for supper. One spider web led to another. And from room to room. So did sweeping and dusting and bedmaking. Beans had to be picked and got on, so they would be one for dinner. Rhubarb needed picking or it would get old. And then must be canned, or it wouldn't be so nice.

When it was all done and dinner over, I hid me to the rose garden. My apron was laid on the grass. Devn I lay. The warmth thru the clouded sky might conduce toward a nap, it was thought. This spot poked me in the ribs. That one punched a hole in my hip. Wriggle to find a soft place that just fit my angles.

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Um-in-m. Spoke too soon. Brush. Brush. The ants crawled here. The ants crawled there. They crawled all over my tousled hair. A tiny spat bit an arm. And another. The breeze struck between my shoulders. Don't want a sore throat—I thought—better face the wind. Groan, at a new sharp spot. But now, surely I'd get a nap. Thunder rolled on Mt. Ashland. A sharp spat came; came again. The thunder rolled nearer; and nearer. The flicks of moisture became raindrops. They fell fast, and faster, as the thunder sounded as if on the hill above me. And rolling right over the house. They

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pelted. Pshaw. A hot chance for a sunbath!

The horse's feet were fitted carefully, sandpapered, polished. The owner was so happy at the job done. He winked at a bystander as a shoe was polished off, and said, "I DO wish I knew where I could get him shod." "What's funnier than a man? Two men?"

Dad gathered our first mess of black Mexican corn for dinner. We had tomatoes yesterday, and strawberries. The satsuma plums are turning. Two quarts of yellow transparent apple sauce was canned while getting dinner. Dad laughed at my method of cooking it. I cut up the apples, cook seed, skin, and all. Put through a ricer, add sugar, and there you are. He peels the fruit.

Work is calling. "The Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other," is my fervent desire.  
Hootfooting it, Aunty.

### No More Doe Tags To Be Issued

No more applications will be accepted by the Oregon State Game Commission for the following special big game tags: Grant-Baker doe deer; antlerless elk; or Hart Mountain buck and doe deer. As the number of applications exceeded the quota of these tags, drawings were held on August 2 to determine the successful applicants. Everyone will be notified of the results of the drawings as fast as the notices can be mailed out by the Commission, and those who are to receive tags will be given ten days from the date of the notice in which to forward the required fees.

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### MONTHLY CLEAN-UP IN SO. PACIFIC TERRIFIC

More than 4,000,000 items of clothing are handled monthly by fixed and mobile laundries operated by the Army Quartermaster Corps and service scattered islands in the South Pacific; in an ocean area twice the size of the United States, the Headquarters Quartermaster Corps of the Ninth Service Command, Fort Douglas, Utah, announced today.

### FIVE YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Remodeling of Grimes' Service station is nearly completed.

W.R.C. will hold their annual dinner at the city park Saturday.

Everett Faber's little son sitting gingerly on the edge of the seat of the cunning green and yellow buggy which Pedro, (the Faber shetland pony), pulls—sometimes, (KDP note—the little boy now seats comfortably on the monster tractor and he does not gingerly sit too.)

Mr. T. A. Marine, who is in Canada, looking after his wheat crop, states that the crop is poor.

Misses Frances Faber, Barbara Koehler, Margaret Dow and Norma Holland are staying at the Faber's

cabin at Lake of the Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. John Powell and little son, Jackie, were week-end guests at the home of Mr. Powell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Powell.

### TEN YEARS AGO

Mrs. Guy Tex, who is spending the summer at Prospect, arrived home for a short visit Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Jewett and family are vacationing at their cabin at Lake of the Woods.

Mrs. M. Comstock of San Francisco is visiting at W. J. Gebhard home for two weeks.

Kent Medley of Los Angeles, brother-in-law of Mrs. Nithan Grisham was a recent guest at the Grisham home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Concliman and family of Minnesota and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Powell and Dorothy motored to Crater Lake Sunday.

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