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Keep Ore. Green Campaign On To Stop Forest Fires

Oregon's most intensive forest fire prevention campaign in history will get under way in Washington County within a few days, according to Dean Paul M. Dunn, Corvallis, state committee chairman of Keep Oregon Green. An early, dry spring with a grave shortage of rainfall throughout the state, marks 1947 as potentially the most dangerous fire season in many years.

Governor Earl Snell has launched the Keep Oregon Green campaign in this county with the appointment of James Lewis, Hillsboro, as Acting Chairman.

Within a few days the Acting Chairman will call an organization meeting. A chairman will be elected for this season and plans made for an intensive program to stop man-caused forest fires. There has been a gradual reduction of forest fires caused from carelessness, Dean Dunn stated, since the organization of Keep Oregon Green in 1940, but there is room for much greater improvement.

"We can have another Tillamook Burn in 1947," Dean Dunn emphasized, "unless we get the full cooperation of every Oregonian in this vital effort to eliminate man-started forest fires. During

1946, careless people started 566 forest fires on lands protected by the State Forestry Department, highest number except 1945, since the inception of the state-wide fire prevention campaign. We must stop this futile destruction of our forest resources."

Dean Dunn praised the work of hundreds of boys and girls in this county who have faithfully served as Green Guards as something to shame the more careless adults. Declaring war on cigarette flippers who started many roadside and forest fires last year, Dean Dunn said the aid of all peace officers was being solicited to curb these people who throw out torches into our forests.

Don't Shoot The Piano Player

There was once a sign in a famous frontier saloon which said: "Don't shoot the piano player—he's doing the best he can."

That would be a good slogan to apply to your retail store operator in these days of whirling dervish prices and variable qualities.

All of us gripe about the fact that a basket of groceries that used to cost ten dollars now runs to twenty or more, and that the old dollar-and-ninety-five shirt carries a three-fifty price tag. But that isn't the retailer's doing—and he doesn't like it any better than you do, because it limits sales and irks the customer. His unit profits are no larger than they used to be—and in many cases smaller. And it also isn't his fault if he can't supply just what you want when you want it. Stocks are by no means complete as yet, but they are being built up fast in most lines.

The retailer's fine work during the war should not be forgotten. Long before government price control, the retail industry, including both the chains and the independents, voluntarily held down prices and did a fine job of it. They fought profiteering and hoarding. They divided scarce goods as equitably as possible among their customers.

That kind of public spirit still dominates retailing. And the consumer should realize that it is keeping prices lower and quantities higher than they would be otherwise.

Babson Discusses School Committees

Eureka, Kansas, April 18.—When passing through the Great Central West—as I have the past week—the subject of general interest is not "crops" but rather "schools."

The Present Outlook

My western friends say: (a) Since 1940, 350,000 of the 875,000 public school teachers have left their blackboards never to return. (This figure does not include the normal annual turnover of another 75,000.) (b) Sufficient replacements are not being trained to fill these vacancies. (Only 20,000 of the 1,000,000 veterans in American colleges are attending teacher-training institutions.) (c) While the teaching population shrinks, the pupil population increases. It is quite apparent, therefore, that something must be done quickly if we are to save our public schools.

The Crux of the Problem

Let us face facts. Truck drivers and garbage collectors make more money today than the average public school teacher with \$37 per week! The problem is primarily the need for a living wage for a professional class who have invested heavily in terms of time and money to prepare themselves for their "profession". We, moreover, have entrusted to them one of the most important tasks in a democracy—developing the minds of the citizens of tomorrow.

It is a sad commentary on the status of U. S. public education when Russia spends 7.5 per cent of its national income on its schools; Britain spends 3.5 per cent; and the United States spends only 1.5 per cent of its national income. Is it any wonder that the youth of our country are refusing to invest heavily in time and money to prepare for teaching when 45,000 teachers in more than 20 of our states earn less than \$800 per year?

School Politics

Who determines salary schedules, plots raises and educational policies, approves the hiring and firing of teachers in most communities? Usually it is the school committees. Too many committees have remained on the defensive with their apologies and alibis. The excuses which they make for failure to meet the crisis run like this: "We must pare the budget; the taxpayers won't

stand for increased taxation." Or, "Let the teachers get jobs somewhere else if they don't like the way we treat them." I haven't heard very many of them soliciting the cooperation of the local press or meeting with the Parent-Teacher Associations to tell them why we must increase our budgets for the schools.

I'm wondering if all of us voters are not ultimately to blame for our present dilemma? We need on our local school committees more trained educators who know something about how a school should be run. We need crusaders anxious to fight for our schools and our teachers. We must cut through politics and elect men with educational "know how" and have better school committees. In some cities the school committees are hot beds of politics. Out here in the rural communities a child has some chance of an education.

Schools or Roads?

Here is a suggested course of action which might help in solving our problem:

(1) We must exercise our right to vote, particularly in the primaries, and see to it that our school committees are those who know something about complex educational problems.

(2) We ought to support a good school committee in its every effort to raise not only the teachers' salaries but also the standards of the schools.

(3) Let us roast out those petty politicians who are looking primarily for personal glory and jobs for relatives and friends.

We ought to insist that an adequate amount of our gasoline tax dollar goes to our schools. It's the younger generation who are wasting the gasoline today. Let them repay for their education by a gasoline tax plus a larger tax on cigarettes, movies and night clubs. After all, it's not only the teachers who are suffering—it's our children and our very way of life! The Supreme Court has declared valid laws forbidding the sale of certain things to minors. Why not put an extra tax on essentials sold to minors and give this money to the teachers?

Federal statisticians have just figured out it costs \$605.35 a year to buy clothes for a family of 5. The sum on the right of the period is used for father.

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Trout Season Opens Tomorrow

The trout season opens Saturday, April 26 in most waters of the state and will extend until October 15. Exceptions to the general opening are to be found listed in the official synopsis of angling regulations, printed copies of which are now available at license agencies.

Special attention is called to the fact that tidewater areas will not be open to trout angling until June 15. In Harney county the trout season opens May 31 and in Lake County on May 20 with certain exceptions.

General trout bag limit is 10 fish or 15 pounds and 1 fish in any one day but not to exceed 20 fish or 30 pounds and 2 fish in any 7 consecutive days or in possession at any one time. There is no bag limit, however, for whitefish or Dolly Varden.

The minimum length for trout is six inches except that an 8-inch limit will prevail in that part of the main McKenzie river below Blue River; that part of the Umpqua river and tributaries below highway bridge at Scottsburg; that part of the Rogue river and tributaries below the Ferry Hole near the head of tidewater; and in all other waters tributary to the Pacific Ocean south of the Columbia river.

Secret Sin

On the Sly—He took the money, a few dollars at a time, until he was found out. Then came the arrest, trial and sentence to the penitentiary. Be sure your sin will find you out.—BIBLE.

Judgment Day—I saw a great white throne and Him that sat upon it. And I saw the dead, small and great—little people and kings—stand before the throne. And the books were opened and the dead were judged out of the things that were written in the books. The liar received the liar's reward, the thief his and so on. And all not written in the Book of Life were cast into the Lake of Fire. This is the Second Death—eternal separation from God. Know your Bible.

Set Free—Believe God, that He put your sins on Christ who went into the judgment for you. He was named guilty under your sins and died to set you free. Receive Christ into your heart as your own Lord and Saviour and you shall never see the Judgment Day. Instead, God lifts you out of death into life with himself. He makes you his own on whom to spend his love for time and all eternity. Yes, we have joy in God thru our Lord Jesus Christ by whom we have deliverance from the Judgment Day.

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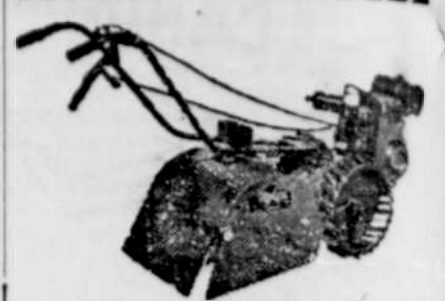
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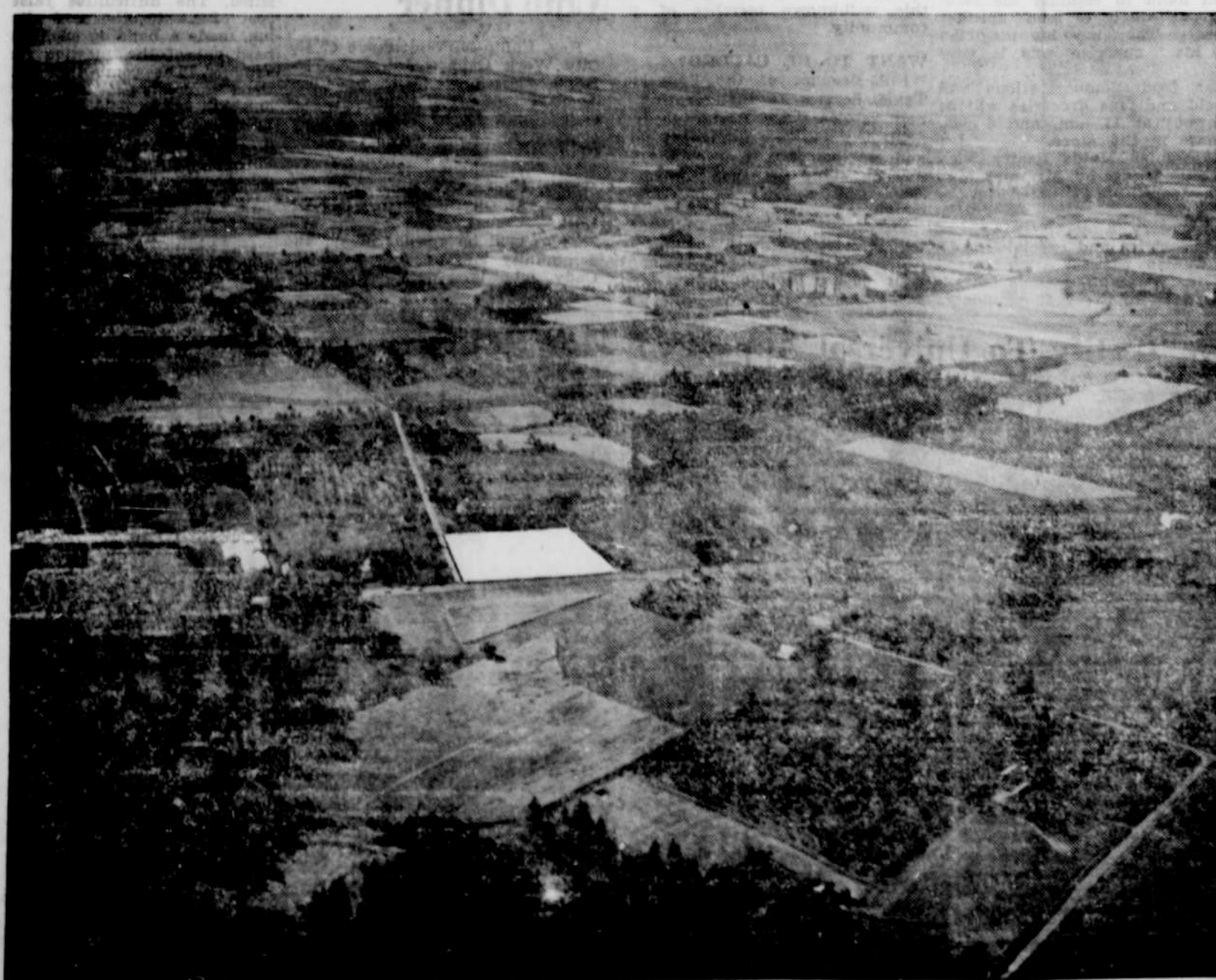
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It is 330 feet square.

From this small area each of us gets his wheat, cotton, corn, rice, tobacco, vegetables, fruit and similar crops.

In Western Europe (including Germany) cropland per person amounts to only .7 of an acre. In Asia it is only .5 per acre.

Thus, though the American figure seems small, the comparison emphasizes the richness of our agricultural production as compared to that of the rest of the world. It also highlights the importance of productive land.

Since we started farming in the United States we have ruined around 1/2 acre per person—based on present day population.

Another 3/4 of an acre of the 2 1/2 acres is in serious condition.

We need the whole 2 1/2 acres. It has to produce efficiently to do its job.

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