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Keep The Woods Alive

Fire is one of man's most valued servants. And it is also one of his most dangerous enemies. The amount of natural wealth that goes up in smoke, any given year, is a staggering total. And when anything burns up there's little left for salvage.

Come May 1, with the official opening of trout fishing, an army of Oregonians will take to woods as they become outdoorsmen again in pursuit of the succulent trout. To lakes, rivers and streams, a horde of citizens will go in pursuit of a day or a week in the comparative wilds.

As they go, they will have a need for fire. There will be coffee to be boiled, at the very least. And if much time is spent, a campfire will be needed for usual cooking needs.

You'd think of course, that anyone would know how to build a fire. But considering the amount of forest lands that have been blackened and lost to productiveness because of some camper's carelessness, it is well to review the matter of properly building a fire now, before the migration to the woods begins.

When you select your campfire site, take a stick or a flat rock to scrape away the top layer of leaves or pine needles. When you get down to dirt, be sure you dig out an area large enough to contain the fire.

Around the edges of the scraped-off space, build a wall of rocks on three sides. Flat rocks, of course, are best because they are handy for that coffee can to sit on.

One of the rules of an experienced camper is to build a fire large enough for the job to be done. A small, well-contained blaze will tend to concentrate the heat where it is most needed. It's the meal, not the camper himself, which should be cooked.

Once the fire has served its purpose, it should be thoroughly doused, not only with the coffee grounds but with buckets of water as well. A fire is not out until the ground is soaked thoroughly.

Campers who have not had occasion to know would perhaps be surprised to learn how an apparently innocent campfire can lead to a costly forest blaze. If there are no glowing embers or smoke, a fire seems out, to many.

But investigation will show that fire goes downward, following roots. It has been known that fire from an improperly tended campfire has travelled as much as twenty feet, underground, along a tree root, up through the heart of the tree and ended up as a crown fire from which a costly conflagration developed.

So, as the shackles of winter are firmly cast off, now that fishing season heralds the beginning of summer, let all fishermen and outdoors sportsmen consider the value of the green woods.

There is no recreational value in such an area as the Tillamook burn. Gaunt, fire-denuded acres represent more than the actual timber loss. Watershed, game habitat and scenic value goes up in smoke—and likewise an outdoorsman's haunts.

So, as you take down your fishing gear and head for the backwoods, keep one thought in mind: "Keep the woods alive!"

ELSEWHERE IN OREGON

Events As Chronicled by Our Contemporaries In Northwest Communities

SPRING-A-REE FIESTA

Forest Grove is going along in high gear these days, pointing to the big Spring-a-ree fiesta which is scheduled for May 1.

As the NEWS TIMES reports, the chamber of commerce goes about with a prayer uppermost, as regards the weather. A big day is slated, starting with a 9 a. m.

hobby show and ending up with a "funny money" auction, queen coronation and street dancing. A Washington county replica of the Rose Festival will show in the parade for which various firms and groups of Forest Grove and nearby communities plan to enter floats.

VOTERS DON'T VOTE

Whether or not this is a political indication for the rest of the political year, the Gresham OUTLOOK reports that only 7

votes were cast in that town on the special levy of \$889,779.58 in rural Multnomah county school tax. Gresham's apportionment of this amount is \$62,893.34, which only goes to show that it's easy to levy taxes—since the total votes cast showed 7 for and 9 opposed. The estimated school levy for the county area will be 21.3 mills on an anticipated valuation of \$44 million.

RECREATION O. K.

The city council in Hillsboro recently moved to O. K. a recreational program recommended by a citizens commission by approving an election to provide \$9300 for the first year's play schedule. Such election will be held within two months, reports the ARGUS.

A full time supervisor, with five full-time summer assistants plus some \$3350 operating capital will be provided by the passage of the \$9300 bond issue.

Furthermore, at the meeting, the city council declared itself in favor of a swimming pool.

SURPLUS OF \$51 MILLION

Development in the suit brought by Donald Bauer, West Linn against the state tax commission, challenging the constitutionality of the state income tax, comes from State Treasurer Leslie Scott.

In answering the suit, as one of the defendants, he says that the present \$32 million surplus will go to \$36 million by June 30, 1948 and, by June 30, 1949, will mushroom to a total of \$51 million, regardless of the legal drains through legislative appropriations to offset a state property tax levy and provide funds for public schools.

The Oregon City BANNER COURIER, reporting the latest step in the anti-income tax fight, points out Bauer's claim that collection of state income taxes in excess of the amount needed to defray the state's expenses is unconstitutional and that further collections are unconstitutional.

In the event the suit succeeds, taxpayers would be freed of state income tax contributions until the tax surplus now on hand had been used to pay state expenses—in accordance with the dictum of the state constitution.

CHAMBER FLYBOYS

Last week 23 representatives of business firms in LaGrande flew to Spokane, Washington, on a good will excursion, leaving at 7:25 a. m. and returning at 6:00 o'clock the same evening.

According to the EASTERN OREGON REVIEW, the emissaries stopped at Pendleton, Walla Walla, Lewiston, Moscow and Coeur d'Alene, enroute.

In Spokane, the visitors were treated like visiting firemen, being taken on a tour of the city with motorcycle and police escort.

Back in LaGrande, the good-will group immediately started plans for further chamber of commerce junkets to neighboring communities, to cement friendship and promote cooperation.

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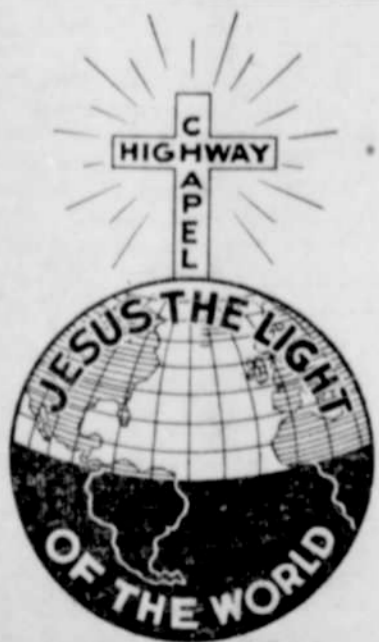
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8 P. M.—

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