

Logging Operators Urged To Plan Fire Prevention

A move to mobilize the logging industry in the vicinity of Ashland into a quick-striking and effective fire-fighting force to combat forest fires this summer was started this week by W. D. Hagenstein, chief forester for the Forest Conservation committee of the Pacific Northwest Forest Industries.

Every local logging operator is urged by the forest leader to prepare his operation for any emergency in case of fire. "Every operator or logging boss," Hagenstein urged, "should post his camp with fire warning signs. He should work with his crews to get their full cooperation. He should insist on every man in camp being careful with fire."

The logging industry of Western Washington and Oregon must take the lead, the forester warned, in this fire prevention program if we are to get the fullest support from the general public for Keep Oregon and Washington Green.

"Loggers got a lot of slash burned last fall," Hagenstein stated. "There is every indication we will have a good seed year. Any unnecessary forest fires could destroy our chances for natural reseedling of tens of thousands of acres of stump stubble. The industry and the public has too big a stake in reforestation to permit upsetting this program with useless man-caused forest fires."

Timely Topics

The blood-curdling wail of the emergency fire siren last Thursday morning sent everyone into the open to scan the sky for smoke. When the news spread that the call had come from the Magnolia Mill, anxiety was general. It was typical of the community concern felt by many Oregon towns when the menace of fire threatens. Fortunately the Magnolia alarm proved to be a brief and soon extinguished blaze, but it touched off the general summer fire hazard season with a timely warning.

From scanning our column of "Stork Stops," not to mention the local streets, we are convinced that the census report will amaze all of us. In one week's time we recorded the birth of 16 newcomers in Ashland with not a single death.

Lunch hours in the park with a nap beside the rushing creek are cutting in on many a downtown eating spot.

The Liberty Bell replica which toured the local schools and Plaza last Thursday drew interested comment from old and young alike and filled the fire department with envy with its sonorous deep throated clang.

At long last the swimming pools are coming into their own and are filled to overflowing everyday with visiting school picnickers as well as the customary local paddlers. Druggists are doing a brisk business in lotions.

Girl Scout activities are rapidly wearing parents and leaders to a year-end frazzle with swim parties, hikes and picnics. The Friday night camping at the cabin on Liberty street results in a Saturday morning pain-in-the-neck for the adult chaperons after a night on a rustic pallet.

Main street is being groomed for the summer tourist season with sidewalk plantings, new awnings and colorful flowering window boxes. The Plaza now has a thick green turf and the park entrance never looked more inviting. It is a shame that more drivers do not park their cars and walk through the shady paths along the stream. The gorgeous display of rhododendrons is worth traveling miles to see, yet probably many Ashland people have never taken the time to find that lovely spot near the lower pond.

It is fortunate that schools are closing simultaneously with the arrival of circuses and summer fairs. In Ashland the Clyde Beatty Circus is scheduled for a one night stand on June 3rd, while the Imperial Exposition has set up for a five day run in Phoenix.

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Porters Observe 50th Anniversary

On Saturday, May 27, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Irving John Porter of 671 Siskiyou Boulevard celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Clever announcements in gold lettering were sent to many of their friends and relatives but the couple observed the day quietly at their home receiving congratulations from far and near.

It was at DeSmet, South Dakota where Minnie Mae Bel Dutton and Charles Irving John Porter were married at the turn of the century, May 27, 1900. For nine years they lived at Volga, South Dakota, then moved to Ashland where they have lived continuously ever since 1909.

Both of their sons, Irving William and Charles Lawrence, passed away in young adult life but a grand daughter, Mrs. Joseph C. Whitsett and a great grandson, Joseph C. II, live in Berkeley, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter are active in the Trinity Episcopal church and in Masonic circles. Mrs. Porter has been a life time member of Eastern Star, a Past Matron of Alpha chapter, a member of the Past Matrons club and a charter member of the Scottish Rites Ladies club of the valley. Mr. Porter, who is a 32nd degree Mason, is a member of both the Blue Lodge of Ashland and of Volga, South Dakota, and has been a past Master over fifty years as well as a Past Patron of the Eastern Star.

Crab Grass In The Lawn Easiest To Control at This Time of the Year

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Many complaints are being received about crab grass in the lawns. Crab grass is an annual which starts growing late in the spring, and unless a lawn has a tough sod it gets a pretty good foothold by fall. As the little crab grass seedlings are starting at this time now would be a good time to start control measures.

It is reported that a cyanate spray applied now will kill the crab grass seedlings. I have not seen this spray tried in lawns, but it works very satisfactorily in the control of weed in onions. It has saved our onion growers a tremendous weeding bill. If you are interested in trying it, the first thing to be sure of is that you do have crab grass. You can easily find this out by examining your lawn now. Look in the places where the stand of grass is light or in areas where there is no grass. In these places, if you have crab grass you will notice little seedlings with a bluish color and a rather wide grass leaf just getting started.

Cyanate should be used at the rate of one quart of a pound in two gallons, and the area sprayed reasonably well. This may burn the lawn grass some but it will not kill out established grass. As it kills only that crab grass which is just starting to grow it will be necessary to repeat the spray in about ten days as new seedlings start to come up.

A good application of fertilizer to thicken up the stand of lawn grass is also reasonably effective in holding down the infestation of crab grass and other weeds. Use one pound of ammonium sulfate, or four pounds of complete fertilizers to a ten by ten foot square. This can be broadcast on the lawn when it is dry and then watered in. If it burns the lawn a little, don't worry, because the grass will come back and grow better than ever.

The second spray for the control of walnut blight should be applied now. One pound of yellow copper oxide to one hundred gallons is the standard control material. Walnut blight affects only the nuts and a few very small twigs. Trees which are in a general condition of poor vigor will not be improved by this spray. Only those trees which had diseased walnuts on them last year should be sprayed.

There are still some strawberry leaf rollers working on the strawberry leaves. Now would be a good time to apply a final spray before the main harvest starts. Methoxychlor, at the rate of one heaping tablespoon to a gallon of water would control these leaf rollers through the harvest period. This is a relatively non-poisonous material, being in the same class as rotenone. This means that, after spraying, no berries should be used for about three days, then it would be safe to go ahead with your harvest.

While strawberries are ripening they require light frequent irrigation to keep the plants growing vigorously. On very light soils you may find in this warm weather that it is necessary to sprinkle every day, where on heavier soils, less frequent irrigations are required. A good sawdust mulch would reduce the number of irrigations required and would also assist in keeping down the weeds.

Some garden reminders for the week end are: Clip off the faded lilac blossoms. Pick a bouquet of iris for the table.

Irrigate your flower and vegetable garden. In speaking of irrigation we find that most of our commercial orchards are rather dry for this season of the year and could benefit tremendously from a irrigation now.

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