

### STATE FIRE DISTRICT REPORTS MANY ACTIVITIES DURING YEAR

The 1958 fire season will soon be upon us—officially not until April 1—but with the shortage of snow in the hills and a few dry, windy days in the next few weeks, fire hazard may show up before the official date. Harold Williamson, assistant district warden of the Central Oregon fire district at Kinzua, reports:

The 1957 season was very good from the standpoint of fires. The Kinzua unit, comprising parts of Wheeler, Morrow, Gilliam, and Grant counties, had only seven reportable fires, the largest being in the Squaw Butte area. Total area burned over by all fires amounted to about 55 acres. There were 18 volunteer men in addition to the fire patrol crews used in the control of the Squaw Butte fire. These men came to the fire from the Condon, Lone Rock, and Fossil vicinities, and their help was greatly appreciated and meant controlling the fire at a small cost and kept the fire from doing any appreciable damage.

You, the public, may be interested in some of the activities of the fire patrol other than fire fighting during the past season. Approximately 550 miles of abandoned logging roads and fire roads were checked and opened up for fire access, 96 miles of road, fire were light graded with the motor patrol, and brush was cleared from along the roads on approximately 25 miles of road. In addition to the road work, a fire road bridge was built and seven road culverts were placed to prevent road wash-outs. During the season many road signs were put up, boundary signs were erected and roads in two townships were mapped in. All of this work is done in conjunction with the regular fire duty work to provide for a more efficient fire control program. Most of the building facilities which include the headquarters building at Kinzua, three lookouts, and a guard station near Hardman were painted. Approximately 250 Keep Oregon Green Posters were put up along roads throughout the district to warn of fire danger.

The summer fire crew comprising the assistant warden, three forest wardens, three forest lookouts, and five fire suppression crewmen, for a total of 12, is immediately reduced to two men as soon as fire conditions are lessened in the fall of the year.

These two men, during the winter months, clean and service all fire fighting equipment, pumps, and motor vehicles for the next season. In addition to this work, road mapping work is carried on, as well as road sign and legal supervision markers erected over the district to facilitate fire crews and smoke-chasers during the summer months.

This article is written to inform those of you in the community who are paying fire patrol taxes for the protection of your timber lands. All are cordially invited to visit the patrol headquarters at any time of the year and talk over your fire protection problems with the Kinzua staff.

### HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients—William Steagall, Lexington, dismissed; Edith M Chapman, Spray; Donna Simmons, Mayville, dismissed; Dwayne Keimig, Kinzua, dismissed; Tom W Philbrick, Condon, dismissed; Opal Geer, Fossil, dismissed; Jim Green, Arlington, dismissed; Patricia Brindle, Heppner; Bernice Matthews, Lone, dismissed; Willis Wright, Kinzua, dismissed; James Peck, Heppner, dismissed; Mary Arlene Beck, Lone; Alta Stevens, Hardman, dismissed; Edna Ruth Peck, Heppner, dismissed; Ida Slocum, Monument; Christine Nolan, Heppner, dismissed; Paul Swaggart, Heppner, dismissed.

### Justice and Municipal Courts

Orville James Williams, failure to drive right side of highway, \$25 fine.  
John Arthur Gaines, no PUC permit, \$10 fine.  
Lewis Leo McDonald, no muffler, \$10 fine.  
Ralph Anderson Piper, failure to display registration, \$10 fine.  
Frank James Hoard, truck overload, \$150 fine.  
Lester Wayne Hams, no operator's license, \$10 fine.

Mr and Mrs Ted Ferguson of Gold Beach have been visiting at the home of his parents, Mr and Mrs Gene Ferguson. They are on their way home from Reno, Nevada, where they were recently married.

### Girl Scout Area Council Organized

At a meeting last Thursday evening in The Dalles, John Dunlop, The Dalles, was elected chairman of the council development committee to organize a Girl Scout council for this area. Mrs Elwin Olson, Husum, Washington, was elected vice-chairman and Mrs Robert Johnson, The Dalles, as secretary. When completed, the new council will include the counties of Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Hood River, Morrow, Jefferson, Wheeler, in Oregon and Klickitat county in Washington.

The organizational structure for the council was approved by the committee including neighborhood divisions. There will be twelve neighborhoods with a neighborhood chairman for each division serving on a board of directors. Maps showing neighborhood divisions were distributed. Neighborhood number 8 for this area will include all of Morrow county. At the present time, any Girl Scout troops in this area are "lone troops" registered with New York headquarters and do not receive such services as help in organizing, training of leaders, camping, and many others. When the new council is completed, all of these services will be available to girls wishing to be Girl Scouts.

Mrs Lee Chamberlin, of Seattle, finance advisor on the national staff for this region, spoke to the group on financing the new council.

A personnel committee was appointed to work out job descriptions for both volunteer and employed personnel and a finance committee to work on a budget for the new operation. Mrs Gladys Belshee, Wasco, was appointed chairman of personnel; and Leonard Bailey, The Dalles, chairman of finance.

The next meeting of the development committee was set for April 24, at The Dalles. Girl Scout troops from throughout the area are asked to send in their suggestions for a name for the new council.

### A ZERO MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE!

Last week's GT story about the launching of a rocket by members of the Lone Rocket club contained an error which robbed the boys of a good share of their accomplishment. By mistake the story said the rocket climbed 200 feet in the air. It actually got at least 2000 feet before disappearing.

### Coyote Control Talk Brings Figures on Recent Years' Kill

Because of the recent discussion about coyote control and the recommendation of the county planning conference that better control might be obtained by eliminating the bounty and hiring another part time trapper, Harold Dobyns, lone, who recently resigned as part-time trapper issued the following statement which shows the number of predators taken in the county in recent years.

His statement said: "Due to the necessity of having to devote my entire time to my pest control business, I have, as of February 1, resigned my position as part time trapper for Morrow county. In this connection, I believe it will be of interest to the stockmen and taxpayers of the county to know how many predators were taken in the county from January 1953 to December 31, 1957. The following tabulations were taken from the official records at the Morrow county courthouse and those supplied from the files of the U S Fish and Wildlife service:

"Dobyns—1953, 261 coyotes, 4 bobcats; 1954, 255 and 35; 1955, 159 and 31; 1956, 161 and 4; 1957, 122 and 7 for a total of 958 coyotes and 81 bobcats.

"McDaniel—1953, 167 coyotes, 79 bobcats, 2 bear; 1954, 170, 59 and 3; 1955, 141, 56 and 3; 1956, 180, 23 and 6; 1957, 119, 35 and 2 for a total of 777 coyotes, 252 bobcats and 16 bear.

"Others (on which bounty was paid)—1953, 89 coyotes and 33 bobcats; 1954, 106 and 57; 1955, 33 and 39; 1956, 140 and 56; 1957, 141 and 49 for a total of 509 coyotes and 234 bobcats.

"I would like to point out that my record of catches were made on the basis of part-time employment of 10 days per month in comparison to the record of the full time employment of a U S Fish and Wildlife service trapper." Dobyns' statement concluded.

### World's Religions Series Completed

A study of the world's great religions was concluded Tuesday evening by a review of the Christian faith. The series was held at Hope Lutheran church.

Numbering around 850 million members and constituting the largest of all the world's major religions, the P-TA discussion leader, Rev Merlin Zier, pointed out that since its birth almost 2,000 years ago, Christianity has anchored its beliefs on two convictions: that Jesus Christ is the son of God, and that God sent Christ to earth to live as humans live, suffer as humans suffer, and die for mankind's redemption and gloriously rise again. The series was based on the recent Life magazine series.

All of the world's greatest religions were discussed during the series.

### TV PROGRAM TO ILLUSTRATE EDUCATION

A TV program on Satellites, Schools and Survival will be presented Sunday, March 2 at 3 p m over station KEPR-TV. It will show how the American education system faces the challenge of survival as a free nation, and a documentary study of the development of education in the U S since 1900.

Mr and Mrs William Brannon of Klamath Falls were visiting their parents, Mr and Mrs Carl Spaulding and Mr and Mrs Herman Blettell, over the weekend.

Dr Harold Huber will be in Portland on March 3-4-5 to attend an Oregon State Dental convention.

### Planners Report

(Continued from Page 1) effort to public service. We recommend that in an attempt to squelch such misinformation, which many times turn rumors, that every taxpayer take it upon himself to be informed, first hand. The county court welcomes questions and constructive criticism. We believe that everyone should prevail themselves to gathering the correct information on all county matters.

2. That a county planning commission be set up by the county court.  
3. Ways and means be found to get the monies of the county released from the sheriff and treasurer on time to eliminate interest costs to the school districts and further recommend that the fiscal school year and tax collecting dates be made to coincide more closely—suggested date, January 1.

**HEALTH**  
1. That more people take advantage of the chest X-Ray and further recommend the continued diligence in use of immunizations throughout the county and not lapse into a false sense of security because a particular disease is absent for awhile.  
2. That parents keep accurate records of all inoculations and illnesses of their children for future reference.

3. A dental school clinic be held with permanent records kept on file.  
4. All food handlers take blood tests and chest X-Ray.

5. That all community groups be especially careful as to sanitation requirements of serving public meals.  
6. That all water be checked that is used for drinking purposes. Facilities are available at the County Health Department.

7. The establishment of a Mental Health Association in the county.  
8. All fire equipment be plainly marked and located in a conspicuous place and the drivers of rural fire trucks have special fire fighting training.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:**  
1. The continued cooperation that exist in farmer-city relation with combined trend for more improvement.

### New Scholarships Slated for Graduates

Two scholarship awards have been established by Iron Fireman Manufacturing company of Portland for entering freshmen at Oregon State college and Portland State college, it was announced today.

The firm, which manufactures heating, electronics and aircraft products, will pay first-year tuition and college fees, to winners selected by faculty scholarship committees at each of the two colleges. Each applicant will be required to submit a thesis on "Modern Heating Methods" which will graded by professional heating engineers.

The competition for the Portland State award is open to graduates or high schools in the greater Portland metropolitan area in Oregon, and the OSC competition is open to graduates of high schools anywhere in Oregon.  
An Iron Fireman spokesman explained that the scholarships were established to emphasize the country's need for more college graduates and to develop interest in engineering as a profession. The competition, however, will be open to students in any field.

Additional details are available from the registrars of the two schools.

Mr and Mrs E K Schaffitz and Diane were weekend visitors in Portland.

Mr and Mrs Clyde Nutting were in Portland this week.

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### County Political Heads Due at Rally

Interested Republicans from Morrow county have been invited to participate in "an old-fashioned Republican political rally" in Salem Friday night March 7, according to GOP state chairman James F Short, Salem.

Short said local candidates as well as interested Republicans from across the state have been invited.

"We have affirmative replies to the invitation from the majority of candidates for statewide office as well as many county level officials and candidates," Short said.

Although only one speech is to be delivered, all candidates from precinct committee level on up will be introduced, Short said.

A keynote address will highlight the buffet dinner slated to start at 7 p m in the Senator hotel.

"This rally provides an excellent opportunity for workers to meet and talk with the candidates and will help us express our enthusiasm for the coming campaigns," Short said.

"On that night we will have a full slate of top-flight candidates and we plan to show them our party is ready for action."

Following the Friday night rally, Short will preside over a meeting of the statewide Republican State Central Committee in Salem.

County chairmen from all of Oregon's 36 counties will gather to "review our activities in the past year and to outline victory plans for the coming campaign," Short said.

Don Hatfield, Morrow county chairman, has been asked to report on Republican activities in this area.

### My Neighbors



"O.K., it's a deal. You help me roll my taxpapers and I'll help you roll yours—er, ah, I mean 'logs.'"

### ATTEND PRESS CONFERENCE

students from Heppner high school who attended the Pacific Slope Press Conference held last weekend at University of Washington in Seattle were Janice Beamer, Janice Martin, Carolyn McDaniel, Renn Harris, Helen Graham, and Phyllis Quackenbush. They were accompanied by their advisor Mrs Roy Kirk and Roy Quackenbush.



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