

YCC summer 'interesting' & 'enjoyable'

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1976 Enrollee

The summer of 1976 has presented an extremely interesting and enjoyable experience for the 26 enrollees of the Tupper Youth Conservation Corps Program.

On June 20, all the guys and girls who had been randomly selected to work with Y.C.C. arrived at Camp Tupper. Most of us knew no one, other than our own families who were soon to depart.

It was a new situation for many, but as the days passed the friendships grew and the feeling of becoming a unit increased.

We were divided into four work crews which changed in composition periodically during the seven weeks. Staff members were rotated among the crews at least twice a week to give each of us a chance to learn and benefit from their knowledge of the out-of-doors. Each day brought new experiences in the way of work projects and general group encounters.

We soon found that cooperation and a certain amount of responsibility were involved in keeping the program running smoothly. Each person had to think in terms of the group and not only the individual. The seven weeks spent living at Camp Tupper with all the interactions between staff and enrollees have also provided an open door for learning.

The coordination of work projects and environmental education have created an excellent source of practical information for us. At each work project a staff member would discuss the reasons for that particular project and its effects on the environment with the crew members. With this type of discussion each person would have a chance to contribute something or question something and really benefit from it.

The overall Y.C.C. program at Tupper has been extremely successful in accomplishing the goals it was aiming for. We were exposed to all kinds of situations that caused us to think and learn and enjoy ourselves all at the same time.

Between actual work projects, environmental education and just living as a group of young individuals from various walks of life, I can safely say that each person who has been involved with the Y.C.C. program will be leaving Camp Tupper with a broader view and understanding of our environment and the part we play in maintaining it.



Timber thinning near Hog Creek area.

Warm weather caution

Warm weather is cause for excitement, for getting outdoors and into our forest areas, for picnics, camping trips and fishing, and for enjoying all the beautiful things Oregon has to offer.

But its also the season when forest and range fires can run wild and destroy everything in their path, and when property and living things can be burned to cinders and when thousands of dollars can be expended for fire control.

Its ironic, but true that people who visit our natural areas to enjoy their beauty are sometimes the same ones who burn them up. Recreationists were responsible last year for many of our forest wild fires and the majority of them didn't even know what they had done. It doesn't take much to start a fire when it's hot and dry. A neglected campfire, a burning

match, even the heat from your car muffler can catch dry foliage on fire on contact and result in senseless death and destruction.

Other major causes were debris burning, smokers carelessness, lightning, children playing with matches and a few in logging operations.

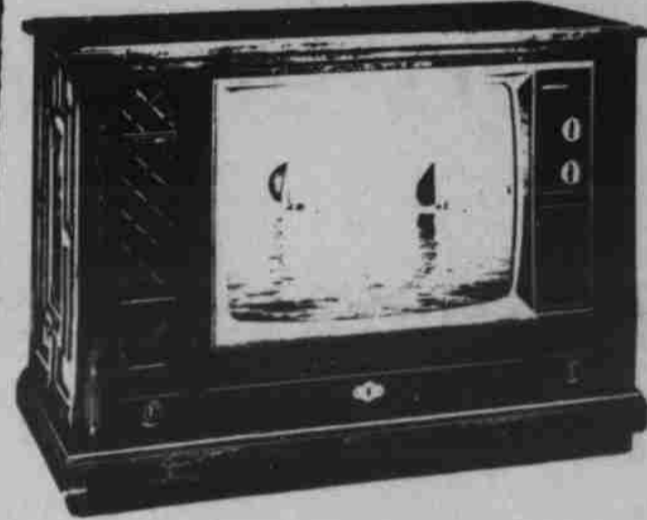
Modern equipment, forest agencies working together by quickly suppressing fires even when they are not on their own lands but their neighbors, have resulted in less acreage burned. But its obvious that prevention is our best defense.

Wherever you go to enjoy the warm weather and the outdoors this year, please be careful with fire. Enjoy yourself but don't forget that a little carelessness could easily destroy all that you are enjoying. Keep Oregon Green. Keep Oregon Oregon.

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Guilty

Two men were found guilty in Morrow County Justice Court last week. Stanley Roger Campbell, Pendleton, was found guilty of assault in the third degree and sentenced to 30 days in the Umatilla County jail.

Joseph P. Gaustad, Ione, was found guilty of negotiating bad checks and sentenced to 60 days in the county jail and restitutions.

Erratic

According to the Oregon Wheat Growers League, the market is erratic. Currently, speculation is the rule of the day at the Chicago and Kansas City Commodity markets. This yo-yo type fluctuation will probably continue until a more firm assessment of the 1976 crop at home and abroad is available, the wheat league said.

Tourney

Wilson's Willow Run golf course in Boardman, has set Sept. 12 for the date of the 1976 Gourmet West Wind Invitational golf tournament.

Entry blanks will be mailed by Aug. 10, according to tourney officials. Gourmet Foods is the sponsor of the two man best ball tournament.

Release

Justice of the Peace Delores Gribble last week ordered the release of a Heppner man from The Dalles county jail. The man, serving 150 days drunk driving and driving while his license was suspended, has been placed on probation at the Morrow County court for the remaining 60 days of his term.

County's attempt to fix sharp lone curve slows

Morrow County's attempt to improve a sharp curve near Ione fizzled with a letter received last week.

The letter, from F.B. Klabe, Chief of Operations of the Department of Transportation, was addressed to Harold C. "Doc" Sherer, Morrow County Roadmaster.

The letter said "the Highway Division is very much aware of the need for the improvement in this curve." It went on to say how "some of the smaller cuts along this section of highway have been removed by maintenance forces."

However, the letter says, "the remaining work is too extensive to be handled by maintenance. At the present time, the location work for this improvement is almost complete, and the work carries a high priority on the list of needed projects."

The letter said that "the financial picture is even more serious than when we wrote you in January." Klabe said that "passage of an increased gas tax measure in the November general election might help relieve the problem so that badly needed projects such as improvement of this curve south of Ione might be completed."

Wagon encampment

Celebrating our nation's 200th birthday, the Umatilla County Fair is planning a wagon train encampment for this year's fair. The fair officials are hoping to have wagons from all parts of the county participating.

The wagons are due to arrive at the Fair grounds on Aug. 6. After spending the night, they will take part in the fair parade, Saturday morning, Aug. 7.

Anyone in the surrounding area who would like to participate in the bicentennial salute to Oregon pioneers is urged to contact Cy Kooch, Hermiston, 567-8400.

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