

FIRE NEARS OIL FIELDS IN VENTURA

Conscript Men to Check Rush of Flames On Sulphur Mountain—Appeals Sent for Aid—Wall of Fire Two Miles Wide Is Rushing Toward Rich Derrick District.

VENTURA, Cal., Sept. 17.—(AP)—A wall of flaming brush, sweeping down the southwest side of Sulphur mountain watershed, roared on to within six miles of the rich Ventura avenue oil field at 4 a. m. today, despite almost frantic efforts of several hundred fire fighters to check it.

Conscription of men over a radius of 50 miles was started and a fleet of trucks scattered at strategic points to rush them to the fire lines. Appeals were sent out to Fillmore, Ventura, Ojai and other nearby towns for help.

At 6 a. m. the flames were pushing forward on a two-mile front after laying a 15-mile long strip reaching from a point four miles north of Santa Paula almost to the Ventura avenue line.

Twenty oil derricks scattered through the hills fringing the Santa Clara river valley had been burned away.

Many Homeless—Two hundred and fifty oil workers living in a triangular tract bounded by Ojai, Ventura and Santa Paula were homeless and damage approximating \$2,000,000 had been caused.

Tom Lopez, an oil worker, was seriously burned about the hands and face when he drove his car around a bend in sulphur mountain pass directly into a mass of burning brush. Roy and Paul Costello, also oil company employees, narrowly escaped death when they turned to their canyon home for household goods after removing their families to safety. They were

trapped by the flames and forced to seek refuge under their cars. Brush rats and rabbits which sought a haven from the inferno beside the two men, were killed by the heat. Both the Costellos were burned, but not seriously.

Several thousand yards of highways burst into flames, due to oil seepage, and an 11,000 barrel oil tank exploded, rolling flames down toward Santa Paula canyon. Residents in Santa Paula canyon were ordered to vacate their homes by the Santa Paula chief of police, but unless the wind turned against them, fire wardens believed it would be possible to save most of the threatened homesites in that section.

The fire started in Sissar canyon from a broken high tension wire, near the E. L. Demoney mansion. The wind carried the flames away from the mansion.

SUCCESSFUL SEASON TALENT IRRIGATION

Approximately 10,000 acres of orchard and farm land were irrigated during the summer months by the Talent Irrigation district, which discontinued service for the season, the end of the week.

About 15,000 acre feet of stored water, plus the flood waters, was used. All irrigation except a small amount of water carried through the Talent lateral to cure for late gardens and to supply the city of Ashland for park use, has been discontinued. Ashland purchases 800 acre feet of water from Talent district and this water is now being used exclusively in irrigating Lathia park.

GIRL CRATER SWIMMER RETURNS FOR A VISIT

CRATER LAKE, Ore., Sept. 17.—(Special.) Miss Betty Brinton of Puget Sound and her family are visiting at the lake for a few days. Miss Brinton will be remembered as the first girl to swim from the boat landing to Wizard Island, three years ago. At that time she was fifteen and her swimming time was one hour and nine minutes. The distance to the island from the boat landing is one mile and three-quarters.

Delbert Starr funeral parlors of Brownsville moved from old location on Spaulding avenue to new quarters on Main street.

Society

Study Club To Open Year

The club year for the Wednesday Study club will formally open Wednesday, September 18, with a one o'clock luncheon at the home of Mrs. Louis H. Humphreys on Capital Hill. No program has been prepared for the meeting, but the year books will be given out.

Women Golfers To Play

Arrangements are being made with the women of the Rogue River Valley Golf association for a match next Tuesday with the women of the Ashland club, to be held in that city, according to Mrs. Tom Fuson. A team will be picked later in the week to represent Medford.

Those competing for the Larry Schade trophy must have scores turned in Wednesday or before. Jack Houston, club pro announced. Scores have also been turned in for those competing for the Biddle trophy, which is being awarded by Mrs. Ella Biddle.

The weekly handicap tournament will also be held tomorrow. A social conducted by ladies of the Lutheran church will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 tomorrow at the church, 4th and Oakdale.

The executive committee of the Women's Missionary society of the Christian church will meet Wednesday, September 18, at the home of Mrs. Jack Hemstreet, 511 Pennsylvania, according to Mrs. R. L. Ray, president.

The St. Mark's Sunday school will have a picnic in the Ashland park Saturday. Interesting entertainment is being arranged for the afternoon.

Theatre Manager Riesman and Family Arrives

Mr. and Mrs. Jules Riesman and daughter, formerly of Seattle, but recently from Bremerton, Wash., have taken up their residence in Medford and the daughter has entered the city schools.

Mr. Riesman is the new manager of Hunts Craterian and the Rialto for the Fox West Coast theatres, who recently purchased both popular theatres.

The Riesman's are greatly pleased with Medford and are welcomed to the business and social circles of the city.

Junior League Meets

A "get-acquainted" meeting of the Girls' League of the Junior high school was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Fred Wahl, 25 Crater Lake avenue, for their regular monthly meeting. The meeting was in charge of Miss Della Whisenant, supervisor.

Mrs. A. J. Nath and daughter Vivian of Salem were the dinner guests today of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ray at their home on the Jacksonville highway.

The Loyal Woman's class of the First Christian church met this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Fred Wahl, 25 Crater Lake avenue, for their regular monthly meeting.

Mrs. E. G. Roseborough, 708 West 6th street, was hostess this afternoon to the East Side circle of the First Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hanners of Portland are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Peasley this week.

WELFARE CLINIC PLANNED FRIDAY AT LOCAL YWCA

The county health unit will hold its regular monthly child welfare clinic at the Y. W. C. A. next Friday afternoon and mothers wishing to have children under 6 years of age examined are urged to call the Y. W. C. A. as soon as possible for appointments. The clinic will be held under the direction of Dr. Emily Bolcom and Miss Augusta Glover, county nurse.

The unit tomorrow afternoon, under the direction of Miss Glover, will hold a home hygiene and nursing class at the community house in the Berrydale district. The class will start at 3:30 and will be the first of a series given weekly until the Christmas holidays, at which time the women taking part in the classes will be given examinations for Red Cross certificates, signifying the holder is familiar with home nursing and care and rearing of children. The class is limited to 12 women only.

TOO HOT TO HUNT, ASSERT NIMRODS

The experienced deer hunters and sportsmen generally are not feeling very bad over the postponing of the deer season opening, which had been set for Sunday, until there has been a general heavy rainfall, as even if the season had opened as scheduled, deer hunting would have been very poor because of the heavy fall of forest fire smoke and the excessive dryness in the hills.

Then, too, because of the very warm weather prevailing, even if one killed a deer in this kind of temperature, by the time he had gotten the carcass to his car, driven it and brought it to the city, the meat would have soured, or spoiled. Therefore, the main objection to the postponement of the season until a rainfall are amateur hunters, according to local sportsmen.

GREB TO BUILD HOUSE ON REESE CREEK TRACT

REESE CREEK, Ore., Sept. 17.—(Special.) Clarence Greb has secured lumber from W. C. Clements, our local lumber dealer and expects to begin building soon on his highway property purchased last spring from the Eagle Point Irrigation district.

The good will of the district is extended to Mr. Greb, who as a young man is beginning life for himself in an honest effort to make the best of his opportunities.

LUECK TO KEEP LONE WINTER VIGIL AT LAKE

CRATER LAKE, Ore., Sept. 17.—(Special.) The new caretaker for the Crater Lake Lodge during the long winter months began his new duties today. He is Rudolph Lueck, and has been employed at Government Camp since last May. Mr. Lueck seems to be looking forward to his long winter vigil. Art Stone, caretaker last year, left several weeks ago for the east before sailing for Australia where he intends to make his home.

CLAIMS PELICANS DESTROYING FISH

"There should be open season declared against pelicans," said a Klamath Falls visitor at the Healthman. "The pelicans are protected by law, but one pelican will destroy more fish in a year than 50 fishermen. For that reason fishermen feel that they have not done their duty toward fishing unless they kill at least one pelican a year. The no good purpose that I have ever discovered. They are not even ornamental. They are large and ungainly. It is a strange sight to see a flock of pelicans operate. They will string out in a fan shape and swim toward the shore. The fish enclosed by the semi-circle flee before them, and as the shore is approached the fish are frightened and are jumping out of the water. Then when the fish are near the shore the birds fall upon them. They eat all they can and then stuff more fish in a pouch they have. The pelicans in this mass formation are actually operating like salmon seiners on the Columbia river. No one likes the birds and they are certainly destructive of fish. It would be a good thing for our community if all of these birds were exterminated."—The Oregonian.

COMPANION SAVES LIFE PINIONED TRUCKMAN

LEWISTON, Idaho, Sept. 17.—(AP)—A companion who dipped water from a barrel for two hours to quench the flames, which engulfed a truck driver when a burning pine tree fell across his truck was a modest hero here today.

John Wannamaker, truck driver, said the tree crashed down upon the machine, pinning W. H. Collins between the side of the truck and a barrel of water. Collins, with his clothing afire, cried for help and Wannamaker dipped water from the barrel until fire on Collins, the truck and the pine tree was snuffed out.

Sheep owners of Monroe, N. C., complain that wild dogs are playing havoc with their flocks. The dogs are domestic pets which have gone astray.

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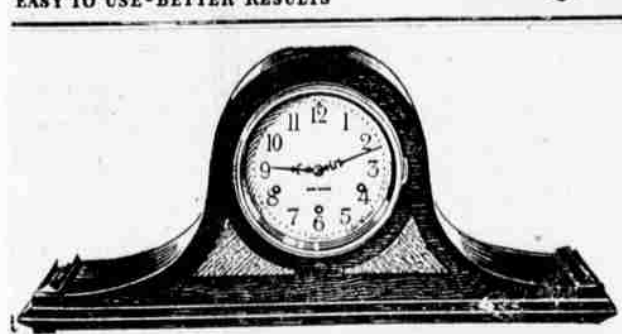
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