

# ROXY ANN SCORCHED BY BLAZE

### Spectacular Fire Spreads Over Large Area, When Blow Torch Ignites Dry Grass—Crew of Fighters Work Save Orchards.

A spectacular and fast spreading fire which accidentally started on the Hillcrest ranch early yesterday afternoon when a member of a ranch party engaged in repairing a telephone line set down a lighted blow-torch in some dry grass not far from a corner of the Westernland orchards, burned over 1500 acres of grass, causing much excitement and considerable damage.

Fifty men worked valiantly, including the Hillcrest and Westernland orchard crews, and a contingent of Crater national forest officials and fire fighters. The blaze was gotten under control at 8:15 last night and entirely extinguished this forenoon. The flames burned a swath in the north side of a mile long and a half mile wide up the south side of Roxy Anne clear to the summit.

The Hillcrest orchard suffered only a nominal damage, but the old dilapidated ranch house on the Coleman ranch was burned down. This was the second bad fire in recent years for the same territory. The Westernland orchards suffered a loss of several thousand dollars.

Spread Rapidly  
After the fire started from the blow-torch it spread rapidly toward the north side of the Westernland orchards. The Hillcrest crew with a tractor plow dug furrows which several times it was erroneously thought headed off advance of the flames, but the latter continued to spread into the north side of the Westernland orchards property and raced up the slope of Roxy Anne. The flames reached the Baker ranch nearby, but the house and other buildings were saved by the efforts of the Crater national forest crew, including Hugh Rankin and Norman White, forest supervisor and assistant supervisor, respectively. Dwight Phelps, district fire warden, and a crew of seven fire fighters, who devoted their entire attention to this feature, playing water on the flames from five big barrels of water, with 500 feet of hose from the Crater forest fire truck which, with its equipment, had been rushed to the scene.

Attacks Orchard  
After destroying the old ranch house, deserted long ago, on the Coleman property near the Hillcrest orchard, the flames, fanned by a northwest wind, started burning in pasture land of the Westernland orchard and attacked an apple orchard, which had not been maintained. Grass was high beneath the trees and burned rapidly. There was a block of pears in the center of the tract and that escaped damage, due to the cultivated land in which the trees were growing.

## Suit Bathing Sans Suit Advocated By Commissioner

CHICAGO, July 19.—(AP)—Lake Michigan bathers, if Health Commissioner Arnold H. Kogal has his way, may soon be able to absorb the sun's rays without the hindrance of a bathing suit.

Dr. Kogal yesterday asked for the establishment of solariums at all beaches, one for each sex.

"A solarium," the commissioner said, "is nothing but a stretch of sand with a high board fence around it."

## SAINT PATRICK IS NEEDED IN EVANS VALLEY

### Big Rattlesnakes Prowl Premises of Ranchers—Rigel Shoots Reptile in Bedroom.

EVANS VALLEY, Ore., July 19. (Sp.)—Evans valley seems to have an unusual number of rattlesnakes this year, some very large ones having been killed.

Dud Rigel has killed three around his house. The first one, killed in the yard, had seven rattles. The next day he went out off his front porch with a broom and shot it, it having eight rattles. The same night he was awakened from his sleep by a slight noise in his room. He lay still until the noise was repeated and discovered it was a large rattlesnake crawling on the floor near his bed. Fortunately he kept his flashlight and pistol under his pillow, and killed the reptile without getting out of bed. He now has a bullet hole through the floor of his bedroom, but also has the credit of getting rid of one unusually large snake.

John Strode also killed two snakes this week, the largest being four and a half feet long. Due to the extraordinary size of this one, he skinned it and placed the hide on a board four inches wide. His board lacked an inch on each side of being wide enough to accommodate the hide. He also captured one in a box which was about two and a half feet long, which he later killed.

## MARY LEWIS SUES BARITONE HUBBY

LOS ANGELES, July 19.—(AP)—A divorce suit brought by Mary Lewis against Michael Bohnen, whom she married in 1927 while both were Metropolitan Opera stars, today was on file in superior court here. The suit, the second in two years, charges desertion.

## Japanese Soprano Sings Over K. M. E. D. Tonight



MADAME TAKANE SAMBU  
A member of the Philadelphia Opera company for three seasons and spending her vacation on the Pacific coast, Madame Takane Sambu, will sing this evening from 7:30 to 8:00 over KMED, the Mail Tribune-Virgin station, under the auspices of the Southern Oregon Sales company and the Mail Tribune.

Madam Sambu is visiting Mr. Masu and family in this city and last evening sang for an hour and a half before a gathering of the local Japanese colony at Mr. Masu's home. She is a soprano and can sing equally as well in French and English as she can in Japanese.

She will return to Philadelphia this fall to resume her opera engagements and will leave Medford in a day or two for southern California. Following tonight's broadcast, Madam Sambu will be entertained at the home of Leonard Carpenter.

## Medford Mate Sought By Lovelorn Hamburger King; Must Have Means

Having heard much of the kindness and easiness of Medford people and the beauty of its women, due to its glorious climate, the lonely and lovelorn New Mexico man with two trades and a hot dog joint, but no body wanted better half, bethought himself that an appeal to this city might help him out of his dilemma and furnish a wife.

He wrote about his problem to Mayor A. W. Pines, and after reading this communication it is squarely up to the women and girls of Medford to act. Think of it! A man with two trades should be acceptable to the most fastidious femininity, but along with this, his owning a hot dog or hamburger layout, makes him all the more desirable. If he also owned a big onion patch and a hamburger cheese factory, to go with the hot dog stand, he could easily capture a queen.

Well, anyhow, when Mayor Pipes, good old soul, read the plaintive card, his big heart went out in sympathy to the writer of the missive and he decided to do all that was possible to help him out. This explains the publication herewith of this intelligently written postal card from George O. Strand, 126 Oregon avenue, Las Cruces, N. M.

Unable to make a fair living with two trades and a hamburger stand in this city I am seeking a life mate with some means and ability to aid me in making a living. All women, ages 18 to 49, will be given a fair consideration. My age is 42, look 30, height five feet seven and one-half inches, weight 150, eyes brown, hair black. A lover of all clean sports, also a home. Trades are painter and glazier. Here is hoping your city



So charmed was F. H. Bennett, New York manufacturer of the gingerbread house in the opera "Hansel and Gretel" that he hired the designer of the set to make him one on his estate in Pleasant N. J. And here it is an honest-to-goodness gingerbread house of colored stone which is to be open at all times "to children of all ages."

## LAD CONFESSES SLEW MOTHER AFTER QUARREL

### Threw Brickbats, Knocked Woman Unconscious Before Ending Life With Shotgun, Rifle.

HOLSTEIN, Iowa, July 19.—(AP)—A 14-year-old boy confessed to County Attorney George Clark, Jr., last night that he knocked his mother unconscious with a brick, dragged her into the kitchen of their farm home and shot her to death.

The youth, Lester Mohr, said he had quarreled with his mother, Mrs. Gus Mohr, 35, Thursday afternoon over some work she wanted him to do and that he threw bricks at her while she was in the farm lot.

One of the bricks knocked the mother unconscious, the youth confessed, and then he dragged her into the kitchen and shot her with a rifle and a shotgun.

Lester previously said he had worked in a neighbor's oat field that afternoon, but had come to Holstein and upon returning home found his mother dead. He called neighbors.

The woman's skull had been crushed. There were shotgun wounds in the breast and neck and a rifle wound in the temple.

Ashland—Storeroom in Lithia Springs hotel remodeled for occupancy by Hotel barbershop.

## SENATE ADJOURNS PACT DISCUSSION

WASHINGTON, July 19.—(AP)—Two amendments offered to the text of the London naval treaty were shouted down today by the senate without record votes.

Shortly afterward the senate adjourned until Monday. It had completed the reading of the text of the treaty for amendments and Chairman Borah of the foreign relations committee, had offered the resolution for ratification. It will be taken up on Monday along with a dozen reservations.

## NORTHERN PAC. TO AID EMPLOYMENT

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 19.—(AP)—Effective at once, the Northern Pacific will operate all its car repair shops between St. Paul and Seattle six days a week instead of five, as heretofore.

This was announced today as part of a program to speed up preparations of getting box cars ready for the northwest grain harvest.

In addition, 150 car repairers will be employed west of Billings, Mont.

## DISCUSS APPOINTMENT OF STATE LIBRARIAN

SALEM, Ore., July 19.—(AP)—Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, president of the University of Oregon,

## PRESIDENT NAMES 3 COMMISSIONERS

WASHINGTON, July 19.—(AP)—President Hoover today nominated Claude L. Draper of Wyoming, Ralph B. Williams of Washington state and Marcel Gispard of Louisiana as members of the newly created federal power commission.

The chief executive sent to the senate the following nominations: William M. Jardine, Kansas, to be minister to Egypt.

Brigadier-General Frank T. Hines, Utah, to be administrator of veterans' affairs, and Nicholas Roosevelt, New York, to be vice-governor of the Philippine Islands.

## Senator McNary Gains Appointment for Medford Boy

Through the efforts of Senator Charles L. McNary, Ed Randall, formerly of this city, but now a member of the 8th Signal Corps at Monmouth, N. J., where he will take the federal radio electrician's course, commencing September 15.

Mr. Randall formerly was assistant technician and announced in KMED, and joined the signal corps five months ago and recently took an examination for entrance into the radio department.

## OLD CRATER PATH NOW FORBIDDEN IN TREK TO SURFACE

CRATER LAKE, Ore. (Special)—The "old trail" from the rim to the lake closed forever on July 12. This trail, unsafe and long since officially closed, is no longer to be used under any circumstance and rangers on duty on the rim and trails have strict orders to prevent anyone using it.

## EGGS AT LOWEST PRICES IN YEARS

CHICAGO, July 19.—(AP)—Egg prices are now at the lowest in ten years, President H. H. Field of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange says. Today's wholesale quotations were about 10c a dozen lower than those of a year ago, about 6c under a 10-year average, and nearly 20c under high marks set in July, 1929. Present prices on produce markets range from 19 to 23 cents a dozen.

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## WORM BATTALION HITS TABLE ROCK

TABLE ROCK, Ore., July 19.—(Special)—The grand army of army worms now invading this district have had several serious encounters the past week with detachments from the regular crew army now sojourning in the north.

## LARGEST TUNA CAUGHT IN WATERS OF HAWAII

HONOLULU, July 19.—(AP)—William P. Roth of San Francisco president of the Matson Navigation company, today caught a 299-pound yellow fin tuna off Kona, Hawaii. Records show this is the largest yellow fin tuna ever caught.

## DOUGLAS POWER RIGHT SOUGHT ON LOON LAKE

SALEM, Ore., July 19.—(P)—H. B. Langille of Portland yesterday filed with the state engineer an application for authority to construct a dam and reservoir on Loon Lake, Douglas county, in view of 332 acre feet of water from Lake creek, a tributary of the Umpqua. The cost is estimated at \$13,680. The application does not reveal the purpose of the development.