

# FIREFIGHTERS PAY ON RED CAP FIRE BRINGS PROTEST

Medford men employed to fight the roaring Red Cap fire on the Klamath national forest in northern California were generally dissatisfied with the conditions under which they worked, the rate of pay and an asserted lack of organization, spokesmen for the workmen declared yesterday.

About 300 men went to the fire lines from here, being dispatched to Orleans, Cal. Most of them were back home yesterday.

Edgar E. Squire of 809 South New-town street said he was employed July 21 and worked about a week. He stated that the men were told orally at the state employment office here they would be paid 25 cents an hour for travel time up to eight hours, 35 cents an hour while working and overtime for hours in excess of 12.

Actually, however, the men were paid 25 cents an hour and received no overtime pay although sometimes they worked as many as 16 hours a day, Mr. Squire said.

Karl L. Janouch, supervisor of the Rogue River national forest, said that before being employed all the men hired here were given written contracts to sign clearly specifying that the rate of pay would be 25 cents an hour plus board. Mr. Janouch said he doubted that the day's work ever exceeded 12 hours.

The rate of pay in region 5 (California) is 25 cents an hour and in region 6 (Oregon and Washington) 35 cents an hour, Mr. Janouch explained. He added that for the type of work involved the pay was small.

While Mr. Janouch made no reference to the matter, it is generally known the forest service has had to reduce fire-fighting pay to discourage incineration. In the past California has had a great deal of trouble and its forests have suffered tremendously from incendiary fires.

When the men were employed here they were told they would need to take no supplies but when they got to the fire camp they found a shortage of blankets, there being only one for some of the fire-fighters and none for others, Mr. Squire said. As a result, he declared, the men, after fighting the fire all day, had to sit up around a camp fire all night to keep warm. The nights were cold, he related, there being spots of snow in the hills.

Mr. Janouch said that he did not know under what conditions the men worked but that it would not be surprising if sufficient bedding could not be taken through immediately to the fire camps.

"When a forest fire occurs, we are laid off with an emergency and our first duty is to get manpower to the fire line," Mr. Janouch explained. "We try to take good care of the men not only as a matter of principle but also as a matter of efficiency. If the men are not taken care of properly, they cannot work to the best advantage. So it is a matter of common sense as well as humanitarianism to take care of the workers' comfort."

"I'll readily acknowledge, however, that it is not inconceivable that sometimes the forest service administration cannot move supplies up to the fire camps fast enough to keep pace with the movement of men. Our army is the best organized body in the world for handling huge numbers of men but sometimes even the army cannot keep supplies moving with the men."

"To infer that the forest service is careless or negligent in handling or caring for its men is to intimate something that simply isn't true."

Mr. Squire said that the food furnished the men was good when they got it but that the food supplies were dropped from airplanes and sometimes the pilots missed the mark and the food was lost in inaccessible canyons. Much of the food also was smashed beyond use in the drop, he added.

To make matters worse, Mr. Squire said, one day a big bear appeared just as food was dropped from a plane. The bear, he asserted, grabbed a quarter of bear and ran off with it. Thereafter whenever a plane came overhead the bear appeared on the scene and a race ensued between the firecasters and the bear. If the bear got there first, the men went without food. If the men got there first, the bear went without food.

Mr. Janouch smiled when told the bear story.

"The men sent from Medford were all good workers and I know exactly what they went through," Mr. Janouch said. "I've been through the same thing many times in fighting forest fires and I'm ready at any time to go through the same thing again to save our forests. Fighting forest fires is an emergency duty and we have to endure hardships in facing emergencies. The forest service, however, tries at all times to reduce the hardships to a minimum."

# EUGENE FIREMAN INJURED IN FALL

C. L. Cruson, 54, of Eugene, a Southern Pacific railroad company fireman, was seriously injured yesterday afternoon about 5:15 when he slipped from the top of his locomotive's water tender and fell 16 feet to the road-bed. The accident occurred when a southbound freight train was preparing to take on water at the water tank near Morton's Milling company on West Jackson boulevard.

Cruson is confined in Sacred Heart hospital with his left shoulder broken, a severe head injury, a crushed left chest, a laceration of the left ear and a black and swollen left eye. His attending physician, while admitting he was seriously injured, stated his condition was satisfactory, and that apparently no serious internal injuries nor skull fracture were evident. He was conscious late last night, the physician reported.

The freight train had stopped and Cruson was climbing from the locomotive cab to the top of the water tender when he slipped. A hobob, riding on top of a box car, saw him fall but could give no reason why he did so.

The train crew didn't disturb Cruson after the accident, but let him lie and telephoned for the Peri ambulance, which rushed him to the hospital.

# MAIL-TRIB STORY ALMOSTS QUIETS CONCERT TOOTING

Chief of Police Clatous McCredie and Walter A. Cornary, business manager of the Elks band heaved sighs of relief Saturday with the solution of a problem which had long plagued them.

Prolonged and an immense auto horn honking has, since time immemorial, followed completion of each number by the band on concert nights in the city park. While the bandmen realized the cacophony was intended as applause, they didn't really relish it. Naturally, after finishing a difficult rendition, with the dulcet sound of the instruments dying away in the soft evening breeze, it was hard to have the ear immediately assailed by a medley of massed auto horns. It sort of riddled the musical rapport, so to speak.

Residents in the vicinity of the park didn't like the autoists' racket either. In fact guests at the adjacent Medford hotel, coming in for a night's rest after a long day's drive on the highway, strenuously objected.

But how to let the drivers know all the objections was a puzzle, it being obviously impossible to contact each of the scores of parked cars and request no horn tooting. Finally Manager Cornary bethought himself of the Mail Tribune. A little story appeared in Thursday's issue. Friday night the band played there were hundreds of listeners seated about the park and the usual large number of cars present. One autoist honked his horn—once.

Apparently not "everyone in Southern Oregon reads the Mail Tribune." At least one doesn't.

# LOCAL and PERSONAL

**Here Yesterday**—Arba Ager of Ashland was a Medford visitor yesterday afternoon.

**Here For Sojourn**—Nion Tucker, San Francisco publisher, arrived here yesterday afternoon by United Mainliner to sojourn at his summer home, Rogues Roost.

**To Police School**—Lieut. Alonzo Dunn and Privates Paul Williams and Al Stoehr of the state police left here yesterday morning for Camp Clatsop where they will attend the 10-day school for Oregon's state policemen.

**Nebraska Picnic**—Annual Nebraska picnic will be held in Lithia park in Ashland next Sunday, August 7. Picnic dinner will be served at 1:30 and a program will follow. A large attendance is expected.

**To Canada**—Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Lemery of Roseburg addition left yesterday by motorcar to vacation for a week in Canada. They will return August 8.

**On Motor Trip**—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith and children, Donald and LaRue, are leaving today for Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where they will visit relatives. They plan to return to their home at 103 Jeannette street in two weeks.

**Obyes Move**—Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Obye and family moved yesterday from 17 Glenn Oak Court to 22 Glenn Oak Court. Mr. Obye is assistant supervisor of the Rogue River national forest.

**Seeks Water**—G. E. PiPerce, Medford, has filed an application with the state engineer in Salem to appropriate 250 acre feet of water from springs at the head of Dry creek, Rogue river tributary, for irrigation purposes in Jackson county. The Associated Press reported yesterday.

**Known Here**—Major Howard C. Fennel, passenger on the Hawaiian Clipper, was well known by a score or more of Medford men interested in aviation and airport development. Senior army air reserve officer in the Portland area, Major French made periodic calls at Medford municipal airport. Attendant at most of the conferences of the Northwest Aviation Planning Council, he was expected to take part in the meeting scheduled for Medford September 16 and 17. He gave a talk at the Boise, Idaho, conference of which A. H. Bannell, manager of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, was general chairman.

**To Give Tests**—Congressman James W. Mott was quoted at Portland by the Associated Press yesterday as saying that the civil service commission has been asked to hold a preliminary qualifying examination on October 8 for a vacancy allotted to Oregon at each of the government service academies, West Point and Annapolis. Men desiring to take the examination should write Mott at his office, 328 Oregon building, Salem, not later than September 1. Candidates for Annapolis must be between the ages of 16 and 20 and for West Point 17 and 22 years.

**To Translate Book**—Capt. Willard C. Bush, book "Fahang" is to be translated into Swedish for circulation in Sweden, the author stated yesterday. Captain Bush, former Medford resident who has been here on a visit and lecture tour, received a letter from his publisher, the MacMillan company, saying the Swedish Publishing company had asked for the translation rights and the author stated he had given his consent. Hutchinson and company, Ltd., of London had asked for the publishing rights in England. Captain Bush said he had been informed by the MacMillan company. Captain Bush now resides in Salem.

**Ing Killed**—A car driven by Fred C. Sander of Route 2 struck a hog on the Pacific highway south of Phoenix Friday evening, killing it instantly, according to a report on file in city police station. Ownership of the animal was not determined. Francis P. Saiter of Prospect and Ernest Akin of Murphy drove cars involved in a minor collision on Red Bluff road near Prospect Friday morning. Cars operated by Jesse W. Fish of Gold Hill and Nellie M. Madson of Ashland collided with minor damage at Eighth and Bartlett streets Friday afternoon, and machine driven by Josephine Porter of Route 1 and J. H. Helman of Ashland were involved in a minor accident on Kings highway Friday morning, reports on file in city police station said yesterday.

# MEMBERS ADDED TO SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL DRIVE

The membership drive for the Oregon Shakespearean Festival, August 3 to 13, continued Saturday with a number of new members added to the list.

The Medford committee, headed by Mrs. H. Chandler Egan, had already passed last year's total and the Ashland committee, with Mrs. H. M. Schilling as chairman, was reported to have its last year's receipts.

The campaign will continue until Wednesday at which time the reserved seats will be available for exchange at Fruit's Music and Radio center in Medford and at the chamber of commerce in Ashland.

The latest members of the festival association include Mr. and Mrs. Alfred S. V. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Gain Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burtelle, A. Orin Schenck, Mr. and Mrs. A. Evan Stearns, Earl S. Tully, Frank Newhall, Miss Helen Hink.

Miss Vera Humphrey, Marshall-Smith-Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brown, Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Riddell.

# WHEAT PROSPECTS IN NATION LESS

CHICAGO, July 30.—(P)—The first of the August private crop reports of Chicago experts today indicated a reduction in total United States wheat production prospects during July and an improvement in the corn outlook.

Mrs. E. H. Iler, a widely recognized authority, estimated total wheat production at 910,000,000 bushels compared with the government July 1 forecast of 967,000,000 and her estimate a month ago of 929,000,000. Winter wheat production was placed at 669,000,000 bushels compared with the government's 713,000,000; spring wheat at 241,000,000 against 252,000,000; corn 2,532,000,000 against 2,482,000,000; oats 1,058,000,000 against 1,094,000,000; rye 53,000,000 against 51,000,000; barley 237,000,000 against 239,000,000.

The Peruvian Central railway, from Callao to Huancayo, is the highest standard gauge railroad in the world and at one point reaches an altitude of 15,965 feet—nearly three miles.

# FOUR FLEE FROM SISKIYOU JAIL

Police authorities of southern Oregon and northern California were searching yesterday for four men who shortly after midnight Friday fled the lever cages open, manipulated the outer doors and escaped from the Siskiyou county jail at Yreka, Cal.

According to a teletype report received here by the state police, the escaped prisoners are Robert R. Ott, 19; Gilbert A. Farmer, 21; Burrell Barandum, 19; and Henry Williams, 22.

The quartet were confined in jail on felony charges, the teletype message stated.

# SCHOENFELD WILL ADDRESS GRANGE

William Schoenfeld, dean of agriculture at Oregon State college in Corvallis and director of experiment stations, will be guest speaker at a Grange meeting Tuesday evening at 8 in the Grange hall at Eagle Point.

All valley Grangers are urged to attend this session as Mr. Schoenfeld's address will be of interest to all. The public is also invited to attend.

An additional program will be offered at the meeting. Burt Moore and Howard Hallett will present songs and Mary Harnish and Barbara Smith will be heard in a vocal duet.

# ALL LOCAL FIRES UNDER CONTROL

For the first time since lightning set off a series of forest fires on July 13, everything was reported under control on both state and Rogue river national forests here yesterday.

The state was maintaining patrols on some of the burned areas but no further trouble was anticipated. Bear was to be accorded some of the forest personnel over the week-end.

# VETERANS PICNIC AT ASHLAND PARK

Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans will hold a joint picnic in Ashland's Lithia park today, with each veteran and his family asked to bring a picnic basket and table service. Coffee and lemonade will be furnished.

Feature of the picnic will be a softball game between the two organizations, to be played in the afternoon. There will also be games and races for children throughout the day, with suitable prizes awarded winners.

# BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Sales, of Phoenix, a daughter, July 26. Mother and baby are reported doing nicely.

Born July 26 at Osteopathic clinic to Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Zimmerlee of Ashland, a baby boy weighing 6 pounds 2 ounces.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Richardson of Central Point at Osteopathic clinic July 25, a baby girl weighing 7 pounds 13 ounces.

# FUNDAMENTALIST HEAD SPEAKS HERE THURSDAY

Dan Gilbert, secretary of the Fundamentalist association and author of several books dealing with the present trend in education, will speak at the First Baptist church here Thursday, August 4 at 8:00 o'clock.

Mr. Gilbert, only 26 years old, is known as a dynamic speaker. His book "Crucifying Christ in Our Colleges," written with collaboration of students of four state universities, has been termed by critics as one of the most sensational of the year.

# FOREST SABOTAGE REWARD OFFERED

Vancouver, July 30.—(P)—The British Columbia government today offered a reward of \$1,000 to any one giving information leading to conviction of persons guilty of sabotage in connection with the giant Vancouver Island fire, Attorney General Gordon Wismer announced here today.

"We are satisfied there was sabotage," the attorney general said.

Hon. Wismer also announced a reward of \$250 for information leading to arrest and conviction of anyone guilty of incendiarism in the fire area.

Fire hose was reported knifed and pumps made useless when sugar was put in it, gasolene in the fire zone 10 days ago while fire fighters were battling to save the fishing resort of Forbes Landing and other property.

Puerto Rico's tourist traffic increased more than 300 percent in the first two months of 1938 over the corresponding period of last year.

# MEDFORD YOUTHS TO BEAVER MEET

Bound for a week's stay at the annual "Beaver Boys' State," at Hill Military Academy in Portland, ten Medford boys were scheduled to leave at 6:30 this morning. With 500 other boys from throughout the state, the local youths will set up their own city, county and state governments and live as self-governing citizens for the camp period, to gain experience in the democratic system.

The plan is made possible through sponsorship of public-spirited organizations and individuals. Sponsors here include Lions club, Rotary club, Kiwanis club, Active club, Elks lodge, Odd Fellows, Hance H. Cleveland, Medford Post American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary.

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# STATE TOUR PLAN OF ALUMNI HEAD

CORVALLIS, July 30.—(P)—Warren Reid, manager of the Oregon State College Alumni association, will start August 1 on a tour of most of the counties to contact alumni. This will be his first extensive trip since his appointment last spring.

Reid's first stop will be in Salem, from whence he will go to Portland, McMinnville, Tillamook and Astoria. On August 11 he will start visits to cities in southern Oregon including Roseburg, Marshfield, Grants Pass, Medford and Klamath Falls. After stopping at Bend August 16 he will continue to John Day, Ontario, Baker, La Grande, Enterprise, Pendleton, Heppner, Arlington, The Dalles and Hood River, reaching there August 27.

It has been estimated that state legislatures cost each family in the United States about 35 cents a year.

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