

MAN-CAUSED FIRES INCREASE SHARPLY ON ROGUE FOREST

Man-caused fires on the Rogue River national forest increased more than 100 per cent in the 1938 season over the 1937 total, a tabulation issued by Medford headquarters today showed.

The figures were released today to center attention on Fire Prevention Week which is now being observed throughout the country. The increase in man-caused forest fires the past season demonstrates again that the public must ever remain vigilant, that there can be no let-down in the effort to stamp out preventable fires, headquarters emphasized. Every one of the man-caused fires could have been prevented with ordinary precaution, it was pointed out.

Largest and most serious fire on the Rogue River national forest this year was man-caused, the records show. It was caused by a careless smoker who ignorantly discarded a lighted match or cigarette despite the years that have been devoted to educational effort to end such dangerous practices, headquarters pointed out.

This fire occurred near the end of the season in the Trail sector and burned over 1100 acres. It threatened several homesteads, hundreds of men and heavy equipment fought the blaze all afternoon and night and only the fortuitous arrival of rain the following day averted what might have been a catastrophe.

The fire was raging on the evening of September 17 and was visible for miles along Crater Lake highway. It was witnessed by the delegates to the Northwest Aviation Planning Council conference while they were attending a dinner at Rogue River lodge near Trail. The delegates were impressed by the destructive force of a forest fire.

The following tabulation shows the comparison between the 1938 and 1937 record of man-caused fires:

	1938	1937
Smokers	19	6
Campers	5	3
Incendiary	1	0
Other	1	5
Total	26	14

Total acres burned by man-caused fires this year numbered 1174 as compared with 82 last year. Largest man-caused fire last year, caused by a camper, burned over 42 acres.

Total number of fires, both man-caused and lightning-caused, was 130 in 1938 as against 87 in 1937. Total acreage burned over in 1938 was 1265 as compared with 113 in 1937.

"When you consider that smoker fires increased almost three-fold this year, that camper fires almost doubled and that incendiary increased, it is well for us all to pause during Fire Prevention Week and make a solemn resolution to do all we can to put an end to this wanton destruction," a statement from forest headquarters said.

FIRE PREVENTION DRILLS EVACUATE SCHOOLS QUICKLY

Efficiency of city schools was praised today by Chief Roy Elliott following the holding of drills as part of Fire Prevention Week.

"I'm proud of the schools and appreciative of the cooperation the fire department receives from the superintendent, the principals and the teachers," Chief Elliott said. "Parents need have no worry about their children getting out of school buildings quickly and safely in case of fire. The children are well organized and fully realize their responsibilities and duties. The schools have a splendid system for rapid evacuation."

The fire drills were held in all the city schools yesterday. The chief supervised the drills, with Fireman James McNeil assisting as a time-keeper. The following tabulation gives the time in which each school was completely evacuated:

School	Enrollment	Evacuated in
Washington	390	33 1/2 seconds
Senior high	700	28 seconds
Roosevelt	315	43 seconds
Junior high	735	62 seconds
Lincoln	245	42 seconds
Jackson	300	40 seconds
St. Mary's	162	43 1/2 seconds

During the day B. L. Barry gave a 10-minute talk on fire prevention at each school. He emphasized the danger of following the trucks to fires and advised the children especially not to follow the fire trucks on bicycles.

In the same connection Chief Elliott asked the public not to follow the fire trucks in automobiles, and especially not to park cars near the scene of a fire. Cars parked near the firemen in laying second and third lines of hose, he said.

Drills are held regularly in the schools during the year and the students are thoroughly organized. At Junior high school, for instance, Dick Morrow is fire chief and other pupils have definite duties to perform when the fire alarm rings, such as manning the hose racks and laying the hose line as soon as the school is emptied, the chief related. At the Junior high school exercises yesterday Chief Dick Morrow opened the meeting and introduced Chief Elliott.

Chief Elliott today expressed his thanks to E. H. Hedrick, superintendent, the principals and the teachers for their cooperation.

INDICTED DRIVER AGAIN IN TOILS

PORTLAND, Oct. 12.—(P)—Lester Lee Satterwhite, 44, already indicted for manslaughter and convicted of reckless driving in separate traffic cases, was arrested last night by Detective Sergeant John Schum and charged with operating an automobile without a permit.

The grand jury indicted Satterwhite in connection with the death of Elmer S. Bell, his companion, in a collision on the Oregon City superhighway last May. Glen R. Metaker, driver of the other car and counsel for Mrs. Agnes Joan Ledford, who was convicted of poisoning two stepdaughters, was seriously injured. Satterwhite was convicted of reckless driving on August 20. His operator's license was permanently revoked. He paid a \$25 fine and served five days in the city jail.

Schum, who said he found a half-empty bottle of liquor in the car, stated Satterwhite was jailed under \$100 bail.

MATTRESS IS WANTED FOR NEEDY FAMILY

Salvation Army this afternoon issued a call for a mattress for the Linhart family who lost everything in a fire that destroyed their trailer-home last Friday.

The mattress was said to be the only pressing need at the moment. If anyone has a mattress to donate, the Salvation Army will call for it, said Capt. Reginald H. Vincent, Salvation Army telephone is 356.

A home on McAndrews road has been provided the family by the Jackson county relief committee. Other welfare agencies have been assisting. To avoid confusion and duplication, it was suggested that persons who care to contribute to the family first call the relief committee at 524 to ascertain what really is needed.

POWER PROGRAMS IN COAL COUNTRY CALLED 'SUICIDE'

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Oct. 12.—(AP)—Development of hydro-electric power in a country with adequate coal reserves was termed "suicidal folly" today by A. M. Beebe, general superintendent of the Rochester (N. Y.) Gas & Electric corporation.

He told 2000 utility executives attending the American Gas association's annual convention that water-power programs were all right for countries like Canada and Sweden, but "in our country, where unemployment is the greatest problem and diffused purchasing power the greatest need, such a development is a modern Frankenstein."

The United States has enough coal to last 4000 years, he observed, and a ton of water has to fall a mile to produce enough energy to equal a pound of coal. Water power provides no jobs for miners, railroad men and truckers, he added.

During the prosperous years between 1923 and 1929, he said, 30 per cent of the country's fuel energy came from coal, but now only 45 per cent comes from that source. Oil now supplies 30 per cent of the energy, Beebe continued, and present reservoirs will be exhausted in 12 or 13 years hence.

He stated that if every creek in the country were harnessed for water power it would supply only 27 per cent of the country's energy needs, and every ton of coal displaced by water power or petroleum costs a man a day's work.

WAY CLEARED FOR UMATILLA EDIFICE

PENDLETON, Ore., Oct. 12.—(AP)—Greatest obstacle to the building of a \$300,000 Umatilla county courthouse here appeared removed today with declaration by District Attorney A. C. McIntyre that petitions presented Monday, purportedly asking an election on the issue, are without effect, since they did not follow form required by Oregon law.

In his opinion, the county court is authorized by law to go ahead with building plans. Since today is a holiday no action was expected by the county court before tomorrow.

The structure, to be built on the grounds of the half-century old courthouse now in use, would be financed by a PWA grant of \$135,000, approximately \$145,000 to be raised by issuing deficiency warrants against delinquent county taxes, and the remaining \$20,000 through a special tax.

RECLAMATION OF WEST HELD HOPE OF FARM PEOPLE

RENO, Nev., Oct. 12.—(P)—Speaking on the subject of "Havoc of Homes," John C. Page, federal commissioner of reclamation, today told members of the National Reclamation association 50,000 farm families have come from the "dust bowl" to the west, seeking their fortunes anew, victims of a new and tragic problem.

This number of "destitute families" along with an estimated 55,000 other families who have come from the great plains states presents a problem to which only a long range reclamation program will be a solution, he said.

More than 500 persons were present for today's session of the three-day convention, which opened here yesterday.

Discussions at the meetings are expected to lead to recommendations to the next congress for reclamation legislation, including a proposal a new law be adopted governing reclamation of federal funds expended on projects.

Page's address was the principal one at today's session, although several other prominent speakers were on the program.

HUNGARIAN FORCE FACES CZECHS IN BORDER DISPUTE

BUDAPEST, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Czechoslovak and Hungarian troops established fighting positions 250 feet apart today, awaiting the outcome of deadlocked diplomatic negotiations on Hungarian demands for Czechoslovak territory.

The lines were established after yesterday's occupation of two Czechoslovak frontier towns, Ipolyssag and Satoralja Ujhely, by the Hungarian forces.

The occupation was a "symbolic overture," Hungarians said, to recovery of the thousands of square miles from Czechoslovakia.

Czechoslovak troops at Ipolyssag withdrew three-fourths of a mile to the north of the town and started at once to dig trenches in potato fields and surrounding forests.

Hungarian infantry followed suit, establishing positions at close range. Hungarian heavy artillery was in firing position.

Only Six Acres In Mt. Hood Area Burn

PORTLAND, Oct. 12.—(P)—The Mt. Hood national forest, major recreational center for the Portland area, lost only six acres in forest fire this year, A. Q. Waha, supervisor, announced today. Flames damaged approximately 160 acres of private land in the vicinity.

Waha said the loss was exceptionally light considering 1,000,000-acre area and the long dry season.

PWA Project Started. ASTORIA, Ore., Oct. 12.—(AP)—The PWA started work yesterday on two coast guard station improvement projects, to cost more than \$70,000 at Point Adams and Cape Disappointment.

Illinois River Uses. GRANITE PASS, Oct. 12.—(P)—Soil conservation services announced today that the Illinois river valley in southwestern Josephine county has been ruled eligible for water utilization projects.

meeting at Komarom, on the frontier, met for three hours today and then recessed until tomorrow. Huge maps were carried into the conference hall, which observers interpreted as a sign negotiations would not be broken off as had been feared in some quarters.

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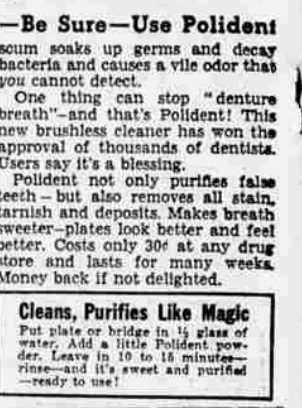
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Obituary

A. M. Sutton, long-time resident of Jackson county, died in his home at Jacksonville yesterday afternoon. He was 80 years old. He had been an invalid since 1921.

Mr. Sutton was born on May 1, 1855, in Oil City, Pa. He engaged in the oil business in Pennsylvania until he came west in 1893.

Mr. Sutton was married to Alice Byers in Chicago, Pa., on July 27, 1880. He came in 1893 to Ashland where he resided for 13 years. After a residence in Klamath Falls he moved in 1924 to Jacksonville where he had since resided. He was a rancher until he retired from active business years ago.

Mr. Sutton is survived by his wife, a brother, L. B. Sutton of Butler, Pa., and a number of nieces and nephews in both the east and the west.

Funeral services will be held in the Dodge chapel at Ashland at 2:30 Thursday. Interment will be made in the Mountain View cemetery.

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RAINS, LAW HALT WILLAMETTE WORK

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WALNUT CROP BURNS

MCMINNVILLE, Oct. 12.—(P)—A fire at the H. G. Coburn prune and nut drier plant at Dayton last night destroyed a \$3500 building and 20 tons of nuts valued at \$6800. Cause of the blaze was not immediately established.

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CHICAGO SUBWAY OKAYED

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—(P)—Secretary Ickes recommended to President Roosevelt today he approve an \$18,000,000 PWA grant to Chicago to start construction of a \$36,000,000 subway project in the Loop district.

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Logger Hurled, Hurt

ASTORIA, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Hurled from a 14-foot springboard by a broken limb, Fred Aho, 24, Astoria logger, was fatally injured yesterday while falling spruce at the Crown-Willamette's Seaside plant.

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IRIGATION PROJECT

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—(P)—The Public Works administration gave \$2,500,000 to the reclamation bureau today to finance construction of the Tucuman irrigation project in New Mexico.

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