

FIRE RAGES OUT OF CONTROL IN KANIKSU FOREST

Bonnors Ferry, Ida., Aug. 22—(U.P.)—A raging forest fire in the Kaniksu forest was still out of control after sweeping through more than 7,500 acres of second-growth timber since Friday, forest service officials reported.

Approximately 1,000 men from Montana, Idaho and Washington were battling the wind-swept flames in an effort to bring the forest's most disastrous fire in more than two decades under control before it reached the Canadian boundary.

Believed to have been caused by a careless smoker, the blaze started early Friday and fed by high winds, has moved northeast more than eight miles from the point of its origin, about 15 miles north of here.

All available fire fighters from within a radius of 200 miles have been called to battle the flames.

The huge fire fighting crew was composed of aviation engineers from Geiger Field in Spokane, German prisoners of war from the Farragut naval base, soldiers from Fort Missoula, Mont. and forest service crews from adjoining national forests. Seven bulldozers and more than 350 men from Geiger Field comprised the nucleus of the fire fighting army.

Meanwhile, another blaze in the Clearwater National Forest near Orofino was being rapidly brought under control after burning through more than 1,500 acres of virgin timber.

A new fire was reported to have broken out early today in the Nez Perce National Forest near Lewiston, Ida. Forest service officials issued a call for 300 men to help battle the blaze, which State Fire Warden Ed Ring said was out of control.

All of northern Idaho today was engulfed in a heavy smoke haze which forest officials said hampered lookouts and fire watchers from detecting other possible new outbreaks.

THE GRANGE

The Enterprise Grange of Wimer met recently with Master Robert Wales presiding. The Grange has been making a steady growth in membership, and the names of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McCoy were accepted for membership and they will be initiated at the next meeting. Mr. and Mrs. McCoy have recently bought property in the locality, and Mrs. McCoy will teach the primary grades of the Wimer elementary school. Mrs. Lynabell Deck, another newcomer to the district and owner of the Bridge Cafe made application for membership.

It was with much regret that the Grange accepted the resignation of Mrs. Neva Moore as secretary, as she has filled this position faithfully for a number of years. Mrs. Minnie Jensen was appointed to fill the unexpired term.

The Grange has been planning improvements for the hall, having roofing material to reroof a part of the hall. They recently purchased an electric phonograph to use for their parties and dances.

The members are looking forward to Booster's night, and Betty Nequette, lecturer, will have committees chosen at the next meeting to assist her in planning the event.

A special project of this month was a party given to honor the members of the Wimer 4-H club, James Martin, Sr., leader, has been assisting the youngsters in a leather craft project. Members of the club attending were John Baker, Betty Fisher, Lois Griswold, Bill Clone, Dick Hoffman.

Robert and Margaret Butterfield, Lee and Micky Wales, Jimmie, Freddy and Carl Martin, Donald Butterfield and Emerson Griswold were guests. Grange members assisting with the party were James Martin, leader, and overseer of the Grange, Betty Nequette, lecturer, Leo Nequette, member of the executive board, Alice Wales and Fern Badcock of the Home Economics Committee.

The next meeting of the Grange will be held the second Saturday of September, after which time the meetings will swing back to the winter schedule of two meetings a month.

PLYE MEMORIAL BODY SURPRISED AT PLAN CHANGE

New York, Aug. 22—(U.P.)—Richard Condon, campaign director of Ernie Pyle Memorial, Inc., said today that he was surprised to read of Mrs. Pyle's criticism of the proposed memorial in Dana, Ind., inasmuch as in mid-June she gave full approval to the committee's plans.

He said the outline of the plans—including several features later discarded—was given Mrs. Pyle through Roy Johnson, executor of the Pyle estate, who returned the outline with written confirmation after six weeks perusal.

"The committee will, as it has at all times, accede to the wishes of Mrs. Pyle on any point," Condon said. "I am deeply sorry that she did not communicate with us first so that any points at issue might have been readily adjusted by the committee to her desires."

Condon, president of Richard Condon, Inc., publicity firm, said he had been contracted by the memorial committee at a fee of \$6,000 "only after Mrs. Pyle's approval of the plans had been received." He said the campaign for funds for the memorial will open tomorrow as scheduled "barring further developments."

Sailor Tells Of Views Of Buddies

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall M. Day, route 3, box 126, recently received a letter from their son, TM 2/c Lloyd C. Kinsey, in which he expressed the views of servicemen with whom he has come in contact, regarding the fate of Hirohito, emperor-god of Japan. The opinion seemed to largely favor ousting the ruler from any connection with Japan, the letter stated.

Kinsey has been in the service three years, eight months and has been at sea for the past six months. He previously attended the navy V-12 program at Willamette University and ROTC at Los Angeles.

Court Records

Justice Court
Arthur D. Gray, no truck license, \$1 and costs.

John G. Fanning, driver axle overload, \$8.25 and costs.

Melvin J. Pagano, trailer unit overload, \$12.50 and costs; combination overload, \$9 and costs.

Roger D. Clement, and James P. Heath, combination overload, cited.

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Ascencion Maya, intoxicated on public highway, fined \$4.50 court costs.

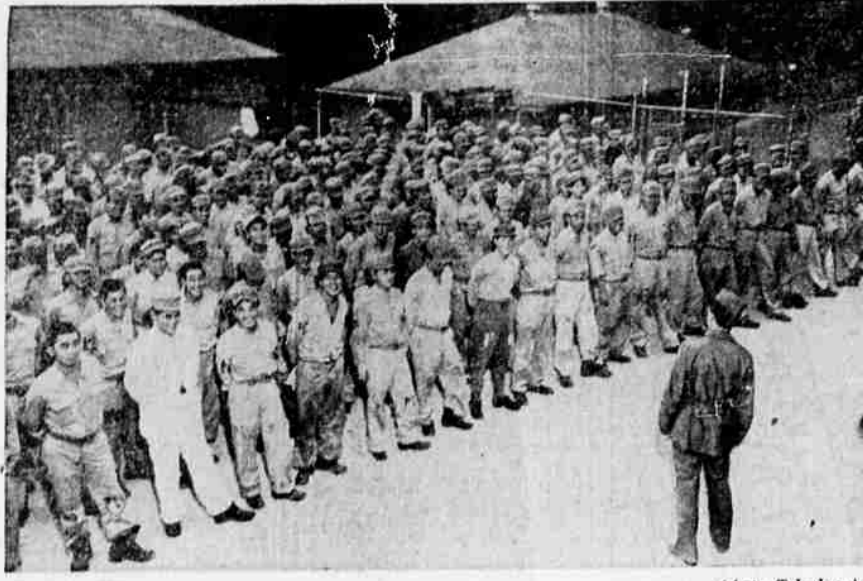
John Charles Desmond, unlawful transportation of alcoholic liquor, \$50 and costs.

Iris B. Millard, combination overload, \$9.25 and costs.

Police Court
Knowlton Curran, and Granville R. Collins, drunk, five days suspended.

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While Japanese soldiers in other parts of world mirror their disappointment over loss of war, this group of prisoners of war at Angel Island, San Francisco Bay, Calif., appears happy upon receiving news of capitulation.

WACS SNOOTY TO GI JOE OVERSEAS, LETTER REVEALS

Bad Tolz, Germany, Aug. 22—(U.P.)—The only WAC detachment in this area was up in arms today against an unidentified WAC sergeant who asked the army newspaper Stars and Stripes if it was permissible for WACS to fraternize with German men.

Her query provoked a storm of bitter letters from GIs, who charged that WACS in general had been "snooty" toward American soldiers and particularly that they habitually ignored American enlisted men whenever the companionship of officers was available.

Acerimonious GI letters still were appearing in Stars and Stripes today.

One letter said that during the day WACS "give the enlisted man a smile and a doughnut. But they spend the evening riding with officers in jeeps and staff cars."

Pvt. Demaris Clark of Portland, Ore., said: "If I like a man, I'd go out with him if he was a Hotentot—but not a German. We'd like to get our hands on that WAC sergeant for even thinking about fraternizing with Germans who have killed so many of our boys."

Letter Exposes Hardships Found On Ocean Voyage

A letter telling of the hardships encountered in the army was recently received from Cpl. Walter L. Miller, Jr., by his mother, Mrs. Walter L. Miller, Sr., at Sams Valley.

Among other things, Cpl. Miller told of seeing a gang fight aboard ship enroute to the south Pacific. The fight started over a piece of old bread that was moldy and had been taken from a slop bucket, the corporal wrote.

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AMBULANCE SERVICE

FRANK MCCARTHY IS SELECTED AS BYRNES' HELPER

Washington, Aug. 22—(U.P.)—President Truman has appointed Col. Frank McCarthy of Richmond, Va., to be an assistant secretary of state succeeding Julius C. Holme, resigned.

McCarthy has served on the war department's general staff as an aide to Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff.

In his new post, McCarthy will direct administration of the state department and the U. S. foreign service.

McCarthy graduated from Virginia military institute only 12 years ago and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the field artillery reserve. He sandwiched a year of news reporting on the Richmond News Leader in between four years as an instructor at VMI.

McCarthy earned a master's degree in government at the University of Virginia in 1940, then entered active military duty as first lieutenant in the office of the assistant chief of staff. He became assistant secretary of the army general staff in June 1, 1941, serving chiefly as liaison officer between the staff and the White House.

McCarthy holds the distinguished service medal for his duty in the war department, he has accompanied Marshall to international conferences at London, Casablanca, Algiers, Cairo, Tehran, Yalta and Potsdam.

est bicycle trip was to New York.

ALBION, Mich. (U.P.)—Seventy-two-year-old William Verlaan of Kalamazoo added more mileage to his bicycle travels by pedaling 50 miles from Kalamazoo to Albion in four and a half hours, and back again. Verlaan's long-

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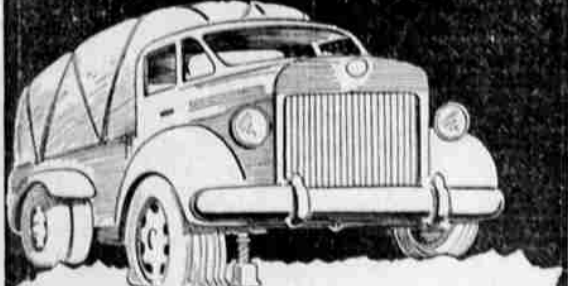
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