

FOREST FIRE LOSS LARGEST IN YEARS; TILLAMOOK WORST

Preliminary Report Shows
166,588 Acres Burned
Over Bolts Main Cause.

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Salem, Ore., Dec. 26 — (U.P.) —
Forest fires in state and associa-
tion-protected territory of Ore-
gon burned over a total of 166-
588 acres of land during 1945,
according to a preliminary year-
ly report of State Forester Nels
Rogers.

The 1945 total acreage burned
was more than the amount burn-
ed during the entire preceding
five years, although the number
of fires, 823, was smaller this
year than any of the preceding
five years with the exception of
1942.

Bolts Main Cause
Lightning was the biggest fire
bug with 325 fires to its credit
in 1945. Smokers head the list
of man-caused fires with 54
blazes credited to that cause.
Incendiary, which struck mainly
in southwest Oregon, caused 105
fires, the report said.

Other causes were railroads,
16; logging, 58; slashing, includ-
ing debris burning, 49; campers,
42, and miscellaneous, 71.

Fires started by hunters were
not segregated in the report and
are listed among campers, smok-
ers or miscellaneous.

The biggest fire of the year, of
course, was the Tillamook-Sal-
monberry conflagration which
burned over 133,000 acres, nearly
half the total burned this
year. The Cronin Creek area of
the lower Nehalem river is
not included in the Salmon-Til-
lamook fire even though it was
caused by spot fires from the
Tillamook blaze, the report
stated.

Polk Fire Large
Polk county's fire in the Wil-
lamette Valley Lumber company
operations covered more than
12,000 acres before being
brought under control by serv-
ice men, loggers and others.

The 1945 season marks the
first year since 1939 that the
state has had any major fire.

Only 96,347 acres were burn-
ed in the five-year period from
1940 to 1944 inclusive. That is
average of only 19,269 acres
yearly.

Add this year's forest fire de-
struction to that and for a six-
year average you get 45,500
acres burned.

Edward A. McGinty Gets Bronze Star For Army Heroism

T/S Edward A. McGinty,
whose wife, Mrs. Margaret Mc-
Ginty, lives at 723 West 11th
street, Medford, has recently
been awarded the bronze star,
according to a dispatch received
from the office of Major General
Albert E. Brown, U. S. army,
commanding.

The citation accompanying the
award said in part: "For distinc-
tive heroism in connection with
military operations against the
enemy on Jan. 4, 1945, near
Haller, Luxembourg. Technician
McGinty, an instrument opera-
tor, was a member of a detail
assigned the hazardous mission
of performing a survey of two
military observation posts locat-
ed well forward of our front
lines. Undeterred by heavy en-
emy artillery and mortar fire,
Technician McGinty and the
group with utter disregard for
personal safety, succeeded in
making the survey, enabling our
artillery to bring accurate and
effective fire upon the enemy
position. His bravery, technical
skill and calmness under fire re-
flect great credit upon himself
and the armed forces."

PATRIARCH DIES

Delano, Cal., Dec. 26 — (U.P.) —
Funeral services were held to-
day for 113-year-old Valente
Ramirez, who was a youth of
17 at the time of the 1849 gold
rush. Surviving Ramirez are
his widow, Mrs. Virilia Vasquez
Ramirez, 115; four sons, Leon,
85; Anastacio, 37; Santos, 59;
and Gregorio, who was born
when the patriarch was 70 years
old, and a daughter, Mrs. Juana
Ramirez, 62.

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Panties

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