

1954 Northwest's Second Best Year in Forest Blaze Control

Second best both in number of fires starting and in acreage burned was the description given the 1954 forest fire season on national-forest-protected land in Oregon and Washington by Kermit W. Linstedt, Regional Fire Control Chief of the U.S. Forest Service, following his summation of reports sent in from the 18 national forest supervisors.

Weatherwise, it was one of the most favorable on record according to information issued by R. W. Cowlin, director of the Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station (research branch of the Forest Service), whose forest fire research section has just completed analyzing fire weather conditions, April through October fire season, in the two states.

Record Years

Fewest fires ever to occur on the lands protected by the Forest Service was in 1948. The lowest burn acreage was recorded in 1953. Total number of fires

started this year was 706; the five-year average is 1,127.

Although obviously pleased with the overall success of the current fire season, Linstedt expressed concern about the 268 preventable, man-caused fires in this year's total, since percentage-wise, hunters were responsible for more than last year. Big-game seekers largely are blamed for 112 fires in the woods during the month of October this year. Hunters who abandoned warming fire were the worst offenders. "We must find some way to make careless hunters aware of the danger associated with strong winds late in the day even though the night and early morning may have been both damp and cool," he said, recalling the outbreak of such fires during the 1952 elk hunting season.

Tops Washington Mark

This year's burn acreage figures for national-forest-protected lands reveal that Oregon's burn topped its sister state to the

north with a seared area of 1,558 acres from 571 fires. Washington experienced 132 acres of burn from 132 fires.

Both federal foresters, in commenting upon the successful season, pointed to the favorable summer fire weather as one reason for the low fire losses. The forest fire research section of the experiment station found the summer fire danger as low as any on record with lightning storm occurrence fewest in recent years and less than half as frequent as in 1953.

Fire season danger ratings are based upon the various factors influencing the start and spread of forest fires. In both western Oregon and western Washington the experiment station's 1954 burning index figures—based upon a combination of relative humidity and wind speed—were a record, low for the summer.

Number of rainless days was below normal, dry periods were unusually short, temperatures were below normal and the number of days with relative humidity below 30 percent, point at which logging operations cease west of the Cascades, was fewest since 1948 in western Washington and fewest since 1941 in western Oregon north of the Rogue river watershed. Cowlin indicated that more complete fire danger and weather data are to be published shortly by the experiment station.

Other Important Factors

Though favorable weather prevailed, Fire Control Chief Linstedt gave credit to a number of other factors important in keeping fires out of the woods. Cooperation of forest visitors, intensive prevention efforts through the Keep Green associations and the cooperative forest fire prevention (Smoky Bear) campaign backed by the efforts of state and private protective agencies, press, radio, TV and other individuals and groups contributed much.

"Foresters generally are in a good position for next year," he said. "Most of the logging debris has been eliminated as a future fire hazard through controlled burning during the favorable fall weather just past."

Police Chief Warns Against Hazards Of Winter Driving

Police Chief Charles Champlin warned yesterday that probably hundreds of people in Medford are big time gamblers without realizing it.

"They're the motorists who gamble their lives on a guess that maybe it won't freeze until next week," he said.

Fatal Mistake

"They put off getting their cars ready for winter until after freezing weather and fog have arrived. That can be a fatal mistake—just once."

November fog and bad weather, the chief added, can be more hazardous to motorists than January storms, because they come unexpectedly and find many motorists unprepared, both mechanically and psychologically.

He urged Medford motorists to observe the following safety rules now:

1. Don't blame accidents on the weather; be ready for bad weather.
2. When fog or freezing temperatures come, get the "feel" of the road before starting out. Clear windshield.
3. Keep the windshield clear of fog and frost, and be sure headlights, windshield wiper and defrosters are working.
4. On snow and ice, use tire chains. They cut stopping distance in half, and give four to seven times greater traction.
5. When you can't stop, don't jam on the brakes. "Pump" your brakes to avoid skids.
6. Follow other cars at a safe distance. Give yourself room in which to stop, if the other fellow does.

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Exams Slated for Police Lieutenant

Written and oral civil service examinations to fill both the lieutenant and a sergeant's post in the Medford police department have been tentatively set for Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the city hall, according to Chief Charles Champlin.

The tests will be given by the city Civil Service board and both examinations will be simultaneous, Champlin said.

Only department employees will take the tests, with four scheduled to take the lieutenant's exam, with three eligible by way of service. They are Sgts. Clyde Fichtner, Lyle Perkins and C. W. Lacey. Sixteen are eligible to take the sergeant's exam, including everyone with at least one year of service.

The police chief pointed out that the civil service examination will be carried out as a part of an overall plan to improve the selection of men for police work. This is the first such examination ever given in the department and Champlin stated it is planned to carry through on it by giving regular exams to applicants for patrolmen positions.

This type of examination was one of the recommendations by William P. Beall in his survey of the local department, the chief added.

Banks along the Suez canal are chiefly of sand and gravel. In some places, however, concrete has been used to check erosion and slide damage.

High Court Denies Dismissal Motion

The Oregon supreme court has denied the motion seeking dismissal of the state's appeal in a check case which started more than a year ago, according to the district attorney's office. Motion for dismissal was made by Attorney Edward Kelly for Walter Pirkey, 42, of 146 Laurel st., Central Point, who was charged with drawing a \$120 check payable to Cooksey Motors on April 3, 1953, without sufficient funds in the bank to cover it.

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Last March 17, a circuit court decision sustained Kelly's demurrer on the grounds that the law involved was unconstitutional. Following the ruling, the state filed notice of appeal on April 15, but due to an error,

transcripts were not sent to the supreme court within the 30-day deadline. This was the basis for the motion to dismiss the appeal. The state has filed a brief with the supreme court on the matter.

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ACCUSED OF SPYING, charge U.S. officials say violates Korean truce agreement, these two airmen are among 13 from downed bombers sentenced by Chinese Reds to prison. Lt. Col. John Knox, Jr. (left), Silver Spring, Md., received 10-year sentence while Lt. Wallace Brown, Banks, Ala., was given five years. (International)

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