

## Ashland Youth Leads In Porcupine Contest

Russell Reeck, 14, of box 130, Ashland, a newcomer to the porcupine reduction contest sponsored by the Medford Kiwanis club and Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, took the lead for the first quarter, turning in 200 porcupine noses during August.

This put him ahead of Clara Jean Fink, 12, Eagle Point, who led July entrants with 47 and added 135 last month for a total of 182.

**Less Porcupines**  
With two months of the contest passed, the county is less than 500 porcupines from the work of the young hunters. The year-long contest is open to all county residents between the ages of 12 and 18. Its purpose is to rid forest lands of as many porcupines as possible to eliminate the damage they do to trees.

The Kiwanis club and the chamber of commerce recently published a contest bulletin containing information on prizes and rules. Supplies of bulletins have been placed in Lamport's, Hubbard Brothers, Sam's Sporting Goods, Robinson Brothers, and Rogue Sportman stores in Medford, in Eberhart's in Ashland, and in Livingston's in Central Point.

**Prizes on Display**  
First, second and third prizes of hunting equipment for the first quarter are on display at Eberhart's in Ashland. They will be given to contestants for noses collected between July 1 and Sept. 30. Quarterly and grand prizes for the year will be given, with money for the merchandise donated by local lumber and logging firms.

Contestants are to bring their "porky" noses, showing both nostrils, to the county clerk's office or the Prospect office of Elk Lumber company. The county pays a \$1 bounty per nose to all persons regardless of age.

Entrants and total numbers of noses credited to them for July and August are as follows:  
Russell Reeck, 200; Clara Jean Fink, 182; Stanton Marshall, 15; of Winston, 35; Ronald Scholer, 34; Roland Peyton, 14; of 3091 Lone Pine rd., 21; Lucille Smith, 15; of Keno, 13; Jim Stever, 12; of 248 Mace rd., 9; Loretta Smith, 15; of Keno, 8; Ginger Munday, 14; of route 1, box 147, Gold Hill, 9; Iwala Hanenkrat, 12; of route 1, box 24, Jacksonville, 6; Samuel Barker Jr., 12; of route 2, box 381-A, Gold Hill, 3; Gary L. Evans, Central Point, 3; Virgil L. Backes Jr., 12; of Jacksonville, and Richard McCann, route 1, box 572, Central Point, both 1.

## Land Released For Entry Near Vale

Washington—UP—The Interior department has announced that 1,720 acres of public lands northwest of Vale in eastern Oregon had been released to application for entry under the public land laws.

The bureau of land management, in restoring the released lands to the unreserved public domain, established Sept. 29, 1956, as the date when applications received from veterans and others having preference rights became effective. Applications from non-veterans will not become effective until Dec. 29, 1956.

The land had been in a power site reserve. BLM said that unless or until the restored lands were classified by its technicians as suitable for use intended by the applicant, no application for entry would be approved; nor may the lands be entered or occupied except for mineral purposes.

## Woodburn Area Man Seriously Wounded

Woodburn—UP—A 50-year-old Woodburn-area man was shot and seriously wounded at his home Monday and state police said today his son-in-law was in custody.

Wounded was Ivan Lazroff. He was taken to Salem Memorial hospital where he was reported in "pretty good" condition with shotgun wounds of the face and upper body.

Officers said the son-in-law, Vassil Mike Jabin, 28, admitted the shooting and was taken to Marion county jail charged with armed assault.

The shooting took place when Jabin stopped to visit Lazroff after going pigeon hunting with a friend.

## May Dismiss Charges Of Shoplifting

London—UP—Nina Ponomareva, Russia's 27-year-old champion discus thrower, may emerge from hiding today in time to hear that charges accusing her of petty shoplifting have been dismissed.

Magistrate Clyde Wilson of Marlborough Street Magistrates Court was expected to dismiss the charges against the hefty woman athlete of stealing five 90-cent hats from a London store.

Nina, a teacher and mother of one child, went into hiding soon after the charge was filed last week, touching off an international incident which rocked British and Soviet diplomatic circles.

## Medford Man Injured In Fall From Roof

Joe D. Thornton, 66, of 901 Lozier lane, Medford, was reported in "fair" condition today after spending a "poor" night at Rogue Valley hospital, where he was taken by Medford Ambulance service at 12:55 p.m. Tuesday when he fell from the roof of his home.

The attending physician said Thornton is suffering from fractures of both wrists, left elbow and nose. He was working on the roof at the time of the accident. It was estimated he fell 12 to 13 feet to the ground.

## 85 Blazes Spotted In Rogue River National Forest

A total of 85 fires were spotted in the Rogue River National Forest from the beginning of the 1956 fire season through Aug. 24, forest officials reported today.

Fourteen acres of land were burned in the 85 blazes. Nine of the fires were man-caused, officials said, and 76 were started by lightning.

**Regional Total**  
Kermit W. Linstedt, forest service regional fire control chief, said a total of 1,457 fires requiring suppression action were reported on national forest protective areas in the entire Pacific Northwest region.

He said about 90 per cent of these fires were lightning-caused and occurred in the most remote sections of the region, the North Cascades, Southern Cascades, Blue and Siskiyou mountains.

Linstedt added, "This promises to be one of the heaviest years of record in the occurrence of lightning fires. With approximately 1,300 lightning fires through Aug. 24, we are rapidly approaching the total for the extreme season of 1941. In that year lightning bolts set 1,932 fires."

From the total number of fires in the region through Aug. 24, an estimated total of 975 acres has been burned. Linstedt said this is an average of only approximately 7 of an acre per fire, an all-time low for the region.

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