

Progress Report on Salvage in Haystack Burn Completed by FS

A progress report of salvage and rehabilitation on the 73,000-acre Haystack forest fire has been completed by Klamath national forest, the forest service has announced.

The fire, which occurred in September, 1955, near Yreka, destroyed approximately 300 million board feet of timber. Forest service timber totaled 140 million feet, most of which has been sold and salvage-logged. The remainder is being salvaged by several private landowners including the Southern Pacific Land company, Fruit Growers Supply company and J. F. Sharp Lumber company.

Timber Removed
To date, 94.7 million board feet of fire-killed timber worth \$2,018,332 has been removed from the Yreka ranger district. The bulk of the timber was sold in 31 sales ranging from 550 thousand to 14 1/2 million board feet. A total of \$413,774 has been collected to plant seedling trees in the burned area. An additional \$21,000 has been used in planting grass on 6,800 acres as an erosion prevention measure.

Rogue valley loggers still operating in the area include Talent Sawmills, Lithia Lumber company, McGrew Brothers and John Wheeler.

Volume Remaining
The major volume of timber remaining is Douglas fir and white fir. In 1956, the operations were concentrated on the pines which deteriorate rapidly. The fir shows only slight damage to date and is expected to remain in relatively good condition into next summer.

Preparation and administration of the several salvage projects included survey and posting of 100 miles of sale boundaries, cruising of 18,000 acres to obtain timber volumes, 78 miles of road construction and 20 miles of reconstruction. Eighteen scalers were recruited and trained locally.

Work Under Way
Rehabilitation work on the burned area is well under way. Five contractors are now planting 2,215 acres with 1,500,000 two- and three-year-old pines. Owen Thomas of Medford and L. A. Young of Milo are among the planting contractors.

Forest service crews planted 480 acres in 1956, and expect to

plant an additional 200 to 300 acres this spring. The Forest service also will spot seed 1,200 acres. Rodent control is a part of the spot seeding program, officials said.

Maximum rehabilitation benefit is sought from natural seed fall. About 5,000 partially green acres have been treated with poison grain to reduce seed-eating rodent population. A second treatment for rodents will be repeated this month.

John Day Memorial Delayed in Committee

Salem—UP—An amendment to a proposed memorial which would ask Congress for money for John Day dam caused a delay on the proposal in the State and Federal Affairs Committee of the Senate yesterday.

The amendment, by Sen. Warren Gill of Lebanon, would put the Legislature on record as asking Congress to guarantee Oregonians a full and equitable share of power from the dam and that the power would be available either to private or public utilities. Sen. Walter Pearson, Portland Democrat, asked more time to study the proposal.

The House has approved the memorial.

4-H Club News

Ruch Dairy, Electricity
Some changes were made in the Ruch dairy and electricity clubs when they met at John Ramsay's home Thursday.

Ed Fossen, dairy club leader, has resigned, and Rex Davis is the new leader. He will be assisted by Fred West. Noel Dunlap resigned as secretary, and William Dahl was elected in his place. The two clubs will separate into their own units as soon as an adult leader is found for the electricity club, which will become a general arts club. It will include photography. Jerome Peterson is the Junior leader.

Several members are taking part in the minstrel show at Applegate March 29 and in the Friendship Follies at Medford High school Thursday.

After the meeting adjourned refreshments were served. Robert Ziegler, Reporter

School-age children are the buyers of about 85 per cent of all the band instruments now sold in the United States.



DISCUSS PROJECT—Congressman Charles O. Porter discusses the Rogue River Basin project with Mr. and Mrs. Mark E. Norton, Phoenix, who visited Porter's Washington, D.C., office last month. The congressman indicated he plans to submit a bill at this session to authorize construction of the remaining features of the project. Thus far, the Talent project is the only part of the Rogue River Basin project approved by congress.

Grange Notes

Upper Rogue

Upper Rogue held their birthday potluck supper Thursday, March 7 with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Moorehead and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Shinek serving.

Chester Wendt of Central Point Grange and director of Civil Defense of Jackson county was present and introduced General Joseph Hicks who gave a talk on Civil Defense after which Master Caroline Harding called the meeting to order.

Mr. and Mrs. Heston Grieve of Prospect were visitors and all officers but Mr. and Mrs. Robert Work were present. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Barber who have been visiting in Washington, Arizona and California for the past three months were welcomed back.

The master appointed Bob Darrohn chairman of safety and fire insurance. It was reported that any member can insure jewelry, silverware and other valuables.

Conger reported on road conditions and Barber gave a brief talk on legislature. It was announced the Soil Conservation meeting will be held in Eagle Point Grange hall Monday, March 18, at 8 p.m.

Starting April 4 the Grange will meet twice a month, the first and third Thursday with M.C. meeting the second meeting the second Thursday at noon with a luncheon.

Mrs. Caroline L. Harding Publicity.

Central Point Grange

The Central Point Grange will have a St. Patrick's day party, Friday, March 15, to dedicate the new kitchen and to honor Fred Kurt, his building committee and all volunteer helpers who have worked on the kitchen.

The business meeting will be short and preceded by a potluck dinner at 6:30. Members are asked to bring service.

Grange friends are invited to the lecturer's program. The display table will consist of animals, birds, or other figures carved from an Irish potato. This is open to all men of the subordinate and boys from the Juvenile Granges.

The women and the juvenile girls are asked to participate in a hat style show titled "It Came From the Kitchen." Hats are to be made of anything that can be used in a kitchen. Some participants plan to donate all or part of their equipment to the Grange. Mrs. Scott Hamilton will act as narrator. Mrs. Melvin Hall will sing several Irish songs. Some of the juveniles will entertain with a Bunny Hop.

A number will be given by Sharon Anderson, George Hunt, Laurel Setnes and Leighton Skov of Crater High school. Dancing is scheduled.

The serving committee will be Mr. and Mrs. Morris Frink, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tonn and Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Wilson.

The Central Point all-girl drill team journeyed to Eagle Point Grange Tuesday night where they put on the first and second degree work.

All four degrees will be exemplified by our teams in April. Dates will be announced later. Candidates from other Granges will be welcome.

WANTS FRESH START

Traverse City, Mich.—UP—The owner of a grocery received a letter containing \$5 Monday from a soldier. The repentant recruit wrote that he had stolen a carton of cigarettes from the store three years ago and wanted to pay for them so he could "start Army life clean."

WHAT, NO EARS?

Passaic, N.J.—UP—A local department store is looking for a woman who squeaks like a rabbit. If her squeak is authentic she will be chosen to play the Easter Bunny at the store for one month.

PROSPECT Whisker Contest Scheduled

The student council at Prospect High school is sponsoring a whisker contest. Entrance fee for the contest is 50 cents and on April 1, prizes will be given to the best bearded student, as well as the one with the most unusual beard. At the end of the contest, the contestants will be required to shave their beards in front of the student body.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne King Portland spent several days visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Younger.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dale have moved from Medford and are now making their home at the Red Blanket lumber camp. Mr. and Mrs. Houston Click have moved from Prospect and are now living at Talent.

Ladies of the Home Extension will meet Wednesday, March 13, at 10:30 a.m. at the Community hall.

Spring vacation is March 14 and 15 Saturday and Sunday following will give the students four days from school.

Roller skating will be held March 12 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Community club. Stub Bean is in charge of the children skating.

Assembly of God church held a special meeting Friday. Two visiting missionaries were present and showed colored pictures of Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Crenshaw returned home from an extended trip and visit with relatives and friends at Portland and Albany.

The annual World Day of Prayer was observed at the

PHOENIX Banquet Honors Players

By LILLIAN KNIGHT

Phoenix—A grade school basketball banquet honoring boys on the team and their parents was held Feb. 28. Boys present were Other Richey, Melvin Bushnell, Gerald Sloper, Claire Coggins, Mike Consbuck, Raymond Thompson, Dean Sommers, Wayne Ditsworth, Roy Lester, Ralph Younger, Roger Kelsoe, Les Baker, Danny Lumley, Steven Kesler, David Johnson, Curtis Harris, Glen Thompson, and Ernie Bolz.

Yell leaders present were Charlotte Chaffin, Linda Gobel, Bonnie Thompson, and Sharon Miller. Waitresses serving were girls from the seventh and eighth grades and included Gwen Feris, Ella Fay Keeney, Frances Keivet, Joyce Stockstill, Teresa Six, Sharon Hall, Midi Luther, and Dorothy Bilderback. Mothers assisting in the kitchen were Mrs. Joyce Stockstill and Mrs. Ruby Keivet.

E. M. Skipworth was master of ceremonies. Lewis Bertrand, school coach, spoke. Speeches were also made by E. R. James, superintendent; John Myers, principal; and Meris Sommers, a member of the school board.

Centerpieces for tables were baskets of gray and maroon crepe paper and made by Mrs. Kathryn Stancliff's eight grade class. The tables were decorated by Mrs. Richard Ditsworth and Mrs. William Sommers.

The Firemen's annual benefit ball will be held Saturday, March 16, at the Phoenix Community club. Tickets may be obtained from any member of the department. Visiting firemen and their wives will be admitted without charge. Members of the auxiliary will serve refreshments.

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UP IN ARMS—Soldier aiming carbine demonstrates one of the potential Army uses for Hiller's Flying Platform during tests at the Hiller plant in Palo Alto, Calif. The Army has ordered two new versions of the Platform. The principle can possibly be enlarged to carry many troops.

Vacation Schedule For YMCA Listed

A special spring vacation schedule of activities at the Medford YMCA was announced today by Bob Jones, executive secretary of the Y.

The schedule will be in effect Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week. The Saturday schedule will not change, Jones said.

The boys gymnasium schedule will be: grade school age boys, 10 a.m.; junior high school age, 11 a.m.; and senior high and college age, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. The girls gymnasium schedule will be: grade and junior high school age, 2 p.m.; high school age, 3 p.m. Thursday; and the regular member schedule at 3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday.

Play swim periods will follow the gymnasium schedules, and swim classes will meet at regular times, Jones said.

McLEOD Couple Returns From South

BY CAROLINE HARDING
McLeod—Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Hughes have returned from a month's visit in Arizona. While they were gone their son, David, managed their locker plant at Shady Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Chandler returned from a trip to California. In Santa Ana they were the house guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, and in Sacramento visited Mrs. Ruth Hart, former owner of the grocery at Cascade Gorge.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harding were over-night guests Monday,

March 4, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ellis in Medford. They had dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Close.

Recent visitors at "Harding's Paradise" were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kohernik of Roseburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eger and son, Ralph, of Eureka, Calif.

The new officers of Elk-Trail P.T.A. are president, Mrs. Roy Anderson; vice president, Mrs. Tom Smith; secretary, Mrs. LeRoy Draper; and treasurer, Mrs. Everett Cushman.

A REAL JOLT
Los Angeles—(UP)—Sadao Sakaguchi, 23, recently arrived from Japan, and his friend Hobbide Kyoko, 27, were recovering today from effects of the American "cocktail." Miss Kyoko told doctors she was under the impression that laundry bleach they had drunk was "an acceptable American cocktail."

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