

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Responsibility in Timber Fire Laws Affecting Operators Told

Responsibility of a logging operator during a timber fire and new laws passed by the recent Oregon legislature affecting logging operations were discussed Friday night at a meeting of the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm Association at the Medford hotel.

Lee Port Jr., forest service district supervisor for southwest Oregon, said the question of who was responsible for a fire involving timberland became an issue in 1951 after a fire in Douglas county that burned over 1,800 acres.

Out of the case the Oregon supreme court evolved a policy declaring fires the responsibility of the land-owner, logging operator or person in possession of the land if the fire breaks out in what is called an "operation area."

Port said a place defined as an operation area is a place where crews are now or have been engaged in logging operations. In each fire, he added, the state forester has the duty of controlling it and is required to take charge of fire-fighting operations.

In such a fire it could happen that all four parties — land-owner, operator, person in possession and state forest officer — would share responsibility for controlling it, he said.

According to Port, when a fire starts the forest officer will deliver a "notice of existence" to the parties involved, stipulating man-power and equipment necessary to extinguish the blaze.

It is then up to the three parties to decide among themselves who will furnish the most man-power and equipment to control the fire, Port said. If they provide inadequate forces, he added, forest service crews will make up the difference and "settle with the negligent parties" after the fire is out.

"Reasonable Effort" Required
In every fire on an operation area the land-owner, operator and person in possession is required to make a "reasonable effort" to extinguish it, Port said.

The forest supervisor noted that what constitutes a "reasonable effort" is a legal question and the only thing concerning the forestry department is the "cost and procedure of controlling a fire."

Port pointed out that, according to the law, a land-owner cannot "contract away" his statutory liability if a fire occurs in an operation area on his land. The land-owner is still responsible to furnish fire-fighting crews regardless of any contract, he said.

However, Port said, when a fire occurs in an area of "standing timber" where no operation area exists, neither the land-owner, operator nor person in possession is under an obligation to control it. In this case, he said, the blaze is the responsibility of the forest service.

Port said only two laws affecting forest land and logging operators were passed by the legislature, both of which were minor.

Must Fall Snags

One new law requires operators to fall all snags measuring 12 inches in diameter and 15 feet in height. Previously they were required to cut down snags measuring 16 inches in diameter and 25 feet in height, Port said. The other new law requires operators to acquire the land-

owner's signature on his plan for reforesting the area where he is cutting before the forestry department can approve it.

Preceding Port's talk, members of the SOCTFA honored Jack Wood, supervisor of the Rogue River National forest. He will soon assume duties with the division of cooperative fire control, Washington, D.C. Wood was presented with a billfold, and several "gag" gifts.

Successor at Meeting
Carroll Brown, Wood's successor, and J. Herbert Stone, regional forester, Portland, also attended the meeting.

Earlier, Don Whalin, retiring SOCTFA president, turned the position over to Melvin W. McGrew, of McGrew Brother Logging company, Medford, who recently was elected president.

Other new officers are Bob Kline, vice president, Medford; Lloyd Silva, vice president, Grants Pass; Ben Nork, treasurer, Shady Cove; and Russ Hogue, Medford; A. C. Smith, Wolf Creek; Leo Hoar, Trail; Ray O'ford, Jacksonville; and Bernard Parent, Central Point, all directors.

HORNBROOK Parties Given At School

By MRS. H. H. CHAPMAN

Hornbrook—Al Gregory, principal of the local grammar school, and Mrs. Gregory, were guests of honor at parties given by the seventh and eighth grade pupils and their mothers at the schoolhouse Thursday evening.

While the youngsters and Mr. Gregory were having their party in the playground in the basement the mothers gave Mrs. Gregory a layette shower in the upstairs auditorium.

Hostesses for the shower were Mrs. Loren Cummins, Mrs. Gladys Jones, and Mrs. Lauran Paine, and guests besides Mrs. Gregory and daughter Kathy, were Mrs. L. C. Walsh, Mrs. Curtis Peters, Mrs. Elsie Hogan, Mrs. Robert Farmer, Mrs. Al Kutzky, Mrs. Frank Cardoza, Mrs. Alvin McMaster, Mrs. Ray Blankenship, Mrs. W. A. Rutledge, and Mrs. Tom Watt Jr.

The seventh and eighth graders also presented a gift to Mr. Gregory. In August the Gregories are returning to Boston, Mass., where they lived before coming to California.

Mrs. Will Rogers of Klamath River, entertained the Auction Bridge club at the Klamath River lodge on Wednesday.

A dessert luncheon preceded the afternoon's play. Members playing were Mrs. Frank Ohlund, who held high score, Mrs. Lester Nye, who placed second, Mrs. Kay Kettlewell, Mrs. Marshall Horn, Mrs. Henley Clawson, Mrs. Bertha Bradley, and Mrs. Archie Winders of Santa Rosa, who was a guest player.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Balbi and baby daughter, Valerie Jean, of Stockton, Calif., are spending a few days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Sloan.

The Women's Society of the Community Methodist church met on Thursday at the home of Mrs. Minnie Bloomingcamp. There were 12 members present. Devotions were led by the hostess, and the meeting was conducted by the president, Mrs. Clarence Gowing.

The treasurer's report showed that a total of \$40 was cleared at the Mother's Day cake and apron sale. The next meeting will be on June 13 at the church. This will be a work meeting, and will begin at 11 a.m.

All those attending are asked to bring a sack lunch, and coffee will be served.

Mr. and Mrs. Ardon Burns drove to Anderson, Calif., last weekend, where they visited their niece and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Spearin and two sons.

Copco—Mr. and Mrs. Therman Turner spent last weekend in Sacramento, where they visited their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Hoffman.

Judge and Mrs. Walter Matthews of Etna, Calif., were Mother's Day guests of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marrie Chappel had as overnight guests recently, their father and mother, who were on a return trip from California to Washington.

The Pinochle club met at Mrs.

NEWS NOTES from Crater High School

By PAT MEDLEY

The annual awards assembly was held last Wednesday to present outstanding students in all with awards

and honors. Ron Harrison, student body president, presided over the assembly and introduced each person who presented an award.

The installation of student body officers for next year was the first item on the agenda, and each of the new officers took his oath of office from the present officer, Joe Teeter, student body president for next year, spoke briefly to the assembly.

Judy Van Horn and Richard Evans received the "Jeromes" for best actress and actor of the year. Ron Lamb, dramatics instructor, made the presentation of the coveted status. He also announced the members of Curtain Callers who received pins for achievement and work on productions.

The Girl of the Year award was received by Irma Penwell from Pat Medley, Girls League president. Irma was given a silver bracelet which was engraved with "Girl of the Year" and "1957."

Crater High Principal Arthur Strauss, presented Sara Richards with the Daughters of the American Revolution good citizenship award. Nancy Barnes and Carl Koellner were presented with books entitled "I Dare You," which went with the Danforth Foundation award for citizenship and leadership. Strauss also presented the Danforth awards.

Journalism awards were presented by Geraldine White, journalism instructor. Sally Elden and Kathy Coe, annual editors, received the George S. Turnbull award for outstanding yearbook work. Linda Warren and Pat Higinbotham, annual editors for next year, and Sandra Gus, paper editor for next year, were presented awards. Dennis Kottke, managing editor of the school paper, and Pat Medley, Mail Tribune correspondent, received the Eric W. Allen award for newspaper work.

The outstanding chemistry student award went to Lary Smith. Allan Hawley received the outstanding mathematics student award. Both of these awards were presented by Clarence Miller, science and high math teacher.

Jean Malot and Mike Teeter were presented the social studies award by Clarence Melbye, American Problems teacher. Melbye has resigned to become principal of Central High school in Monmouth-Independence. As a token of appreciation, the senior class honored him with a farewell gift, which was presented by John Greb, senior class president.

The school spirit award went to Rose Drake. A second place school spirit award went to Pat King, and a large group of students were presented honorable mention school spirit awards. Sharon Lilly, yell queen, presented the school spirit cup.

Gold Key art awards and merit certificates were presented by Warren Holbrook, art instructor. Ben Hathaway, Ruth Thurmond, Beverly Little, Mary Savage, Grace Gail and Marilyn Hixon received gold keys for outstanding art entries in the

Scholastic art contest. Ruth Thurmond was introduced as especially outstanding for art work. She has received gold keys each of her four years at Crater.

Band awards were presented to four outstanding senior band members. Grace Gail, Don Hubbard, Jack Hamilton and Janice Henry were given gifts appropriate to the band awards they received. All the band members were given their letters and chevrons. These awards were presented by the music instructor, Norman Carothers.

The Girls Athletic association president, Lona Bishop, and adviser, Lorraine Hall, presented the GAA letters and awards. Sara Turner, Janet Anderson and Irma Penwell received gifts and special recognition for outstanding achievement. All three girls have earned over 300 points in GAA. The president, Lona Bishop, was presented a gift from the organization.

Carol Harris, adviser for the cheer leaders, presented them with their awards, and commended them for their work and display of sportsmanship and school spirit.

All the athletic awards also were presented, but the recipients are too numerous to list. Bill Piche, freshman coach, presented Ed Knapp presented track letters and wrestling awards. Laurence Larson, JV basketball coach, presented his team with letters.

Thursday was a sad day for seniors. Baccalaureate practice was held with the band and underclassmen voluntarily stated that they never have seen such a solemn group of students. Even those devil-may-care type of students who couldn't wait to "get out" looked serious and even a little sad. A number of "big lumps" clogged throats when the band began to play Pomp and Circumstance, and more than one student quietly shed tears.

Friday the seniors' robes arrived and after the initial excitement and confusion subsided the graduating group shed some more tears and "lumpy throats."

The last issue of Crater Comments, the school paper, came out last week. This was the "Senior Issue" and carried the results of the "Senior Favorites" election. Irma Penwell and Ron

Harrison were voted "Most Popular" seniors. Pat Medley and Gary Smith were voted "Most Likely to Succeed" by their classmates. Dixie Walker and Dave Parker were declared to be the "Best Looking" seniors. Grace Gail and Lary Smith received the "Most Intellectual" title, and Janet Anderson and Fred Herrmann were named "Most Athletic."

The Comettes held a meeting last week to determine the site and date of their annual Comette party. It was decided that the party should be at Lake of the Woods the last week end of June. These week end camping trips are always enjoyable to the old and new Comettes, and give the working Comettes a chance to acquire a sun tan.

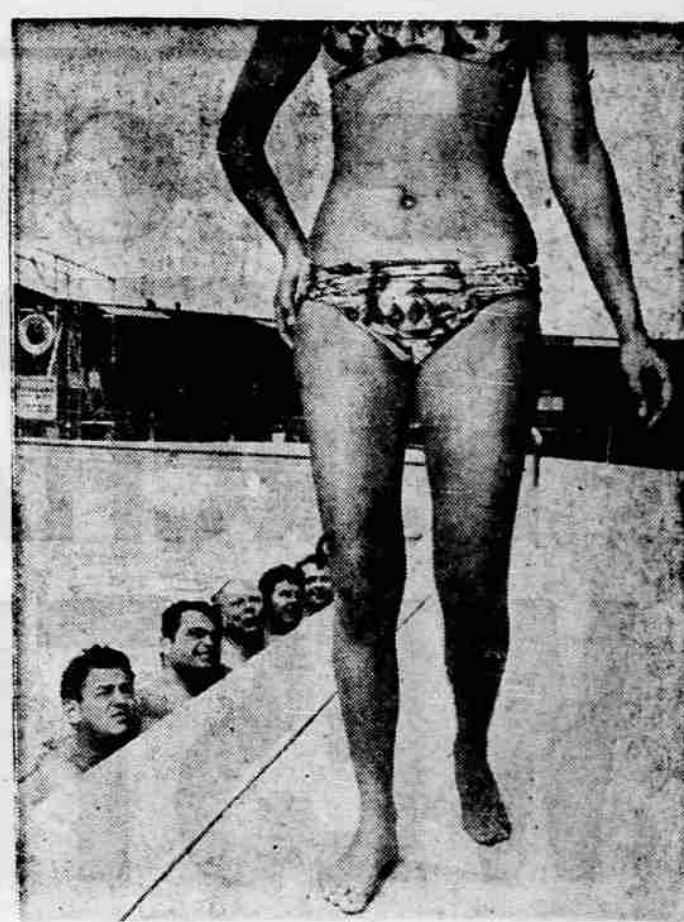
An installation of new Girls league officers has been planned for Monday. The new officers will be installed at a candlelight ceremony. Carol von der Hellen will assume duties as the new president, and Gail Collins will become vice president. Arvela Prom will be secretary, Julia Thomason, treasurer, and Jeanette Purdy, publicity chairman.

Future Homemakers of America held their installation Friday. President Irma Penwell officiated over the candlelight ceremony. Bev Sanderson installed Arvela Prom as the new vice president. Arvela, the present secretary, then installed Connie Black to replace her as secretary. The present treasurer, Pat Medley, installed Connie McDonough, new parliamentarian, Janet Kilbourn, was installed Linda Tidwell as historian. Patty Kime took her office of degree chairman from Nancy Barnes, and Mary Jones was installed as recreational leader by Sharon Lilly. The new president, Vernola Hutchison, received the gavel from Irma Penwell. Frances Willett, adviser, introduced the outstanding senior members who were leaving.

Williams Man Fined For Dumping Refuse on Road

Grants Pass—A Williams man, Whirley Gay Tompkins Jr., 18, was fined \$54.50 Wednesday in Grants Pass justice court after pleading guilty to a charge of dumping refuse on a public road.

Justice R. E. Smith suspended \$25 of the fine on condition that Tompkins clean up the refuse. Tompkins was charged with dumping refuse on the right-of-way of the East Fork Williams Creek rd., within a few feet of a sign warning against such dumping, as well as on private property belonging to Jack Miller, along the same road.



KEEP COOL, MEN—The judges in this beauty contest are keeping real cool about the whole thing as they cast their expert eyes from the swimming pool of the Edgewater Inn in Corte Madera, Calif. The object of their apparent approval is Donna Greva, a showgirl at Bimbo's 365 Club in San Francisco. Needless to say, Donna copped first prize.

State Library Official Visits Library Here

Mrs. Mabel E. Baker, Salem, recent passage of Senate Bill 134.

This was Mrs. Baker's first visit to Medford since 1935. At that time she was the wife of the Rev. R. S. Peterson, who served as pastor of the First Presbyterian church until they received a call to Cordova, Alaska, in 1936. Mr. and Mrs. Baker formerly resided in Phoenix, Ore.

The purpose of her visit was to confer with the librarian, Miss Helen Webster, concerning possibilities of the library's use of federal and state funds for rural library service made possible by

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