

Forest Wardens, Lookouts Attend School

14 MAIL TRIBUNE, Medford, Or. A Sunday, May 22, 1960

Instruction Given In Many Subjects At Four-Day Event

By JIM FISHER
Personnel of the Southwest Oregon district, Oregon state board of forestry, received instruction in many subjects at the annual district fire school May 16 through 19 at the headquarters on Table Rock rd.

New forest wardens and forest lookouts attended all four days of the school while experienced personnel attended only the final day. Twenty persons attended all four days, and 50 the last day.

Representative of the new forest wardens attending this year's school is Ernest Low, forest warden at the Lincoln guard station on the Green Springs highway near Lincoln. Low had worked one summer with the United States forest service and two summers with the Oregon state board of forestry at Corvallis and The Dalles.

Opening Morning
On the opening morning of fire school, Low listened along with other new wardens to an introductory talk by District Warden Curtis Nesheim, State Training Officer Ron Smith, the only non-district instructor for the school, presented an orientation course on the organization of the forestry department from the state forester down to the local district.

Next on the program was a course in fire behavior presented by Ron Smith. Low watched as Smith used a "fire table" and pine needles to show how slope, wind, and other factors affect the rate of spread of fire. Local instances of unusual fire behavior were mentioned by the instructor to demonstrate the action of fire under certain conditions.

Next Instructors
Assistant District Warden Howard Brock and Technical Assistant Wes Stanfield were the next instructors that Low met. The course was one on map reading.

After learning low legal descriptions are read and written. Low was able to tell from a district map that his guard station was located in the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter, section 12, township 40 south, range 3 east, Willamette meridian. This legal description covers 40 acres and is typical of the description used to locate forest fires.

After a noon meal served at the headquarters crewhouse, Low first attended a course on basic fire weather presented by Brock. Before the next class, the new forest lookouts left to receive their first instructions in preliminary lookout training and use of the firefinder. Forest Inspector Homer Smets and Dispatchers Walter Moran and Bill Pope were instructors.

Large Fire Organization
With the lookouts receiving other training, the wardens first learned about large fire organization from Assistant District Warden Doyle Stockton. The various fire jobs and their duties were described in this class.

Labor Foreman Bert Cook and Paul Matteson completed the warden's first day with a class in use of the compass.

During the morning of the second day, the new wardens and lookouts spent two hours learning about field location of fires. Uses of backsights with compasses, mirror flashing from lookouts, and other techniques were described.

Following this, Low and the other wardens spent an hour learning to pace. A method of determining fire acreage from pacing was also taught the new personnel. The lookouts were learning about reports and procedures at the same time.

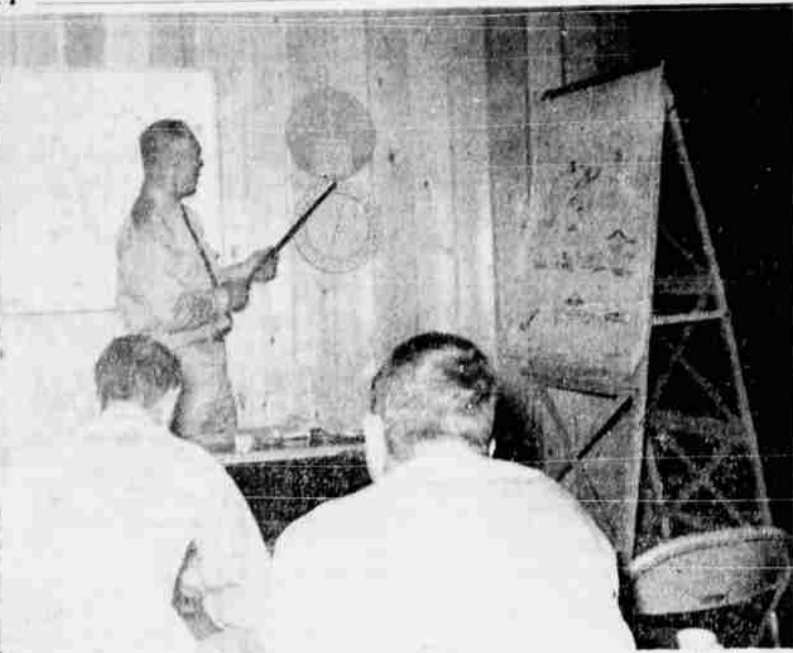
Both groups gathered together before lunch to hear Safety Chairman Wes Stanfield discuss safety on the job.

Radio Procedure
Radio procedure and operation was the first afternoon course for new employees. District Warden Nesheim and Radioman Wallace Raker instructed personnel in proper use of the different types of district radios.

The final class of the day for the lookouts was a map reading review course while Low and the other new wardens received instruction on various forms and reports required of them. Fire reports, burning permits, mileage reports, and other forms were discussed.

Training films on use of hand tools were shown in the evening to the new personnel that could attend.

Field Day
The third day was a field day for all new personnel. While the lookouts drove up



READING COMPASS — Using a large model of a compass, Bert Cook describes the proper way to read one. Later, field work with the compass combined with pacing gave the new wardens useful instruction in locating isolated lightning fires.



CONTROLLING ACTION—Instructor Bert Cook describes the actions of small fire crew controlling a fire. Taking careful note of both the instructor's words and the firefighters' action is Ernest Low, new forest warden at Lincoln guard station.



Guard Cleans Up Two City Streets

Company E of the Oregon National Guard was scheduled to clean up Riverside ave. and Central ave. Saturday as part of the community development project sponsored by the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The National Guard members were to start at the south end of both streets and proceed north, cleaning all places marked by orange and black progress signs, a Jaycee member said.

Terry Green, of the community development committee reported at the Tuesday Jaycee meeting that the recent trash pickup in Medford worked out satisfactorily.

Both Andy Anderson, Medford superintendent of streets and roads, and Tony Bortano, co-owner of the City Sanitary Service, were pleased with the operation, he said. A number of citizens are also cleaning up and painting up their properties, Green noted.

New committee chairman appointed for the 1960-61 year are Ken Knackstedt, membership; Chuck Jones, orientation; Dick Frey, junior golf and tennis; Ken Griess, flags; Chuck Langston, records and recognition; Earl Johnson, television log; Terry Green, community development and Douglas Peters, publicity. Frey was appointed Jaycee parliamentarian.

Army Officer to Visit in Medford

Col. Glenn L. Clinebell, newly-assigned military personnel procurement officer of Sixth Army headquarters, will visit Medford while on an inspection tour of the recruiting station here May 26.

Colonel Clinebell succeeds Col. Walter H. Skielvig, who retired from the Army April 30 after more than 20 years of service.

From his San Francisco headquarters, Colonel Clinebell will direct the Army recruiting stations manned by field recruiters, as well as the administrative and medical personnel assigned to recruiting in the eight western states.



TEST FIRE — A warm day made the test fires burn right along for new forest wardens. Here, Lincoln Warden Ernest Low completes the final touches to the fire line built to keep the fire from spreading.

to Anderson Butte lookout to receive instruction on fire reporting, learning the country, and lookout life. Wardens drove to a demonstration area near Jacksonville. Equipment use and care was taught to the wardens, covering trucks, pumps, and tools. The use of water to control and mop-up a fire was shown by Forest Wardens Bill Davis and John Moe. Wes Stanfield and John Black demonstrated how to fall snags with a power saw and Low was given an opportunity to run the saw.

Following lunch, the progressive method fire line construction was taught and a demonstration of control of fires without water was given. Then Low and the other new wardens were divided into two crews and worked on test fires that had been started.

Movies and refreshments for the personnel and their families were presented that evening.

Safety Class
The final day of fire school opened with a safety class for all personnel. A film on mouth-to-mouth artificial respiration was also shown.

While lookouts were learning about care of their station and public relations, the wardens received a course on timekeeping from Farm Forester Jim Fisher. Lookouts reviewed their job and likely problems while Low learned about the warden's job with the other forest wardens. Daily reports, requirement reports, action on fires, training of crews, and many other duties were brought to their attention.

The afternoon classes included a course on district fire problems and use of the radio "10" signals to reduce conversation on the air. Lookouts reviewed their courses and then took a written examination.

A closing class on district policy was presented to all personnel by District Warden Nesheim.

Training Just Started
Upon completion of the fire

SCHOOL NEWS

Medford High School

Edited by Jim Frake.
Staff: Jim McCormack, Esther Jacobs, Edonna Pace, Rita McBeth, Diane Mohr, Suzy Reul, and Ann MacManama.

From 19 girls trying out, judges have selected six girls as majorettes for next year. With additional tryouts to be held tomorrow, three more girls will be selected for the 1960-61 squad.

Selected to date are Stephanie Hertager, Judy Ayres, Jackie Ayres, JoDell Hertager, Barbara Baccus, and Donna Fosgate. Stephanie will be the head majorette.

Finalists for the three additional places are Louise Willis, Bonnie Wilson, Cindy Anderson, Bonnie Brantley, Mary Milne, and Betty Young. Two of these students, Bonnie Brantley and Cindy Anderson, are freshmen this year.

Judges were L. A. Mirick, instrumental supervisor; Sharon Laina, current head majorette; Mrs. Virginia Westfield, music instructor; Ron Rice and Elmer Ayres, both music teachers.

These majorettes will participate and perform with the varsity band next year.

All sophomores and juniors planning to turn out for football next fall met in the school cafeteria Tuesday morning during reg. room with Head Coach Fred Spiegleberg.

Plans and the schedule for next year were announced. Practice will begin Aug. 24, with for the first two weeks, two practice sessions a day.

The varsity schedule calls for five home games, three away, and one open date. The games are Sept. 9, Arcata, Calif.; Sept. 16, Marshfield; Sept. 23, open; Sept. 30, South Salem; Oct. 7, Crater at Crater; Oct. 14, Klamath Falls; Oct. 21, Reno, Nevada; Oct. 28, Ashland at Ashland; and Nov. 4, Grants Pass at Grants Pass.

The junior varsity will play three home games, and four games away. Junior varsity schedule includes Sept. 10, Eagle Point; Sept. 19, Ashland at Ashland; Oct. 3, Grants Pass; Oct. 10, Crater at Crater; Oct. 15, Klamath Falls at Klamath Falls; Oct. 24, Ashland; and Oct. 31, Grants Pass at Grants Pass.

Baccalaureate service will be held in the Hedrick gymnasium June 5 at 8 p.m. for the class of 1960.

Commencement this year will be held on the high school football field June 7 at 8 p.m.

De Lawson, sophomore, has been chosen Catfish derby queen. Her court consists of Vicky Enders, Sandra Bates, Judy Ayres, Therese Six, and Nancy Maxson.

The derby will be held sometime in June and the public is invited, officials have indicated.

Craters, the high school annuals, were issued Thursday after school in reg. room groups. The books sported blue covers with silver designs.

School was dismissed at 2:45 so students could obtain

their Craters, and a "signing" party was held following in the boys gymnasium.

Those working on the Crater staff were Nancy Dean, editor-in-chief; Jeannine James, associate editor; Lauren Stanton, contributing editor; Nancy Van Valzah, index editor; Dick Day and Terry Ryan, art editors; John Crawford, sports editor; Ray Bellevue, photography editor; Fred Lofish and Jim Henson, photographers and Craig Wright, copy editor.

The copy and layout staff consisted of Janet Barker, Susan Fontaine, Mary Kay Harris, De Lawson, Penny Linn, Anne Mathews, Bob Rix, Sandy Sanner, Jim Sperr, and Deanne Taylor.

Jerry Gastineau was business manager; Stan Dowson, advertising manager; Judy Bash and Dale Peterson, sales managers; Toni Spence, bookkeeper; Gene Lantz, secretary; and Elizabeth Settle, advisor.

Juniors received last week the returns from the Merit Scholarship tests, that were taken earlier this spring. National standings and finalist notices will not be received until September.

Joel Gregory and Nancy Duncan will be coeditors for the "cub" edition of Hi-Times, the school newspaper, which will be issued May 31. Each year, about this time, a staff of interested sophomores puts together the paper thereby giving them an actual taste of what goes into the paper. That way the advisor can also get an idea as to who, along with the juniors, will be qualified to hold certain staff positions.

The other head editors are Sandy Shugart, editorial; Susan Elder, feature; Bill Dames, sports; and Mike Higgins, business.

The Order of the "M" picnic will be held this afternoon at the Elk picnic grounds off Crater Lake highway. The affair is for all "M" members and their dates.

All MHS seniors in band and orchestra have been invited to a party at the Mirick ranch Thursday. I. A. Mirick and John Drysdale, band and orchestra directors are giving the party.

The Girls league college scholarship will be awarded to one senior girl graduation night. This scholarship is \$200.

and can be submitted to any Oregon school.

Members of the League earned the money for the scholarship largely through selling candy in the cafeteria during lunch periods.

Qualifications for the award include that she be in the top quarter of her class, cooperative in the Girls league, show promise as a student, show a financial need, and that she attends an Oregon school.

Monday, the candidates will be compared before selecting one to be given this scholarship.

Hi-Times staff, the school newspaper, will hold its annual award dinner at Mary's Casa May 24. Twenty staff members will receive journalism awards presented by Vern Wollhoff, advisor for the paper.

WOOLWORTH MAN DIES
Palm Beach, Fla. (AP)—Byron D. Miller, 84, who started with F.W. Woolworth Co. as a stock man in 1897 and rose to serve as president of the chain from 1932 until his retirement in 1935, died here Wednesday.

Washington (AP)—The House appropriations committee has voted an extra \$58 million to push toward development of an atomic airplane.

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