

Grass, Brush Burn In Eugene Section

Eugene (UPI) — Fire Thursday burned through 120 acres of dry grass, brush and fir trees in a residential district in the southeast suburbs of Eugene. Cause of the fire was unknown.

A crew of six men with two pumper trucks from the Western Lane Fire Patrol fought the fire and had it mostly under control late Thursday afternoon. The fire broke out about 1:30 p.m.

About 50 families live near the fire area and flames from the fire reached to within 140 feet of one home. There was no damage to the house.

Many residents of the area rushed to their homes from offices and stores to dig fire trails and for a time a spring which supplies water to about 35 families was endangered.

The fire burned on the north and south sides of a hill known as Old Baldy.

Morton Says Demo Convention 'Fixed'

Washington (UPI) — Republican National Chairman Thorton B. Morton says there is no longer "any trace of doubt" that Sens. John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson "fixed" the Democratic presidential ticket weeks ahead of the Los Angeles convention.

Morton charged "the convention was a sham — and this is no surprise. I predicted the arrangement in a formal statement as far back as June 30."

The Kentucky senator said "delegates might have well stayed home and balloted by mail. Clearly, the era of payola is not dead. Tonight was the payoff."

Feeding the Family

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Fresh Apricot Pie Enticing Dessert

Apricot season is growing short so make the most of this juicy, luscious, satisfying fruit right now. Apricots are good out-of-hand, in tarts, short-cake, pies like our recipe today. They're good stewed and in fruit gelatin desserts with cream. When this apricot pie was taste-tested, it vanished with amazing speed.

Pastry for 2-crust pie
2 pounds (1 quart) fresh apricots
3/4 cup sugar
3/4 teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons flour
1/3 cup California Sherry wine
2 tablespoons butter or margarine

Use a pie crust mix or your favorite recipe for a two-crust nine-inch pie.

Thoroughly wash, remove pits. Combine sugar, salt and seeds, and quarter fresh apricots and sprinkle over apricots and butter and heat just to boiling point. Turn over in pastry-lined pie pan. Cover with top pastry, sealing edges together well. Cut a few slits in top. Bake in a hot oven, 400 degrees, 35 to 40 minutes, until pastry is golden.

juice, cream and cottage cheese spreads, to dips. It will give distinction to split pea soup, cream of tomato soup, navy bean soup; adds interest to vegetable, avocado, potato, seafood, cottage cheese salads and coleslaw.

Many like the distinctive flavor of dill weed with or in egg dishes, fish and in cream sauce, sour cream, butter and fish sauces.

Thrifty Lamb Cuts Vie With Beef Buys
Lamb prices are lower than usual at this season; vie with economy cuts of beef. Treat the family to the distinctive goodness of lamb in ways like these:

Sweet-Sour Shoulder. For eight servings, place one boneless shoulder of lamb, that has been rolled and tied, on rack in roasting pan. Combine three-fourths cup cider vinegar, three-fourths cup water, one-half teaspoon salt, three tablespoons brown sugar, one medium-size onion, diced, and one tablespoon chopped parsley; mix well. Pour over lamb. Bake in slow oven, 300 degrees, three to four hours or until meat thermometer registers 170-180 degrees. Baste lamb frequently during baking period.

Lamb-Pineapple Loaf. For each four servings, combine one pound ground lamb, one cup packaged bread stuffing, one nine-ounce can undrained pineapple tidbits, one egg, beaten, 3/4 teaspoon salt and pepper to taste; mix well. Press into 9x5x3 inch loaf pan. Bake in slow oven, 300 degrees, about 1 1/2 hours. Drain off drippings.

Herbed Lamb-Corn. For six servings, brown 1 1/2 pounds cubed boneless lamb shoulder and two large onions, sliced, in two tablespoons salad oil; stir occasionally. Add one cup chopped fresh mushrooms, one one-pound can cream-style corn, one teaspoon lamb garni (or use thyme and marjoram), salt and pepper. Cover and cook over low heat 30 minutes or until lamb is tender, stirring occasionally.

Dress Up Greens
So many seasonal greens piled high in local vegetable bins. There are beet greens, collards, dandelion greens,

kale, swiss chard, spinach. Here are ways to dress them up for exciting menu interest.

Mustard Butter. Cream together one-third cup butter or margarine, two teaspoons prepared mustard, one teaspoon sugar, one-half teaspoon salt and two teaspoons lemon juice.

Lemonaise. Heat mayonnaise in saucepan and stir in some lemon juice.

French Sauce. Heat one-third cup French dressing; stir in two tablespoons chopped parsley, one hard-cooked egg that has been chopped, one-half teaspoon Worcestershire sauce.

Melon Crop Rolling With Wealth of Seasonal Delights
Cream of the melon crop continues to pile high in our markets. High in eating pleasure, low in cost are the mid-summer cantaloupes that will be plentiful throughout July and August. Cantaloupes are high in nutrition, low in calories; the summer answer to many weight-watcher's prayers. Cantaloupes have been enjoyed for at least 4,000 years and in all that time they've been used only in the fresh state since they have no by-products such as vinegar, syrup, sugar or brandy.

Honeydews, ripe and ready, are the creamy yellow melons weighing four to six pounds. Bluntly oval in shape, they're usually smooth or slightly netted. They've pleasing fragrance, delicate green flesh, fine texture. Most often served with salt and lemon or lime wedges on side for generous juicing.

Watermelons, Others. Watermelons, the "coolingest" fruit, are red, ripe and wonderful from now on. Good old-fashioned plugging is still surest way of determining ripeness. The chiller the better but we warn you that they'll not last long in the freezer; much more than 30 minutes and you'll be in for a big surprise. Pale honey-like honeyballs and orange-fleshed Persian melons are increasing in supply right along.

Berry News. Strawberries are being picked up by freezers and jam makers so you'd better hurry if you're to get your share. Price is not likely to go lower. There are luscious blackberries, red raspberries, Loganberries, Boysenberries, Olallies, blueberries; all superb for eating "as is," with sugar and cream, whipped cream, soft ice cream or dairy sour cream.

Fruits-Vegetables. Avocados are abundant. Apricots are at their very best. Nectarines give pleasure. Grape varieties increase right along, delighting all. Beautiful big peaches of many varieties appear as the season advances. Plums, both purple and golden entice the purchaser. We counted 35 vegetables in local bins this morning; all fresh, crisp produce of superb quality at reasonable cost for easy menu making.

Other Items. Plenty of beef, pork, lamb, poultry and eggs at reasonable cost. Put cottage cheese, cheddar cheese, ice cream and other fine dairy products on menus more often.

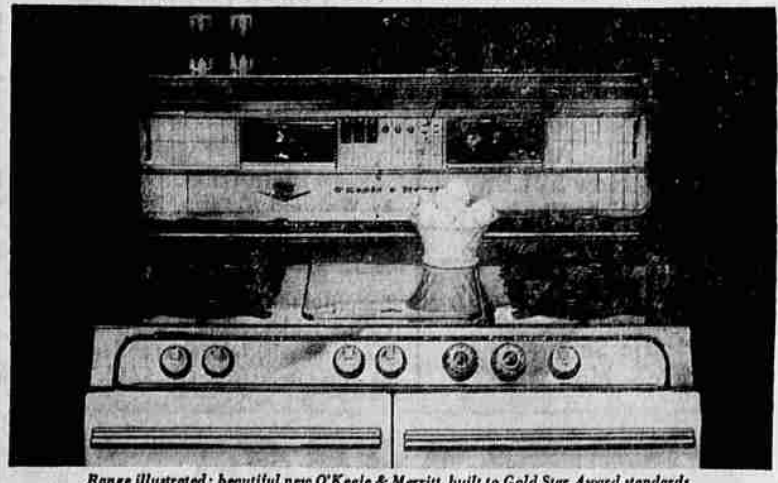
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Nixon Confident Of Election Win

Washington (UPI) — Vice President Richard M. Nixon regards Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) as "a highly formidable opponent" but is confident he can win the presidency.

Nixon's news secretary, Herbert Klein, relayed the report to newsmen Thursday. He also said the vice president expected the race to be close.

Klein also reported Nixon "anticipates other names to be put in nomination" at the Republican National convention in Chicago beginning July 25 and is charting his campaign plans accordingly.

Hoover Silent On Demo Ticket

San Francisco (UPI) — Former President Hoover has "nothing to say" about the Kennedy-Johnson ticket approved by the Democratic convention.

"They have had their day and we'll have ours in Chicago," Hoover told newsmen after arriving here Thursday from New York. He said he would deliver a brief "courtesy" speech at the GOP convention starting July 25.

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