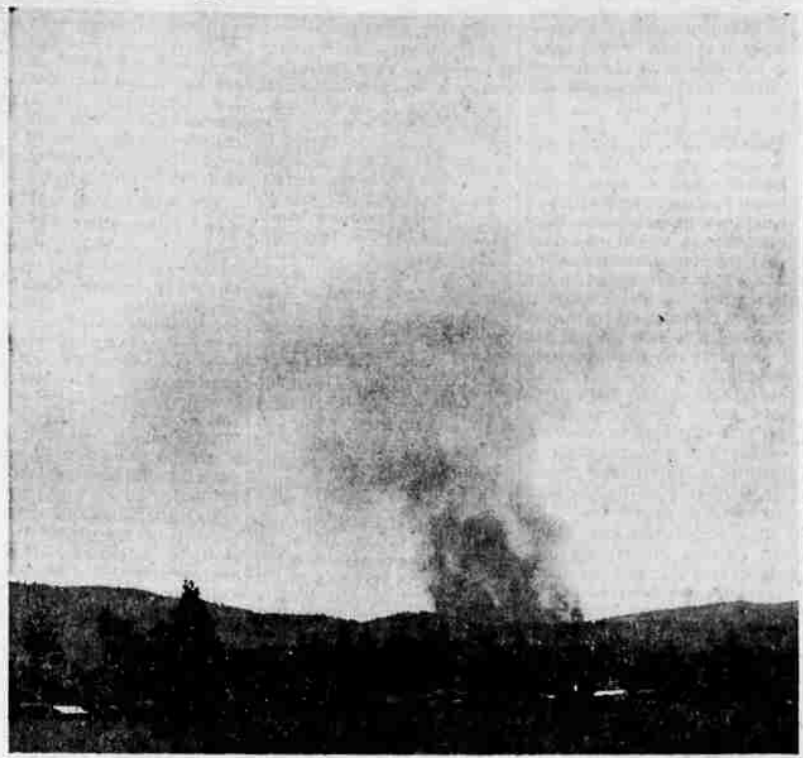


Applegate Fire Becomes Largest in Jackson County This Season



COLUMN OF SMOKE—This is the column of smoke visible from the valley floor Thursday afternoon as the Applegate brush fire burned out of control. Flames were visible from parts of the valley. (Knackstedt photo)

The Applegate fire, which started shortly after noon Thursday and swept through thick underbrush, has become the largest and probably the most expensive fire in Jackson county so far this season.

Up until Friday, when the Applegate fire spotted across fire lines and got out of control again, the largest fire was the Rogue River fire, which burned about 410 acres.

The Applegate fire had burned an estimated 450 acres by late Friday night, but it was expected to be controlled before it spread any more.

Believed Smoker-Caused
Both the Rogue River fire, which cost an estimated \$11,000 to bring under control, and the Applegate fire, which will cost much more than that because of the greater number of men and equipment used, are believed to have started by someone tossing a cigarette from a passing car.

The Applegate fire started along the Jacksonville highway on the Jacksonville hillside near Poorman's creek Thursday. Before evening, the fire swept through about 200 acres of brush, most of it manzanita.

At one point in the fire, a fire fighting crew had to drop its equipment and run when the wind shifted and sent flames through the brush in their direction.

The Thursday afternoon fire sent a column of smoke several hundred feet into the air, and flames from the fire were visible from Medford's municipal airport.

Two drops of fire retardant Thursday afternoon and one Friday afternoon, after the fire again got out of control, failed to retard the fire as planned, and the use of retardant from the air was stopped. Friday afternoon's blaze spotted over the fire retardant dropped, state department of forestry officials said.

Three crawler-type tractors and about 100 men finally brought the fire under control about 3:10 a.m. Friday, and fighters started their mopping up operation of extinguishing burning fuel in the burned area.

Crosses Fire Lines
But a shifty strong wind, low humidity and high temperatures all combined late Friday morning and the fire embers started spotting across the bulldozed fire lines. By early Friday afternoon, the brush fire was again a major blaze.

Three crawler-type tractors and about 40 men worked night Friday in efforts to control the fire, and five tractors and about 70 men were scheduled to be on the scene all day Saturday.

The fire, both Thursday and



BURNS DOWN HILL—After jumping fire lines early Friday afternoon, the fire swept down this hill off the Jacksonville highway, threatening at times homes in the area. One home, along with other buildings, is visible down this hill off the Jacksonville highway, in the lower right of this picture.

Friday afternoons, threatened several homes and other buildings along the Jacksonville

highway, but state department of forestry officials said they had no reports of any buildings burning.

Deer Reported
Residents of Jacksonville reported deer coming out of the fire area into the outskirts of town Thursday evening. Forestry department officials said the fire would have

remained controlled except for a shifty strong wind. It blew sparks into brush across the firelines, and the brush was so thick that men and equipment could not get to the spot fires soon enough to keep them checked.

The last time the area burned over was in 1934, officials said.

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Local Aspidistra Is Noted by Magazine

One of the hardest specimens of aspidistra found recently is located in the outdoor garden of Dr. and Mrs. L. G. Gentner, 22 South Groveland ave., according to a short article in the September issue of Sunset magazine.

The plant, which has been planted in an outdoor setting since 1945, has weathered low winter temperatures of 12, 5, and 1 degrees, the article noted. Aspidistra can be used successfully in landscaping. The plants have a winter hardiness, are decorative, and can withstand a wide variety of light and moisture conditions.



IN BRUSH—This is the type of brush which burned in the Applegate fire Thursday and Friday. Because of its thickness, fire fighters found it difficult to check fires which crossed the bulldozed lines Friday.

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11,844 Men From County Served in War, Report Shows

Information that has never before been available, relating to war veterans in Jackson county, has just been made public.

The government, through the Census Bureau, has released figures on the veteran population locally and in every other part of the country, together with a breakdown showing the wars in which they served.

The release of the information is especially timely because of the drive that veterans of World War I have been making for a special monthly pension.

The overall figures show that 44.6 per cent of the male population of Jackson county, age 14 or over, were in the armed forces during war-time. The ratio applies to 1960, when the data was gathered.

No count was taken of the

number of women who had war-time service.

Of the men, the number of war veterans locally comes to 11,844 and the number of non-veterans, age 14 or over, to 14,676.

Most of these vets, 6,826 of them, were in World War II. Another 304 saw service in that war and also in the Korean conflict.

Those who were in the Korean conflict exclusively total 1,468. The number of World War I veterans is placed at 2,009. Some 1,237 additional men have veteran status for "other service."

All told, the Census Bureau reports, there are nearly 23,100,000 veterans in the United States, 2,400,000 of them survivors of World War I.

The latter group are seeking additional lifetime pensions of \$102 a month. It would go to those who served 90 days or more and whose income, other than retirement pay, is no more than \$2,400. If they are single, and not more than \$3,600, if they have dependents.

In Jackson county, it is shown, the World War I veterans constitute 16.9 per cent of the total veteran population.

This compares with 11.2 per cent throughout the United States and 13.9 per cent in the state of Oregon.

The American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars have remained aloof, thus far, from the campaign by the World War I group and have not given the move their endorsement.

Stewart Promoted To Lt. Colonel

The Department of the Army through the Presidio of San Francisco has announced the promotion of Ray E. Stewart, Medford, from major to lieutenant colonel. Since October, 1958, Colonel Stewart has been unit advisor to reserve components in Jackson, Josephine and Klamath counties.

Colonel Stewart, a native of Eugene, was a student at the University of Oregon prior to entering military service. He attended the Infantry training center at Ft. Benning, Ga., and was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1942.

During World War II, Colonel Stewart served in the European theater. Following the war he was assigned to general headquarters, Far Eastern Command, Japan, and later in Germany where he was operations and training officer 26th infantry regiment, 1st infantry division. He also served in Korea.

Crowd Expected at Round-Up Opening

Pendleton—The largest parade in the history of the Pendleton round-up is expected this year Sept. 8.

Last year 4,500 people viewed the parade sponsored by the Main Street Cowboys. Starting at 6 p.m., the parade will follow Pendleton streets into the round-up arena.

Bands and civic groups are expected to congregate in the arena infield and give a four-minute drill while the floats parade around the arena.

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