Forest Service

Hot weather coupled with ex-emely low humidity over the eekend had forest rangers and ards worried, but one fire, a all cigarette-started blaze, was all the damage done. The fire was discovered near Horsetail Falls unday afternoon by two CCC oys from Benson camp. The boys ceeded in putting it out after a ort fight.

The mercury stood at 108 de-es both Saturday and Sunday ernoons for an all-time record Columbia Gorge ranger station. enious, Beryl Smith, protective istant, manufactured his own conditioner by setting a inkler on the roof of the sta-n. The sprinkler still twirled artificial rainstorm early this k, athough the temperature dropped to the comparative lness ofthe nineties.

District Ranger Roy L. Wee-n and Ranger Albert Wiesen-ger spent the weekend teach-fire suppression methods to boys at Benson CCC camp. nger Miller of the supervisor's ce in Portland assisted.

First band of sheep to enter the ional forest district this year counted in Monday morning. Madden of Hermiston, their ner, will graze the 1200 head the Mt. Defiance area for a nth and a half.

Despite the fire hazard exieting year none of the 12 fires ght during the season this year extended over a quarter acre in area. Rushing equipment and men to the scene immediately has kept fires from becoming more serious.

Bright colored splotches now mark a map in Columbia Gorge ranger station, showing the exact area visible from each lookout in the district. The splotches are painted on celluloid discs, with the center exactly on the position of the lookout post. The discs represent a visibility of eight miles at the circumference, are in different colors for each post. Purpose is to show blind spots in fire observation.

NEW PASTOR GREETED BY LOCKS METHODISTS

Rev. Mr. L. G. Weaver, new pastor of the Methodist Community church at Cashcade Locks, and Mrs. Weaver moved to the Locks Friday from Arlington, Mr. Weaver's last pastorate. They are living in the parsonage near the church.

Rev. Mr. Weaver's first sermon Sunday morning was attended by a fair-sized congregation, who gathered to welcome the new man, extreme hot weather keeping away a crowd.

Rev. Mr. Smith, after a year's service at the Locks, has moved to Canyonville for the ensuing year as pastor of the Methodist church there.

BILL PROPOSES POWER BODY CONTROL OF DAM

The federal power commission and not the army engineers will control Bonneville dam policies and rates, a bill prepared by the federal department of justice for fixation of authority for the dam provides.

The bill has been delivered to Senator McNarty for study before he discusses the subject with President Roosevelt. Army engineers under its terms will apparently have nothing to do with the dam and its use except actual operation. The power commission will set rates irregardless of state power commission rules, will authorize installation of additional generating equipment when it believes it necessary.

At the Theatre

Thrills, mysterious killings, great baseball teams in action and uproarious comedy are blended in "Death on the Diamond," coming Friday and Saturday to the Roosevelt theatre on the Bonneville dam reservation.

Starring Madge Evans and Robert Young, the picture was filmed with cooperation of the St. Louis Cardinals. Highlight is the shooting of a player before 80,000 fans, lightened by the romance between the two stars, and by comedy situations.

The amusing account of what happens to a perfect English butler-valet when exposed to American small-town democracy is the plot of "Ruggles of Red Gap," coming Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, with Charles Laughton in the title role.

The picture is adapted from Harry Leon Wilson's famous Saturday Evening Post story. Action is laid in the mythical town of Red Gap, Wash., in the 1900's. Ruggles is won in a poker game in Paris sets the little village all in a dither when he goes democratic in a big way to become a gentleman instead of a gentleman's gentleman. Included in the cast are such noted comedians as Mary Boland Charlie Ruggles (who doesn't play "Ruggles", however) Zasu Pitts, Roland Young.

Lightning Tears Seat Out of Negro's Pants

Palestine, Texas.—Bo Shepard, negro farmer, felt he was living on borrowed time recently.

Bo was sitting with his wife in their small cabin. A bolt of lightning darted through a chink and struck Bo's right sleeve, ripping it off. The bolt following Bo's body downward, burning holes in his right trousers leg, tearing off the left pants leg, leaving the trousers seatless and shredding Bo's left rubber boot. Through with Bo, the bolt followed a nail through the floor and killed eight hens and a rooster beneath the shack. After an examination physicians reported neither Bo nor his wife was injured.

Steals Bureau and Bibles

Cambridge, Mass.—If the thief who stole a bureau from the piazza of Jacob Aldemen used the loot he found in the drawers, his body and soul should be cleansed. The drawers contained ten Bibles and four bathing suits.

Warden Frees Jail Birds for Night Robbery Jobs

Belgrade.—The police of Ptuja, in Slovenia, were baffled by a series of burglaries carried out in their district over a period of some months. The skill and general "style" of the crimes indicated they were the work of a Frantz Kozelj and his gang, notorious safe-breakers. But Frantz and his gang were all in prison.

Then they caught the burglar in the act. To their amazement it was Frantz. He confessed that the night warden of the prison allowed him and his gang to sleep all day and spend the nights "away on business." In return, the warden received a percentage of the spoils.

Now the warden is in prison with Frantz and his friends—but not in his former capacity.

Museum Has Treasured Statue Reconstructed

Boston, Mass.—One of the most treasured possessions of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, a great alabaster statue of King Mycerinus, has been completely reconstructed.

The statue was excavated 25 years ago in Egypt by the Harvard University Museum expedition. Fragments of it were found scattered about the funerary temple of Mycerinus near his pyramid, commonly called the Third Pyramid.

Ancient Tooth Found

Delphi, Ind.—A partly petrified tooth weighing four and three-fourth pounds was unearthed here by FERA workers. Found only seven feet below the surface, it was believed to have belonged to some mammoth pre-historic animal.

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