

Sardine Creek Fire Rolls On

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Mehama—The Sardine Creek fire, raging again because of low humidity, is again a scene of great activity. Logging operators, idled by the forest closure, are called upon as recruiters for manpower for the fire lines. Most workers regard fire fighting as a distasteful job.

Building trail with a hazel hoe or "idiot stick" in steep ground and through the brush is a little loved task! Several hundred men are working on the Linn county side near Monument Peak building trail and falling snags for a fire break atop the ridge. This will assist fire fighters in keeping the fire under control in case of an east wind.

A set of timber fallers, recruited for the falling of snags were separated from their crew and saw. They were immediately handed hazel hoes, sent up a three-mile trail and put to digging fire trail.

Three men, manning a fire truck, were gleefully extinguishing a row of small blazes along the road when they were frantically halted by a fellow worker. He explained he had just built the fires, "on orders"! He was setting a "backfire".

A forest service radio man, who reported the progress of the fire and who was stationed near the river, (Continued on Page 3)

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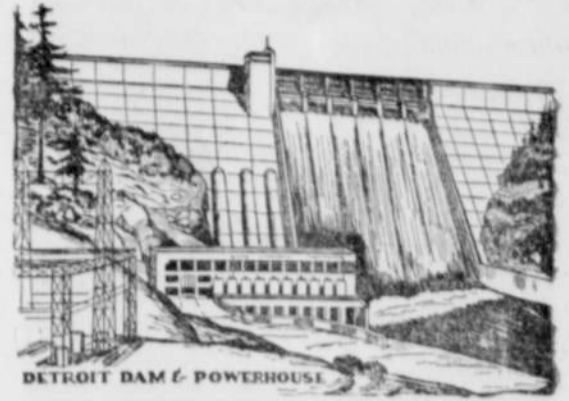
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These men's names we do not know. Be that as it may—due respect must be paid them for the wonderful way they have worked on the Sardine creek fire. Their heroic efforts have failed. The tin hats shown on the men indicate they may be construction workers, but that is not necessarily true. Loggers, too, wear such hats. These men pictured are symbolic of all those loggers, construction workers, and general citizens who have spent great hunks of energy, time and money on the Sardine creek fire. These men are symbolic of those men who have lost great areas of timber and fine logging equipment in the present fire. Only rain and favorable winds can prevent a tremendous loss to the North Santiam canyon.

(Photo courtesy Capital Journal)

Sardine Creek Fire Slaps Canyon Community Hard

Sardine creek fire, the fire which has plagued this area so long, is at it again worse than ever. The Marion county side of the fire "blew-up" this Thursday in a section of vine maple trees. The vine maple trees were in an area which had been logged off several years ago. The tree leaves were paper-dry. The fire in a two-mile front raced through this area and slammed into hundreds of acres of green timber where it is now. Fire trails in Marion county were topped by the raging fire. A spot fire above and near Gates started a couple miles or so from the main body of the Sardine creek fire. This spot fire is now consuming timber between Gates and Mill City.

express the thought that it should have been controlled during the rain which halted it quite some time ago. The wide scope of the original fire (Continued on Page 7)

Fire departments and fire fighting agencies are on the alert should the fire threaten the residential areas of Little Sweden, Gates, and Mill City. Friday the forest service hopes that enough men and equipment can be thrown around the fire so that it cannot menace population centers. Heavy equipment is rolling into this area as the people shuttle back and forth on the Santiam highway. Those living in homes in the path of the fire both in Linn and Marion counties have been alerted for possible evacuation.

When the fire in Marion county exploded an order was sent out for 15 sets of fallers and two "cats". Some 300 men were fighting the fire Thursday and it is expected that this number will be doubled, Friday. The blow-up on the Marion county side started near forestry roads one and two "L". Burning vine maple leaves, and sparks from snags soon had more than a mile square area of vine maple a mass of flames Thursday afternoon around 4 p.m.

Home owners on the Marion county side of Mill City and the area between Gates and Mill City Thursday night began wetting down their properties against the possibility of their being ignited by sparks and live coals falling from the air. Moss from the trees catches fire and is blown off the tree by the force of the fire's own wind. This smoldering moss is deposited ahead of the main body of the fire and thereby starts a new fire. Observers state that the Gates spot fire can be accounted for in this manner.

Linn County Brakes Out Also
The Linn county side of the Sardine creek fire has broken out of bounds and is spotting towards Gates and Mill City also. Should Thursday's east wind continue Friday, the consequences might be tragic for these areas. Residents near the Monument Peak area on the Linn county side near Gates voluntarily were packing up and leaving Thursday night. They were alerted for possible evacuation because of the danger presented by the wide spread spotting of the Linn county side of the Sardine creek fire. Citizens believe the Sardine creek fire is a tragic thing. They freely

Local Legion Hosts Rites

Mill City American Legion hall, Post No. 159, was graced by the gowned and corsaged presence of the Legion Auxiliary installing teams of Detroit-Idanha, Monday night, Sept. 17. Thirty members and guests were present for the special occasion. Duly elevated to office were Tearly Muir, president; Ina Chase, first vice-president; Ledora Kelly, second vice-president; Barbara Enlow, corresponding secretary; Ruth Stovall, recording secretary-treasurer; Mabel Bruder, chaplain; Dolores Stewart, sergeant-at-arms; and Kay Colburn, historian.

Mrs. Kay Colburn stepped down from the presidency of the local Legion auxiliary and now is junior past president. Ruth Stovall reported, "The Detroit-Idanha team did a job and looked very charming in their pastel dresses and corsages."

A buffet lunch was served from a table decorated with blue and gold flowers, (auxiliary colors), and blue and white candles. Auxiliary president Tearly Muir gave a warm welcoming address and thanked the installing team for their fine work.

After the president's speech, a gift was presented to Kay Colburn, the retiring president, in appreciation of her hard work in guiding the auxiliary through the past successful year.

Ledora Kelly was surprised by the gift to her of a birthday cake by Ruth Stovall. Dancing and cards furnished entertainment for the evening. Committee in charge of the evening consisted of Mrs. Dudley Jones, Mrs. Mabel Bruder, Mrs. Ernest Ragsdale, and Mrs. Ina Chase.

Mrs. Muir announced the next meeting of the auxiliary will be Monday, Oct. 15. President Muir said, "We hope all the members will be able to attend and lend a hand in making this year a big one. Any new members wishing to join the unit may receive their application blanks at Muir's bakery."

Just Arrived ...

A SON—To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Roberson, Idanha, Sept. 19, at Salem Memorial hospital.

A DAUGHTER—To Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Glazier, Gates, Sept. 18, at Salem Memorial hospital.

A DAUGHTER—To Mr. and Mrs. Saverio DeLaney, Mill City, Sept. 14, at Salem Memorial hospital.

Coming Events ...

MONDAY—
American Legion Auxiliary 3d Mon. Lions club meeting.
A.F. & A.M. No. 180 stated meeting third Monday.
O.E.S. meeting, 2d Monday month.

TUESDAY—
Boy Scouts at City park, 7 p.m.
Chamber of Commerce 2 & 4 noon luncheon.
Lions Auxiliary 4th Tuesday
Women's club 8 p.m. 1st, 3rd Tues.
129-J School Board meeting 2d Tues

WEDNESDAY—
Santiam Eagles and auxiliary 8 p.m. at Mill City fire hall.
Santiam Rebekah 166—1st and 3rd Wed. at 8 p.m.
City council first Wed. 7:30 p.m.
Altar Society 3d Wednesday 8 p.m.

THURSDAY—
Theta Rho Club for Girls, meets 2d and 4th Thursdays.
Gates PTA 1st Thursday 8 p.m.
American Legion 2d and 4th Thurs.
Garden club fourth Thursday.
Firemen Auxiliary meets 3d Thurs.

FRIDAY—
I.O.O.F. meeting.
Mill City IWA meeting last Friday
Farmers Union meeting at Mehama
Woman's club, 2nd

Hinz Coffee Shop Greets Citizens

The "family ham" has been whisked from "Lil Abner", but Mill City again has a good 5c cup of coffee! The wholesome and new Hinz Coffee Shop beside Mill City Variety opened selling 5c coffee. Bob and Ruby Hinz, proprietors, indicate they will continue selling 5c coffee, because that's the spirit of their new business. Hinz Coffee Shop was unveiled to the public, Friday. As if a brimming-up, hot cup of coffee were not enough, the Hinz Coffee Shop has attractive waitresses who graciously serve it.

Mr. and Mrs. Hinz and their daughters, Judy and Mrs. James I. Poole, have charge of Hinz Coffee Shop. They constructed, arranged, and decorated the interior of the new Mill City business establishment on S. W. Broadway. The new concession is decorated in a warm and cheerful color scheme of coral and light grey. Both fountain and booth service are available in Hinz Coffee Shop.

Hinz Coffee Shop has an all-electric kitchen. Besides that 5c cup of coffee, Hinz Coffee Shop makes available hamburgers, short orders and dinners to its customers—plus full fountain service. This new coffee concession is open seven days a week and from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. each day. There's also in Hinz Coffee Shop the familiar "juke box" for those light-of-heart.

The Hinz's formerly were residents of Portland and Salem. Experience in serving the public was gained in Portland in Mr. Hinz' sister's concession. Mrs. Poole's father-in-law is Mrs. James E. Poole of Mill City.

Federal Fire Funds Distributed Soon

One and one-quarter million dollars will be distributed to the forestry departments of Oregon and Washington by the federal government as an assist in the control of forest fires this fiscal year. The funds are an annual allotment under the co-operative Clarke-McNary Act. Oregon will receive \$658,595 and Washington \$603,072, it has been announced by the U. S. Forest Service. This is an increase of almost \$20,000 for Washington and a decrease of close to \$50,000 for Oregon over last year.

The co-operative program—active since 1911—was expanded in 1924, largely through the efforts of the late Senator McNary of Oregon. Objective of the Act is helping provide adequate systems of fire protection for private and other nonfederal timberlands. Funds appropriated by the Congress are administered through the U. S. Forest Service to the states where direct expenditure is made by the forestry departments.

"Oregon and Washington forests produce about one-third of the total annual timber cut in the nation, a major portion of which comes from state and private lands. Adequate protection of this vital resource from fire is essential to the national economy and the defense effort," said T. H. Burgess, assistant regional forester in charge of state and private cooperation, U. S. Forest Service, Portland.

Police Chief Hunt Notes Zone Speed

Police Chief Kenneth Hunt has called the attention of all Mill City citizens to the fact that school zone speed restrictions are now in effect. Strict observance of all rules regulating traffic in the vicinity of school grounds is required of drivers, Chief Hunt said.

Pointing out that anytime of day can be dangerous near schools, Chief Hunt reminded motorists that the greatest danger times are in the morning, at recess, lunch and dismissal.

Drivers should make sure they know when children can be expected on the streets, and then drive with extreme caution. Chief Hunt, in co-operation with the local parent-teachers association, urges all motorists co-operate in making this school year the safest on record, by heeding the traffic rules and co-operating with the following boys who comprise the Safety Patrol for Mill City: Gregory Peterson, Mike O'Leary, John Mitchell, Billy Haun and Lahny Podrabsky.

Please! Insulators Aren't Bull's-eyes

"Don't murder your power line" during the coming hunting season is the special plea issued today by the Bonneville power administration through W. E. Trommershausen, Southwestern district manager, Eugene. Every 230,000 and 115,000 volt transmission line in the area carries power to vital defense plants, homes, hospitals, farms and factories.

Cost to the power consumers of supplying insulator and power line targets for thoughtless marksmen in the Pacific Northwest last year on the Bonneville system was over \$15,000 for replacing 553 insulator units and repairing conductor and structural damage caused by rifle fire. Costs to the government total over \$75,000 for the last 10 years of maintenance operation not counting losses to industries and electrical equipment users resulting from power outages.

"One insulator will be shattered by rifle fire every 16 hours during the coming year on the basis of past records and an insulator unit will have to be replaced for every eight miles of transmission line," said Trommershausen. "Every hunter who resists the impulse to use a glistening porcelain or glass insulator for a target saves the ultimate power user from \$20 to over \$100 in costs of replacement and repairing damage."

A seven-man maintenance crew is required to make insulator replacements working with "hot" and dangerous 230,000 and 115,000 volt lines where one false move could mean instant death. Power cannot be turned off because of the key industries and dozens of communities whose power service would be affected. Each transmission line severed by rifle fire can mean electrocution for any person coming in contact with it, warned Trommershausen.

All hunters are asked to co-operate in the following recommendations:
1. Don't fire in the direction of insulator, tower or pole structures of high voltage transmission lines.
2. Report to the nearest FBI, sheriff, or Bonneville power administration. (Continued on Page 3)

James C. Kimery Dies in Salem

Lyons—Funeral services for James C. Kimery were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Weddle funeral home, Stayton. Kimery passed away Sept. 15, at the age of 76 years, 11 months and 26 days. Rev. O. L. Jones of Eugene officiated. Mrs. Wendle Weddle had charge of singing.

Kimery was born in Green county, Tenn., September 18, 1874. He came west with his parents at the age of 11 years and settled first in Idaho. Later he moved to Oregon. He spent the greater part of his life in Pendleton. He moved to Lyons in 1928. He was united in marriage Jan. 13, 1901, to Minnie Footer. To this union six children were born.

Kimery is survived by his widow, Mrs. Minnie Kimery, of Lyons; five children, Mrs. Myrtle Ayers, and Willard Kimery of Lyons, Frank of Mehama, George of Portland, Clifford of Corvallis, Jake Kimery of Melba, Idaho; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Interment was in the Fox Valley cemetery. John Neal, Fred Vaughn, Merrill Brassfield, Pat Lyons, Dick Brown and Eugene Royce were pallbearers.

During his last sickness, Kimery was in the Salem Memorial hospital.



This is an aerial view of the fearful Sardine creek fire. Last Wednesday it was reported that this fire had flared angrily in Linn county. Fire fighters were put to the task of punching this flare-up into submission. These fighters have worked continuously. The picture above is of the flare-up on the Linn county side of the fire. Thursday afternoon the fire exploded in vine maple near the area where the fire first had its origin in Marion county. The vine maple tree leaves burned like scrap paper. An east wind pushed the flames and burning embers towards Little Sweden, Gates and Mill City. The east wind also caused extreme activity in the forests of the Linn county side of the forest fire. North Santiam canyon citizens are very apprehensive and tired of this forest fire which again rages uncontrolled. (Photo courtesy Capital Journal)

Lyons Flowers Make Showing

Despite the unusually dry weather the Lyons garden club had a beautiful display of flowers and vegetables at their fall garden show in the Rebekah hall, Friday afternoon and evening.

Eighty-one visitors signed the guest book. Mrs. Ward Englis of Stayton did the judging. Special awards went to Silverton's Nelson Nursery, which won sweepstakes and tri-color awards in horticulture. Gold band lily prize, a box of bulbs, went to Laura Neal. Arrangements (mass) prize, a vase, Laura Neal also; vegetables, squash, Gertrude Weidman, sack of Viger.

Mrs. Helen McClurg placed 17 times with her exhibits; she won seven firsts, eight seconds, and two thirds. Mrs. Helen Johnston won four firsts, and four seconds and one third. Mrs. Luther Stout placed first seven times, second twice, and third once. Mrs. Laura Neal tallied up 24 wins, which included 15 firsts, five seconds, and four thirds. Mrs. Gertrude Weidman captured three firsts, three seconds, and two thirds.

Mrs. Anna B. Julian took five firsts, three seconds and three thirds with her flower show exhibits. Mrs. Percy Hiatt placed first three times, twice three times, and third once. Mrs. Gertrude Jungwirth received three firsts, three seconds and one third. Mrs. Eva Bressler got three firsts, one second, and two thirds. Mrs. Gladys Kuiken won 10 firsts and one second. Mrs. Clara Feenstra obtained one second place and two thirds.

Mrs. Carrie Naue won second place in class 13, dahlia. J.L. Chamberlain won first with a feather plant and phlox. Mrs. Anna Pietrok had the best collection of any fall annual and placed third with her corn exhibit. Mrs. Nina O'Neil won two firsts, two seconds, and one third. Mrs. E. L. Royce placed second with her arrangement of flowers in an unusual container. Mrs. Frances Garsjo won first with her potted plant dish garden. Mrs. Alta Bodeker captured third in the potted plant division with an airplane plant.

Santiam Grangers Hold Annual Fair

Lyons—The 16th annual fall fair and harvest festival of the Santiam Valley grange will be held at the grange hall Saturday afternoon and evening, Sept. 28. Albert Julian will be general chairman. There will be entries in livestock, fruit and vegetables, canning, baking, 4-H club work, fancy work, flowers, commercial display and hobbies.

First and second cash prizes will be given. Anyone in the community and surrounding communities of the upper Santiam Valley may enter exhibits. Exhibits must be in by noon. No entries will be taken after 12 noon. There will be a short program and numerous door prizes in the evening. The following committees are in charge:

General committee, Lloyd Sletto, Jake Myers and Bob Draper; farm booth, Steve Dark; livestock, Elmer Taylor and Giles Wagner; fruit and vegetables, Matt Bevers, Ike Myers, Wilson Stevens, and Frank Basl; canning, Bertha Basl, Dorothy Draper, Elaine Myers, and Ben Hiatt; baking, Elaine Russell, and Dorothy Lorenz; 4-H club, Fern Sletto and Estelle Spiva; baazer, Leora Stevens, Anna B. Julian, and Garnett Bassett; flowers, Celene Taylor, Alice Huber, and Nina Dark; home economics, Melvina Franklin; commercial display, Jerry Coffman; fancy work exhibits, Blanch Wagner and Lois Myers; reception, George Berry, Ed Taylor, May Patton, and Casper Gerath; program, Wilson Stevens and Albert Julian; publicity, Eva Bressler, Alta Bodeker and Steve Dark.

"This is an annual event where much work and effort is put forth. It is well worth anyone's time, so come along and help make the fair a success," states Julian.