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## Unusual Fire Season Noted By Oregon State Forestry Board; 578 Lightning Fires Reported

SALEM—An unusual fire season, improved protection practices, major progress in forest land rehabilitation, continuation of the insect survey and increasing forest planting on privately owned lands, marked the activities of the state forestry department and its cooperating protection associations in the administration and protection of 12,000,000 acres of Oregon's forest lands during 1956.

A fire season which saw 578 lightning fires out of a total of 987 and the necessity of closing the fire season in late November after it had been formally opened a month earlier, were the unusual happenings in protection during the year.

The acreage burned during the regular fire season was 4831 acres, placing it in the list of one of the most favorable in recent years. Then, during the latter part of November and early December, continuous gale-like winds came down the Columbia river gorge, contributing to an extremely high fire hazard in the northwest part of the state.

Numerous fires broke out and the governor issued a proclamation closing the season in northwestern Oregon. It was the first time that such action had been taken in the 46-year history of the state forestry department.

In Clatsop county, two fires broke out east of the city of Astoria and burned some 6000 acres before being brought under control. Another fire got away from slash burning in the Cronin creek watershed and spotted over several thousand acres of land, most of it belonging to the state. Smaller fires occurred on the Trask river in Tillamook county and in Clackamas and in Linn counties.

Improved protection was emphasized during 1956 through special training of protection groups. This included setting up seven ten-man overhead crews made up of selected individuals qualified through experience and fitness to take over large project fires during periods of emergencies.

Another new departure was the training of selected individuals from industrial organizations in order to fit them as bosses on the fire lines. Three such training sessions were held, with a total of approximately 100 men taking the courses. Another step in this work was advance training and basic instruction for the seasonal fire crews.

During the year, a total of 3,135,900 forest tree seedlings were planted on 3799 acres of state forest lands. In addition, 8000 acres were seeded by helicopter. In the process of constructing snag free corridors, 108,437 snags were felled in the Tillamook burn. Accomplishments for 1956 as for the entire project from its beginning July 1, 1949, to the first of the year are as follows:

No. fire crews	5
Acres aerially mapped	619,520
Acres aerially seeded	8,000
Acres planted	3,799
No. trees planted	3,135,900
No. snags felled	108,437
Miles fire breaks	55
Lookouts built	4
No. fire crews	5
Miles road built	2
Miles road maintained	290

The 1956 aerial survey of 27,000,000 acres of Oregon's forest lands indicated that there is still 536,130 acres of widely scattered spruce budworm infestation, mainly in the Blue mountains of eastern Oregon. This included 476,000 acres of light infestation, 63,660 of medium, and 5,280 heavy.

Due to the nature of the infestation, it was decided that no control work was necessary in 1957. However, entomologists were cautious in their predictions and indicated that it is quite possible that a major infestation during 1957 would necessitate control work in 1958. They recommend that plans be made to test such a situation.

Porcupines have become a major threat to the ponderosa pine forests off the eastern part of the state. In the areas the damage has been reported to exceed that of forest fires. A study made last year under the direction of the state forestry department showed that more than 12,000

of the animals had been killed by foresters, hunters and individuals employed for control work. In spite of this tremendous kill there was apparently no reduction in the amount of damage. The control work is to continue.

The damage by animals was not limited to porcupine. The black bear became a menace to young Douglas fir and spent a considerable part of his time peeling the bark from the root collar and trunk. Reports indicated that a single bear could kill as many as 1,000 trees in a single year. A cooperative control project resulted in the killing of more than 200 of the animals.

The Oregon forest conservation act appears to be well received by the loggers of the state. The records indicate that violations are less than one-half of one per cent of all area logged. This act, approved in 1941, requires that the logger leave his land in productive condition.

Tree planting has become a major activity with the private landowner. Farmers are increasing the area of plantations each year and the industrial groups are planting many areas immediately following logging without waiting for nature to do the job. The result has been a demand for seedlings that far exceeds the capacity of the Oregon forest nursery. Orders during the first four weeks of the fall shipping season were more than twice the full capacity of the nursery.

In addition to the farmer and industry demand, it is expected that the tree planting under the acreage reserve program of the Soil Bank Act will call for some 15,000,000 forest tree seedlings each year. In order to meet this demand the forest service will act as the financial sponsor for a new nursery to be operated by the state forestry department. Steps have already been taken to secure a suitable site.

A new areas and costs study was made during the year which will be used in the distribution of Clarke-McNary Section 2 funds. It is the regular cost revision which is made periodically in all states in the Union. Under the federal policy, half of the Section 2 funds will be distributed on the basis of this new estimated cost and the balance on performance. Increasing costs of personnel, materials, equipment and supplies have made the revision necessary.

Activities have continued in the various state forests which have indicated inventories of Lane county state forests, and similar studies initiated in Tillamook county and on the Elliott state forest.

Timber sales over the biennium have brought in a total of \$2,479,170. However, with the slump in the lumber market two recent sales failed to bring any bidders. Plans at the present time are to withhold all sales until next spring.

### Capt. Walter Lansing Speaks at DeMolay Meeting at Stayton

Following the pancake feed put on by the Santiam Chapter of the DeMolay at Stayton last Wednesday night, Capt. Walter Lansing of the Oregon State Police was the main speaker of the evening.

Capt. Lansing used "The Big Fight" as a topic in addressing the DeMolay boys, and many guests present. "In the present day life," said Mr. Lansing, "everyone has to fight in some way for existence. There is a fight for education. It is impossible to play our way through life. Formal education is necessary, although there are those who feel they can get by somehow without it. In my work I have come in contact with many young people. It takes no brains to be a bum, and not much more to be a hoodlum. Some of these young people die young of 'lead poisoning,' and others end up in penal institutions."

In continuing Capt. Lansing said: "We can't drift through life. In order to amount to something, one has to strive to better themselves. It is easy to acquire the habit of doing nothing. I think we were put on this earth to improve ourselves and do the best we can with the life that has been given us."

"The secret of most people who wind up in penal institutions or other houses of correction is that somewhere along the line they were not given the proper love—this cannot be accomplished unless some love and consideration for others is shown."

Another speaker of note at the meeting was "Dad" Beatty of Corvallis who gave a brief but weighty talk. He told his audience that: "some people feel they have to show off or be smart alecks to get the attention they want. This is not the case. Society can easily get along without this type of person. They are in reality a menace to society. DeMolay was organized to give young men a good clean organization to work in, and to teach

## DETROIT

By Roots Champion

Felicitations are in order for Mr. and Mrs. James E. Harris of Idanha upon the birth of a daughter born February 5 at Santiam Memorial hospital at Stayton.

There was a fair attendance at the March of Dimes bingo and card party sponsored by the FOE Auxiliary, and held at the Detroit-Idanha school Friday when \$42.79 was netted. The Detroit-Idanha school netted \$27.73 via coin cards distributed by the school. Mrs. Al Sorseth, chairman of the polio campaign for Detroit proper, reported a total of \$82.38 was collected, which is above the amount collected last year.

The Cedars Tavern scored 198 points to Meander's 147 in a challenge shuffleboard game played Sunday at the Cedars. The Cedars also won a victory over the Maples in a recent game.

At a special school election held Monday at the Detroit-Idanha school on the preliminary budget as made by the local levying committee for the ensuing year, the vote was 29 to 9 in favor of the budget. It will now go to the rural school district board for further consideration and allocations for rural school district funds.

Supt. Harold Regele of the Detroit-Idanha school announced that a square dance will be held in the school auditorium Friday evening, February 22 between the hours of 7:30 and 9:30 p. m. A group of enthusiasts from Mill City has been invited. Regele also reported that all Detroit-Idanha school teachers were reelected for another school year at a special board meeting Monday evening.

The regular monthly PTA meeting will be held at the Detroit-Idanha school tonight (Thursday) at 8.

Mr. and Mrs. John Estey were business callers in Portland on Sunday, where they were joined by Mr. Estey's sister, Mrs. Ethel Brown of Longview, Wash. Enroute home they visited their niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Cavanaugh and children at Oregon City. Mrs. Cavanaugh is the former Lorraine Booker. On Tuesday the Estey's motored to Ocean Lake where they were guests of his sister, Mrs. Gladys Montgomery for a few days.

A correction on the Cub Scout Pack hot cake and sausage dinner which will be held February 25 at 6:30 at the Detroit-Idanha school. It was previously stated in last week's issue they would entertain their parents. A thousand pardons, the dinner is open to the public. The traditional blue and gold dinner is sponsored annually by the Cub Scout Packs in the month of February and is nation-wide. It is the one project of the year to raise funds for necessary items.

### Simpson Logging Co. Appoints Safety Man

PORTLAND, Feb. 18—Appointment of Kenneth "Jack" MacDonald, 46, as safety supervisor for its twony by the Simpson Logging Company.

MacDonald will be on the staff of Pat Reiten, Simpson personnel supervisor in Portland, and will supervise safety in Simpson production plants in Portland, Albany, Lyons, and Idanha.

MacDonald's long background in safety training and engineering includes 15 years with the American Red Cross and several years with the U. S. Rubber Company and Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Company. MacDonald has been residing in Spokane, but will establish his new home in Portland with his wife and 10-year-old daughter.

### Representative Norblad Appointed Rep. Whip

Rep. Walter Norblad, has again been appointed Western Republican Whip, it was announced today.

This assignment is in addition to his regular committee positions as a member of the Committee on Committees and the Armed Services Committee.

them some of the right living habits of life.

One example I can remember as a young man was given me by a railroad man. He said that a man is worth \$2 a day from the soles of his feet to his chin. From there on up depends upon the individual. He can be worth whatever he chooses to be worth. It depends upon him."

He stated further: "Always try to do the best you can. If you can't get straight 1's in your studies, get as close as you can, but continue to try."

Following the talks the DeMolay degree was exemplified by a team from Albany.

The DeMolay boys are also planning to organize a basketball team, with a series of games planned between other chapters of the district.



## Jefferson Has Hands Full Here Friday Night

Jefferson got a surprise and genuine scare here Friday night when the Santiam Wolverines played one of their best games of the season, and had Jefferson, top of the league tied up at the end of regular play. Jefferson went through the entire season without a loss to win top place in the league.

At the end of the first quarter Mill City had a one point lead, but at the half, Jefferson had a 22-20 advantage. In the third quarter the score stood 30 for Jefferson and 26 for Santiam. In the final stanza both teams were playing their best, and when the buzzer sounded at the end of regular play the score stood 37 all. In the overtime period Jefferson made a field goal to win the game.

Again had the Wolverines been able to connect with their free throws, the Champions would have been defeated. It was a wonderful game to see and fans were plenty proud of their team. The JVs played a good game but lost 51 to 43. They were ahead many times during the game, and showed good form.

In the Varsity game Bevier was high point man with 12. Others scoring were Smith 4, Thomas 6, Muir 4, and Kanoff 5.

Take Two from Shedd  
 The final home game of the season for the high school teams were played here Tuesday evening with Shedd. In the JV mix they had an easy time. Coach Ingram used the entire squad during the evening, and they came out on top with a 41-25 score.

Larry Kanoff lead Santiam with 15 points. Others scoring were Smith with 12, Thomas 13, Muir 2, Bevier 2, Epperson 2, Chance 12 and Podrabsky 3. The locals have one more game on their schedule which will be played at Colton Friday night.



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