

### Champions Attend Ambulance Meet

DETROIT—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Champion left here Friday morning for Chilquin, where Mr. Champion as a representative of the Detroit Mobile First Aid unit, attended the Volunteer Ambulance associating meeting. Hosting the meeting was the Chilquin fire department.

dar Mills, Multnomah, Tualatin, Canby, Silverton, Stayton, Madras, Redmond and Chilquin. Following the meeting luncheon was served by the auxiliary of the Chilquin fire department. The next meeting will be held at Madras November 10. The agenda of the business will include the election of three new directors to fill the expiring terms of directors. A new president and secretary-treasurer will also be nominated and elected for a one-year term.

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## This is Our Forest

By The Old Man of The Mountains  
**George E. Thomas**

On the North Santiam River, South of Highway 22 at 606 4th and Grove.

I'm sitting in the back yard of my home right in the heart of canyon valley.

There is a little overcast and a few scattered clouds, right now I'm looking into the mouth of the North Santiam River Gorge that winds its way into the beautiful Cascade mountains and the lakes of clear cool water of the Big Cliff and the Detroit Dams.

On both sides of the gorge the snow white mountains tower up from the beautiful foot hills of forest green. On top of the snow white mountains there is a shadow from a cloud which gives it a collar of silvery gray, and beneath it a black cliff, between the collar of white snow the silver gray, black cliff and the foothills of forest green.

I'm thanking God for giving me eyes to see such a beautiful sight and a brain to realize its worth.

Do you know what is in our forest? I have worked in it, "loved it and lived it" for over sixty years and believe me I know what is up there in those hills.

Our forest is a living home for our Deer, Elk, Bear, Wild Cats, Cougars, Beaver, Otter, Mountain Boomers, Skunks, Mink, Weasel, Rabbits, Pheasants, Birds, Bees, Pine Squirrels, Chipmunks and in the spring it is one of Gods loveliest flower gardens. When Autumn turns the dogwood and vine maple leaves to gold, yellow and red and silver it is one of the most beautiful sights ever.

The forest builds our homes, that forest is our water shed for our drinking water, for the water that runs the turbines that generate and furnishes lights and power for the whole northwest, and the water to irrigate the farms that raises the food that we eat and believe we need that forest to live.

That's our forest. Let us help protect it, every man, woman and child. The Forest Service men do a wonderful job, every one of them, but they just can't do it all, it is up to us to help them. A forest fire isn't just burning trees it is burning flesh and blood, every living thing in the forest burns, sometimes it is our own men. I have worked on two forest fires where men burned to death and helped to carry them out. After going through a deal like that I believe if I caught a man deliberately setting a forest fire I would be tempted to leave him there in the forest for buzzard bait.

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### Willamette Valley Farmers Attend Farm Field Day

Over 150 Willamette Valley farmers, extension agents, businessmen and state and county officials attended the third Jackson Farm field day last Wednesday to view the results of crop research being conducted by Oregon State University agricultural specialists in cooperation with the Pacific Power & Light Company.

The morning tour of the farm, located five miles west of Lebanon, was followed by a Chamber of Commerce-sponsored sack luncheon at the Stayton city park and a motor tour of central Willamette Valley farms which are utilizing irrigation and drainage techniques developed at the Jackson experimental farm.

The experimental program, now in its fifth and final year was initiated by PP&L and OSU to determine the feasibility of growing crops of greater yields and diversity of the Willamette Valley.

Participants in the morning tour were shown how various methods of draining surface accumulations of winter rain water allowed experimenters to grow many varieties of vegetable and grain crops which were previously unable to be grown on this type of soil.

University scientists guided tour groups through thick stands of ripe winter wheat, a crop which has not been grown profitably on the poorly-drained Dayton and Amity soils of the Valley.

The guides explained that the success of the winter wheat was the result of a series of 18-inch high ridges which were thrown up for the length of the field before planting, last October. During the rainy season, the ridges served to channel water off the field and prevented it from accumulating in surface ponds.

Four members were also impressed with the experimental plot of feed corn which is tasseling out well over eight feet above the ground—obvious proof of the value of draining winter rain and applying adequate fertilizer and irrigation.

## MEHAMA

Mrs. John Teeters

Visitors August 9 at the home of Mrs. Jack Ryland were her niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Zeigler of Fresno, Calif. The Zeiglers were on their way home from a two week's vacation trip into Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Walz, Joanne, Dorothy, Carl, Darrel and Mike, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Champ and daughter, Renee and Bonnie Christensen picnicked at Breitenbush Sunday, Aug. 6.

Guests at the G. W. Coffman home the weekend of August 12 and 13 were their daughter, Mrs. David Hoeyer of Seattle and a friend, Mrs. Tommy Millan of Bellevue, Wn.

Roger Dunn, who is employed with Kimsey Construction Co. at Baker was at his home here for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Montgomery of Eugene were guests Sunday at the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Monroe and also visited with other relatives here.

Visiting during the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Art Anderson were their grandsons, Charles, Martin and Mark, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Anderson of Brookings. The boys are staying with their other grandparents the James Versteegs of Turner for a couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Crook of Portland were luncheon guests at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crook. The Donald Crooks were on their way home from a vacation trip to California.

Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank White were her nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Albequer and four children of Salem.

Mrs. Edward Tizze visited Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. J. F. Webber in Sweet Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rogers and two children have moved from Lyons into the Harvey Kanoff house below town, which they have purchased.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace McCarley of Eugene visited during the weekend at the C. M. Cooper home, with other friends here and in Salem and also with his parents in Mill City.

## DETROIT IDANHA

By Boots Champion

The Oregon State Fish Hatchery at Marion Forks is getting a new look with blacktopping. The one-day project was done by the State Highway Department.

Lynn, Junior and Winston Williams of Idanha, left here for Arkansas Saturday to attend the funeral services for their sister, Mrs. Richard (Evalene) Bismark, who passed away Saturday. Mrs. Bismark had been in ill health for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. George Barsmer of Idanha are making preparations to move their trailer house to Gates where they will make their home. They moved Wednesday.

Joe Markee of the Marion Forks Fish Hatchery is being transferred to the McKenzie hatchery near Leaburg it was announced this week by the Oregon State Fish Commission. Supt. Howard Drago said Monday that Markee has been employed at the hatchery at Marion Forks for about two years. Markee and his family left Tuesday for his new job. Drago said no replacement has been made to date to fill the vacancy.

In spite of many of the young men-folk on fire fighting detail the teenagers dance Saturday was moderately successful.

Tuesday and Wednesday visitors of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jake

Noble were Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gifford of Nevada City, Calif. The visit served as a reunion with his aunt, Mrs. Inez Overturf, mother of Mrs. Noble, whom Mr. Gifford had not seen for 40 years.

Otto Oja, employed as a faller and buckler at Grays River, Wn., returned home Sunday evening following a two-day closure of Weyerhaeuser logging operations.

At the regular meeting of the Detroit City Council Tuesday evening W. C. (Cliff) McMillan was appointed to finish out a year and a half unexpired term of Jimmy Singleton who resigned, and is moving to Astoria.

Floyd Gray, about 65, of Salem, suffering from a respiratory affliction was taken by Detroit Mobile First Aid unit about 9:30 p. m. Saturday to a Salem hospital. Mr. Gray and an unidentified couple were vacationing in the area when he became ill.

Saturday and Sunday visitors at the Idanha home of Mr. and Mrs. Len Davis were Navy Corpsman and Mrs. Lanny Vickers of Seattle. On Sunday the group was joined by Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Vickers and children and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Lindley, all of Independence. In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Davis and their guests drove to Mongold where they enjoyed a turkey picnic luncheon. Following the luncheon the young people enjoyed water skiing. Vickers, a medical corpsman stationed at Pier 91 Dispensary, Seattle, has received orders that he will be transferred to Guam in November.

Henry Kniss of the Detroit Ranger station was sent to McKenzie Saturday and later sent to Eugene where he is working at the Forest Service warehouse in procuring fire fighting equipment and supplies, Ranger Lee Boeckstiegel said Monday. Mrs. Kniss is visiting relatives in Portland during his absence.

Stayton was the victor 12-7 in a softball league game played there August 8 vs. Detroit-Idanha. The score for the Detroit-Idanha team now stands 2-1 in favor of Detroit. The team played Mill City there August 15, Gates here August 27 and Stayton here August 29. All games start at 7 p. m. The August 29 game will be the last of the season's League play.

### Ronald Cannon Graduates From Navy Training Base

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—Seaman Recruit Ronald D. Cannon, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie W. Cannon of Route 1 Lyons, Ore., has been graduated from nine weeks of Navy basic training at the Naval Training Center here.

In the first weeks of his naval service he studied military subjects and lived and worked under conditions similar to those he will encounter on his first ship or at his first shore station.

In making the transition from civilian life to Naval service, he received instruction under veteran Navy petty officers. He studied seamanship, as well as survival techniques, military drill and other subjects.

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### Woman Holds Down Whistle Punk Job

DETROIT—During World War II, it was not uncommon to see or hear of the fairer sex holding down jobs heretofore considered as a man's job. During that period several women were hired in the upper North Santiam Canyon to do just that. A woman was hired by DuBois Logging Co., as a "whistle punk" the phrase meaning signals, and two ladies held a post at Marion Lake in 1943.

A woman manned a lookout station, Stahlman Point in 1951. A spokesman at the ranger station said Monday various lookout stations on the Detroit District were manned by the fairer sex up to about 1954.

Green Veneer, Inc., Idanha now has two ladies in their employ on the green chain. They are Charlotte Yale of Blue River, who rides a motorcycle to and from work, and Ada Tompkins, whose application was just recently accepted.

Miss Yale has had seven years of experience as a millwright, and has been employed at the plant here for about two weeks.

For those of you who do not know what a green chain is: it is removing lumber off the chain after being cut by a saw, and sorting veneer after it leaves the lathe.

Several other applications by the fair sex have been received at the plant and are being taken under consideration.

A rumor circulating in the area that women can be hired for less than men is not so, said the plant office.

### Many Visitors At Detroit Dam

Over 31,000 vacationers per day took advantage of recreational facilities around U. S. Corps of Engineers reservoirs in western Oregon during the month of July.

Visitor attendance at Bonneville and The Dalles Dams on the Columbia River and the 10 completed flood control projects in the Willamette Valley rose from 148,600 in June to 971,500 in July. The July total is the greatest this year.

Detroit and Big Cliff Reservoirs on the North Santiam River east of here, 151,700 in July, 117,900 for June, 393,700 for the year through July, and 98,000 for July 1966. Total number of visitors to all reservoirs for the year through July is 2,839,000, compared to 2,283,500 recorded for the same period last year.

Facilities at the reservoirs include boat launching ramps and camping, picnicking and swimming areas.

Sustained periods of high temperature, low humidity and no rain has caused extreme fire danger conditions in Oregon's forest areas. These conditions produce fire weather; days when any outdoor fire is an extreme hazard. Keep an eye on the weather; avoid lighting outdoor fires during critical fire weather.

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