

HUMIDITY FACTOR IN FIRE FIGHTING

PORTLAND, July 30.—Humidity may mean only discomfort to most people but to western pine logging operators humidity plays a big part in what goes on in the woods. When the air is well weighted with water, woods operations are comparatively safe from forest fire, but let camp humidity drop to 15, or even 20 sometimes, and loggers become as cautious as workers in a powder factory.

"The western pine lumberman is a forester as well as a logger," says a forest fire warning just issued by the Western Pine association of Portland, Oregon, which represents 85 per cent of the pine production in the west, "and he is doing everything humanly possible to insure a continuously growing crop of timber. Fire is one of the greatest dangers, especially at this time of year."

"Work in many camps of western pine operators is influenced considerably by humidity and other fire hazard factors. When humidity drops to 15, emergency watchmen are added to the camp fire wardens' crew. When it drops below 10, extreme precautions are taken and everyone warned of the imminent danger."

In describing how loggers know when fire hazard is present, the association points to the wide use of what is known as a fan psychrometer, a comparatively new, yet simple instrument. A friction-drive fan is used to circulate air across a wet-bulb thermometer. This action automatically registers the amount of relative humidity in the air.

The instrument is scientifically correct, the association reports. Watched constantly, the operator is sure to catch the lowest, and thus most dangerous reading recorded by the thermometer. In this manner many western pine loggers are kept constantly on guard during the hazardous months.

Many camps also have additional equipment to tell them of exact weather conditions. Wind vanes show direction of air currents, and a wind-velocity gauge, with a buzzer hooked to a telephone battery, makes it possible to count the revolutions and so determine the speed of the wind. All these factors are necessary in order to know exact conditions.

"With these scientific instruments," says the association, "and the keen eyes of camp fire wardens, western pine woods' operations are doing everything possible to keep fire out of not only mature stands of timber, but also out of the future forests which they are now nursing carefully in order to insure a permanent crop of western pine timber for generations to come. We ask the public to help us by being careful of fire in private forests."

Ohio Senator Hit By Lightning Bolt

WASHINGTON, July 30 (UP)—Senator Vic Donahey, democrat, Ohio, was injured Wednesday when struck by lightning while fishing with friends from a launch near Solomons Island.

The launch, which was somewhat disabled by the bolt, limped into Solomons Island and a physician was called. He said the senator could not be moved for the present. His side and hands were burned.

Clubbers Learn Science of Sheep Raising



The combined membership of the Henley and Merrill 4-H sheep clubs gathered at the W. E. Hammond ranch at Merrill recently for a lesson in sheep judging, a fitting demonstration and a lecture on wool. Picture shows the group. Standing, left to right, are Tom Lacey, Chuck Wolford, Virgil Powers, William Falberg, Norman Powers, David Nelson, local wool buyer who delivered the wool lecture, Benny Murphy, Willie Dingler, Garrett Dean Hilyard, Paul Fairclough, Wilma Graham, Earl C. Reynolds, leader of the Henley club, Marjorie Reynolds, Marjorie Fairclough, Janice Blackman and Lee Chase. Kneeling in the foreground are W. E. Hammond, leader of the Merrill club, and Lawson Kandra. (Herald-News Photo-Engraving.)

SECOND FLOWER EXHIBIT PLANNED

MERRILL, July 30.—Merrill's energetic Garden club members will sponsor the second annual fall flower show on Sunday, August 23, in the Merrill high school gymnasium. It was announced following a meeting of the group held Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. W. Staunton. The club formerly planned to hold the event this fall at Henley.

Mrs. Hugh O'Connor, general chairman, who with the assistance of other members, directed the spring exhibit, will serve again in that capacity. A number of unusual plants are under consideration to make the event one of the most interesting of the entire year.

As before, anyone interested in flower culture and having blooms for display is welcome to enter exhibits.

Tuesday's session was opened with roll call, each member responding with a flower whose name began with the same letter as her own. A round table discussion, following each response, brought out unusual and interesting disclosures.

In response to her name, Mrs. Staunton, one of the south-end's most talented musicians, played on her harp, "The Last Rose of Summer."

The group will meet in regular session August 11 at the home of Mrs. Scott McKendree and Mrs. O. T. McKendree, at which time Mrs. G. A. Krause, Klamath Falls, will address the members on iris culture.

The first brewer in the United States was not of German-American origin, as is commonly supposed. He was a Scotsman and became one of the country's largest producers.

Soviet to Survey Arctic Air Route

LOS ANGELES, July 30 (UP)—Sigmund Levanevsky, soviet flier, surveyed his slow but sure red and blue monoplane from all angles Wednesday and announced he was ready to hop off Sunday on a flight over the arctic to Moscow.

Levanevsky said the trip was proposed to collect scientific data on the farthest north air route ever attempted to determine the practicability of establishing a regular air line between Moscow and Los Angeles.

MERRILL BRIEFS

MERRILL, July 30.—The annual picnic sponsored by the Altar society of the Merrill Holy Cross church held Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Lacey was largely attended. The weather was perfect for the event and large representations were present from various parts of Klamath county and the Tulelake district. Lunch was served at noon and the afternoon was devoted to games and sports.

Tom Laird, proprietor of the Laird drug store, has installed a larger compressor for cooling purposes than has been in use in the past.

Mrs. W. C. Bailey suffered severe burns on face, arms and neck, and an injury to a leg recently when a floor board in the building in which she was washing broke under her weight. She had just drawn a bucket of scalding water for the washing machine and in the fall was scalded.

Mrs. Bailey's father, Mr. Griffin, Medford, who has been a guest of his daughter, returned to his home Wednesday.

Mrs. N. H. Hogue has as her house guest her sister Mrs. C. H. Wylie, San Francisco. Mrs. Robinson, mother of Mrs. Wylie, who makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Hogue, is also enjoying the guest.

Now that Chilquien and Klamath Falls have both the republican and the democratic state chairmen, we suggest that all the political hot air be kept in that corner of the state and give the rest of us a chance to make our decisions in peace.—Albany Democrat-Herald.

Stone was used for telegraph poles in India before iron came into use. Wood cannot be used on account of white ants.

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TULELAKE HOTEL STRUCTURE RISES

TULELAKE, July 30.—Tulelake's largest hotel, now under construction by Clyde Barks, proprietor of Clyde's hotel, will be completed by September 10, Barks said today.

Work on the concrete steel reinforced vault which is to be placed in the quarters leased by the Glanville banking interests of San Francisco, will be started this week under the supervision of Karl Gentry. The vault will require a floor space of 13½ by 8½ feet.

The lobby, with a floor space of 19½ by 21 feet, will face on Front street. It will be flanked by office space, windows for accommodation of customers and a filling room. The entire interior arrangement is in accordance with specifications sent from San Francisco and is an exact replica of other banks controlled by the company. This system of arrangement is said to eliminate confusion in transferring officials and others associated with the banks.

The space leased to the Columbia Utilities company for the local telephone exchange is to be completed this week and an early move is contemplated by the operators.

The reception room and switchboard are located in the front of the building and compact, modern living quarters consisting of bedroom, bath and kitchenette have been finished in the rear.

H. Weschler, proprietor of the Weschler clothing store, will occupy the third space. He plans to remodel and enlarge the space now occupied by his business in the corner of the building. Apartments in the rear of the building are to be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Weschler.

The added hotel rooms will occupy the second floor. They will be entirely modern with large windows and will flank the lobby.

The exterior of the building is of stucco and the structure is being put up at an approximate cost of \$11,000.

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Blenheim, the handsome head of which you see, now stands in stud in Kentucky. So valuable is Blenheim—his waybill valuation stated \$250,000—that it was decided not to risk him in the streets of New York. A barge conveyed the king of English stallions from the S. S. Herengracht's dock to W. 65th street railroad yards. Blenheim recently was purchased from the Aga Khan by a group of American sportsmen.

Lumber Firm Head Guilty of Assault

OKANOGAN, Wash., July 30 (UP)—Ross McNett, president of the Biles Coleman Lumber company at Omak, was found guilty of assault upon a picket, Archie Dery, in a decision returned late Wednesday by Justice Howard Vich.

Justice Vich declared McNett's claim of self defense was not proved. He assessed a fine of \$1 plus \$12 costs stating that the nominal fine was warranted by the fact that the assault was provoked by abusive names called to McNett by pickets of which Dery was a member.

British homes now are serving pink grapefruit, imported from Trinidad and Tobago, British West Indies.

Lightning Sets Off Dynamite Explosion

CENTRAL CITY, Colo., July 30 (UP)—Lightning set off an explosion of five tons of dynamite on the outskirts of this historic little mining city Wednesday as residents were winding up their annual Central City festival.

The lightning struck the huge iron door of a stone powder house in which the dynamite was stored.

The concussion cracked and broke glass windows throughout the town. All that remained of the powder house after the explosion was a pile of debris. Even the iron door could not be found.

Forest Fire Hits Mountain Resort

ONTARIO, Calif., July 30 (UP)—A forest fire raged out of control at Camp Mount Baldy, mountain summer resort near here, Wednesday, destroying a large dance pavilion, 22 cabins and several buildings.

Rangers were sent to the scene to prevent flames from spreading into heavy timber that covers sides of the lofty peak.

Wilbur Vernon, 33, manager of Bear Canyon resort, situated just below the fire, reportedly fractured his skull when he fell from a building while fighting flames.

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