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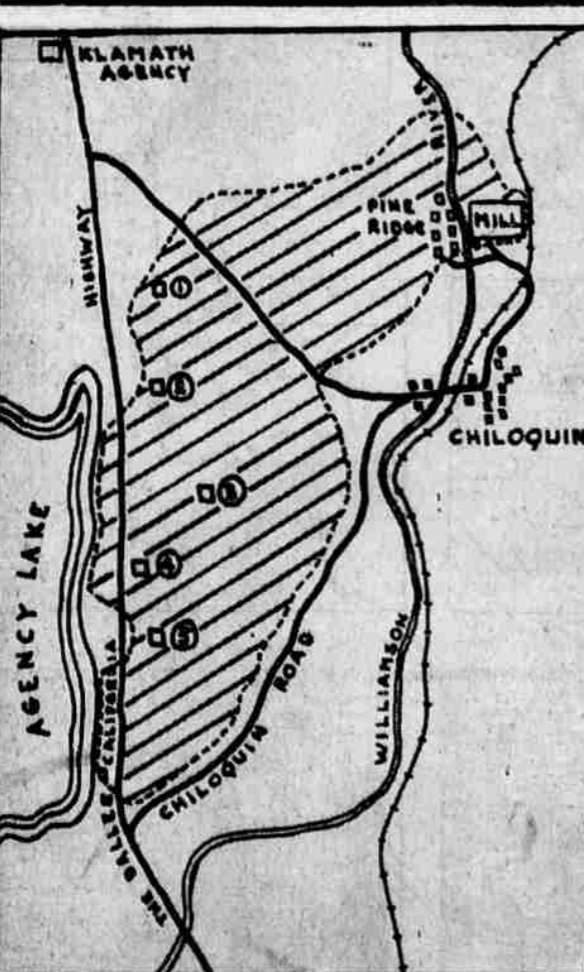
WEATHER

Sunday's maximum 91 Today's high 91, low 60 PRECIPITATION 24 hours to 8 a. m. .00 Season to date .87 Last year to date 17.35 Normal precipitation 12.08



\$2,000,000 FIRE BURNS TOWN

Savage Fire Destroys Mill and Town, Sweeps Into Woods



The upper picture shows a general scene of Pine Ridge when Saturday night's fire was at its height. The mass of flames at the center of the picture show a part of the Forest Lumber company plant burning. At the left, houses are burning. The center picture, taken Sunday, shows a part of the ruins, with skeletons of boxcars in the foreground, the stacks, water tank and filling room beyond. Below, a map showing how the fire spread from Pine Ridge. Cross-hatched area was burned over. Ranches indicated by the numbers on the map are: No. 1, Ted Savage ranch, house after seven different times but finally saved, other buildings burned; No. 2, former Bill Skeen place, buildings burned; No. 3, Oscar Moore ranch, buildings burned; No. 4, Port Summers ranch, barn burned; No. 5, Byron Lotches ranch, two haystacks burned. Full Page of Fire Pictures, Page 5.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS EUROPE looks today like a man in a small boat, without oars, drifting down a swift river toward an immense waterfall. Don't get too jittery. Europe is good at getting into crises, and has often been good at getting out of them.

READ this paragraph from a Tientsin (China) dispatch, and then check your reactions carefully: "The toll of death and property destruction leaped today as THE WORST FLOOD in Tientsin's history submerged much of the city under constantly deepening water. Huge property losses were ignored as the community centered its efforts solely on preserving life."

UNLESS you're abnormal, your feeling will be that in comparison with China's war this record-breaking flood catastrophe is insignificant.

Man's worst enemy is MAN.

ANOTHER dispatch — from Tokyo: "A Domei (Japanese news agency) telegram from Hanking, Manchoukuo, today said 49 Mongol (Russian-aided) planes were downed in three battles Sunday on the troubled Manchoukuo-Outer Mongolia border."

Why not let the censors and the propagandists fight all the wars? They seem to win them so easily.

DR. J. A. SHAW, key witness in the government's investigation of Louisiana's crime-spattered dictatorship, is found dead, with a revolver beside his body. The coroner says suicide.

A lot of us will suspect it was murder, to stop his mouth.

DICTATORSHIPS and murder always have gone together, and probably always will. Comparatively recent instances are Hitler's and Stalin's "purges" of those who disagree with them.

THE department of commerce announces that the gasoline tax is THE MOST IMPORTANT SINGLE SOURCE of state revenues.

And the least complained about. With few exceptions, the gasoline tax has been used by the state to build roads, which the public wants and needs and MAKES PAY.

We're slow to complain of taxes when we feel we're getting our money's worth.

Illinois Commerce Chairman Named Bonneville Head

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21 (AP)—Dr. Paul J. Raver, chairman of the Illinois commerce commission, was named today administrator of the Bonneville power project in Washington and Oregon, effective September 15. Dr. Raver, born in Logansport, Ind., will relieve Frank A. Banks, federal construction superintendent of the Grand Coulee project in central Washington who has been acting administrator at Portland, Ore., since the death of J. D. Ross. In announcing Dr. Raver's appointment, Secretary Ickes, nominal head of the Bonneville project, said he was grateful to Governor Horner for releasing the official from his Illinois post. Ickes said he felt that Dr. Raver was especially well qualified to handle the Bonneville assignment "as a result of his long and brilliant record." "He has demonstrated ability to handle in the public interest the marketing of the power from Bonneville dam," Ickes said. Dr. Raver, who is 45 years old, graduated as a civil engineer from the University of Nebraska in 1917, received a degree of master of business administration from Northwestern university in 1927 and a degree of doctor of philosophy in 1933.

Two Fatally Hurt In Headon Crash On Lakeview Road

Theron Dearing of Tulelake, Robert Chapman Dead; Eight Seriously Injured in Highway Accidents to Klamath People in Weekend

Two persons were dead, and a number of others suffered injuries, as Klamath county weekend traffic accidents sent fatalities to nine for the year, 1939. The dead: Theron Aspell Dearing, 25, Tulelake. Robert Charles Chapman, 24, Klamath Falls. Seriously injured in the same accident which took the lives of young Dearing and Chapman, is Helen Murray, about 18, daughter of Gladstone Murray, route 1, box 287 Tulelake. Miss Murray is in Klamath Valley hospital, her face mutilated and with severe injuries to her eyes. The young girl's nose was severed from her face, possibly as she was thrown into the car windshield. Doctors described her condition as critical, but with a possibility that she will live. She is also suffering from a possible skull fracture.

According to state police who investigated the fatal crash, Dearing was driving west on the Lakeview highway on a mile east of the Swan Lake junction. Chapman, driver of the second car, was proceeding east. The cars crashed head-on. Both men were brought to Hillside hospital and neither regained consciousness before they died, according to hospital attendants.

Dearing suffered a fractured skull and died two hours after the crash, at 12:15 a. m. Sunday. Chapman lived until Sunday night at 11:35 o'clock. His injuries included lacerations and shock. His left arm was nearly severed and officers were of the opinion that loss of blood contributed largely to his death.

Young Dearing is survived by his mother, Mrs. Luella Dearing of Merrill, and a sister, Mrs. Earl Dumm of Klamath Falls. The remains are at the Ward's Klamath Funeral Home.

Chapman has been in Klamath Falls but a few months. His mother is thought to live in Bishop, Calif. Remains are at the Earl Whitlock Funeral Home. Chapman was reported as driving a car owned by Myron G. Chalkburg of the Campbell ranch, Merrill road, at the time of the accident. Chalkburg told officers that Chapman was on his way to work at the time of the crash. He also advised state police he intended to accompany the body south for burial.

State police observed that the highway at that point is straight for more than three miles. The stretch lies between Olene and Dairy. The accident appeared to have occurred in the center of the highway. There were no witnesses of the tragedy. Time of the accident was set at 10:20 p. m. Saturday.

Chemult Crash A head-on collision 18 miles north of Chemult on the Dalles-California highway Sunday at 1:15 p. m. sent Mrs. Beasie Amens, 53, Grants Pass, and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. June Amens, 21, also of Grants Pass, to Klamath Valley hospital with injuries.

Mrs. Amens is suffering from a broken clavicle, a left leg laceration and a part of her foot (Continued from Page Three)

Salesman Arrests Trio Who Beat, Robbed Man Fossil, Ore. Aug. 21 (AP)—Because of a Portland salesman's presence of mind, William M. Scott, of Idaho, faced a penitentiary sentence for robbery today, and two companions were held in jail.

W. V. Rumble, the salesman, found Lester Simpson, of Bandon, badly beaten, on the highway near Prineville. Simpson said two men and a woman offered him a ride to Baker in their car. A few miles from Prineville, he said, they beat him and stole \$33.

Rumble and Simpson overtook the trio near Mitchell, and the salesman, posing as an officer, "arrested" them. Then he called the Mitchell town marshal, who jailed them.

Brought to Fossil, Scott pleaded guilty. Francis Moore, Portland, and Maude Hagerman, Portland, were held. Judge Carl Hendricks sentenced Scott to serve five years in the penitentiary.

Six Drown in Sea Fishing Expedition RYE BEACH, N. H., Aug. 21 (AP)—The sea cast up six bodies on the beach today, revealing the tragic end of an all-day fishing party.

The victims were identified as: Ralph Pryor, 55, of Dover, owner of the boat. Miss Ethelyn Cutler, of Newmarket, a cousin of Pryor. Frank Plante, of New Boston, N. H. Joseph Wajnarr, 23, of Newmarket. Walter Hargraves, 24, of Newmarket. Clarence P. Yeaton, 47, of Dover.

Identification was made by Pryor's son, Robert. PEDESTRIAN KILLED FOREST GROVE, Aug. 21 (AP) Wayne Boyd, 34, of Dilley, Ore., was killed early yesterday by a car as he was crossing the highway. The car driver was not held.

FLAMES SWEEP ON TO DESTROY FIVE RANGES

Pine Ridge Mill, Homes Leveled; Many Left Without Shelter

Whether another mill will rise on the smoldering ruins of the big Forest Lumber company plant at Pine Ridge was an undecided question today as crews mopped up after one of the most disastrous conflagrations in the history of Klamath county. Approximately \$2,000,000 damages were inflicted by a savage blaze which started in the lumber yard Saturday afternoon and roared on to demolish the plant and the town of Pine Ridge. It then raced into production timber at the town's edge and burned to The Dalles-California highway six miles away, destroying more houses and threatening for a time the town of Chiloquin.

Four hundred employees of the company and their families, bereft of homes and jobs by the sudden conflagration, were reshaping their plans for the future Monday while friends and neighbors gave them temporary shelter. The disaster committee of the Klamath county Red Cross made emergency arrangements for the assistance of the Pine Ridge people.

Manager A. T. McDonough arrived Sunday from San Francisco where he was on a business trip when the fire occurred. He had already started home on the train when messages from his reached San Francisco, and first heard of the fire when a steward on a diner car on his train mentioned it to him.

Undecided McDonough said it would be impossible to state whether the company will rebuild. It may be a month before a decision is reached. Economic conditions, timber commitments and a number of other factors must be considered before definite plans are made, he indicated. He said he was in communication with R. B. White, president of the Forest Lumber company, of Kansas City, and other officials, but said it was unlikely White would come west at this time, as had been reported.

It was learned Monday that 53,700,000 feet of rough lumber lay on the docks when the fire began its savage onslaught. In the sheds and dry kiln were 9,000,000 feet more, some of this being high-grade, high-price stock. McDonough stated the plant and lumber stocks were covered by insurance.

The damage estimate of \$2,000,000 established Saturday night still held Monday. The fire, after leaving Pine Ridge in ruins, burned several additional houses, haystacks and farm buildings, which swelled the total damages.

Altogether, 1000 men fought the fire in the town and after it went into the timber. By Sunday morning, a force of (Continued from Page Three)

Workers Clear Rail Wreckage CHATSWORTH, N. J., Aug. 21 (AP)—About 500 men, working steadily in the flooded south Jersey pine belt wilderness for 23 hours, cleared last night the derailed "Blue Comet" crack Central Railroad of New Jersey Flier, and opened the carrier's one-track line to traffic.

Five coaches and a baggage car of the blue and gold train were derailed Saturday night during a heavy rainstorm. Seventeen persons were injured.

Baseball NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns for team names and scores. Includes Chicago, New York, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Brooklyn, and others.

Cancer Sufferer May Sample Effects Of "Frozen Sleeping"

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 21 (AP)—A man with cancer spreading slowly through his pancreas submitted to a series of tests at Temple university hospital today to determine his fitness to become medical science's regular patient No. 1 for the "frozen sleep" cancer treatment. The man, Max Harlan, 42-year-old Stockport, Pa., farmer, entered the hospital yesterday. If blood, x-ray and physical examinations show he is qualified, the treatment—which involves lowering the normal body temperature of 98.6 degrees to 85 or 90—may begin tomorrow. The unusual method was developed by two Temple physicians, Dr. Temple Fay and Lawrence W. Smith, who reported favorable results in skin cancer cases for the first time last May. Little is known of its effect on internal cases. Like a bear hibernating for the winter, the patient is put to sleep with a mild anesthetic and chilled ice packed closely around his body to induce a state of suspended animation. Breathing slackens, he requires no food and his natural eliminative functions cease. For four or five days he remains in a cold, dreamless sleep. Then he is awakened with a warm drink which restores normal bodily functions. The physicians hope this refrigerative process will check the growth of cancerous tissues in Harlan's body and possibly destroy it. Dr. Fay and Dr. Smith said in the current Journal of the American Medical Association healing was stimulated by the "refrigeration" and that patients have "frozen rid" of ulcerative lesions "in some of these cases." The treatment was not announced as a cure. In experiments, general improvement, disappearance of pain and gains in weight were marked in many instances.