

# BUREAU TELLS INCREASE IN FOREST FIRES

Forest fires last year burned over a total of 31,854,124 acres of United States woodlands, compared with 26,404,385 acres in 1941, the Department of Agriculture said today. The total number of fires in the first year was 208,218, an increase of 8516 over 1941.

These fires destroyed resources of critical importance in the war drive, and the diversion of men to fire fighting necessitated by outbreaks constituted a serious drain on manpower that could otherwise be utilized on war production, the forest service points out.

Of the 31 million acres burned in 1942, ninety per cent was in eleven southern states. Acreage loss by regions was: eastern states 1,362,894; southern, 28,531,119; north central, 1,123,421; Rocky Mountain, 263,221; and Pacific, 573,469.

A sharp rise in the number of incendiary forest fires occurred during the year. Nearly one-third of the forest fires reported on protected lands were of incendiary origin—12 per cent more than the number of incendiary fires during the preceding year. A large percentage of the incendiary fires result from traditional but misguided woodburning practices in the south. The number of fires for which smokers were responsible ranked second only to those of an incendiary nature. Careless brush and debris burning was third in importance as a cause of forest fires.

More than 136 million acres of forest land still lack organized protection against forest fires, the forest service reported. This is approximately one-fourth of the total area classed as needing protection. Eighty-six per cent of the total acreage burned last year was on this unprotected area.

The number of fires by causes on protected lands was as follows: lightning, 6707; railroads, 5020; campers, 3398; smokers, 18,248; debris burning, 13,944; lumbering, 1386; miscellaneous, 6753; unknown, 36,762. Complete figures for unprotected areas are not available.

Although the total monetary damage reported amounted to nearly \$45,000,000, foresters point out there is no way of obtaining accurate estimates of damage on unprotected lands, and in many cases the damage figures for unprotected areas are arbitrarily set at a nominal \$1 an acre. Aside from commercial timber destroyed by fire, the trees surviving are often so weakened that decay and insect injury quickly follow.

The largest damage—not included in the figure reported—was probably to the young growth and reproduction needed for future timber crops and for food and forage plants required by big game animals and other wildlife and livestock; as well as to the porous duff of the forest floor, with consequent reduction of the water-holding capacity of soils and watersheds, and thus increased soil erosion and flood danger.

Adverse weather conditions in some areas, and loss of experienced fire-fighter manpower were among the principal factors accounting for the increase in fire losses last year, according to the forest service. The wartime loss of trained fire control personnel has severely handicapped federal and state protection agencies.

In wartime, the forest service said, the need for widespread civilian participation in the fight against fire is imperative. Forest fires destroy timber, forage and power resources vital to the war effort; they may threaten transportation and communication facilities, and military and industrial establishments; they divert workers from essential industry and agriculture and they may seriously interfere with defense air operations.

## Feed for Poultry, Livestock Scarce

PORTLAND, June 16 (AP)—Secretary Leon Jackson of the Oregon Feed Dealers association today reported a shortage of livestock and poultry feeds.

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These five girls sang before an assembly at Corvallis during the summer school session there. Barbara Zinn wrote the song, entitled "All Over the World," which the quintet also sang at a formal dance. Quintet members are Barbara Zinn, Margie Mikkelsen, Norma Chandler, Gloria Bumell and Shirley Marander.

## MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

**IN AIR CORPS**—Now in the Amarillo, Tex., air corps school is L. J. Cooley, 2463 Applegate street. He left for duty in February.

His brother, George Cooley, was recently transferred to Lexington, Va., with the mobile signal crew.

Twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Kangas of Weaverville, Calif., formerly of Klamath Falls, are now in the service. Wesley is at Santa Ana, Calif., studying to be an air cadet. His twin, Sidney B., is in Key West, Fla., with the navy. He is now a motor machinist mate 2/c.

Both boys are graduates of Keno high school. Wesley entered the army in February, 1943, and Sidney joined the navy in May, 1941.

A brother, Robert, is also in the navy. He is somewhere in the South Pacific on a destroyer.

All three boys are married. Corporal James W. Curtis, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Curtis of 916 Klamath avenue, Klamath Falls, has been assigned to the technical school, Army Air Forces Technical Training Command, Sioux Falls, S. D., for training as a radio-operator mechanic.

In civilian life he was a clerk at Emil's Food store No. 2 in Klamath Falls. He was inducted in September, 1940, at Fort Stevens and has been stationed at San Antonio, Texas; Corsicana, Tex., and Keesler field, Miss.

Second Lieutenant William E. O'Brien, USMC, has completed his advanced training in principles of command in reserve officers class of the marine corps at Quantico, Va. His assignment to a combat unit for final training or to a specialists' school for further schooling is now pending. His wife, Violet Marie, with their three children, reside at 435 Pacific Terrace, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. O'Brien live here at 735 Pacific Terrace.

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## Entertainers

**KLAMATH WAR WORKERS TAKE T. B. EXAMS**

The past week marked the beginning of what is hoped to be a complete tuberculin testing of industrial workers associated with the war effort in Klamath county.

Kalpine Plywood plant on the Weed highway was chosen as the starting point, when Dr. P. H. Rozendal, with the assistance of two public health nurses, Miss Struthers and Mrs. Caldwell, visited the Kalpine plant and administered the skin test to 77 employees which included the day and night shift as well as the office force. The recording of the individual names, both dates and addresses was handled by Vance Vaupel and Eugene Haynes of the Public Health association.

Reading the skin test 48 hours later revealed that 31 of the 77 employees given the test were positive reactors. In commenting on the results Dr. Rozendal emphasized the fact that a positive reactor is not necessarily an active tuberculosis case as the positive reaction may indicate that the individual at some time in his life has been exposed to the disease, developed a minor infection and nature has taken care of the healing of the infection.

To establish proof of the presence or absence of active tuberculosis chest X-rays will be given the positive reactors. Dr. Rozendal stated that the X-ray establishes positive proof of active cases. Many of the positive reactors have already been X-rayed and thus far no active cases found. Arrangements are being made for the completion of the X-ray program.

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## Pilot Killed in Army Plane Crash

PORTLAND, June 16 (AP)—An army pursuit plane (P-39) on

a routine training flight, crashed a short distance south of the Portland army air base at 2:30 Tuesday. The pilot was killed. The ship crashed in an uninhabited area and the cause was not

immediately determined. Name of the pilot was withheld pending notification of next of kin.

SACRAMENTO, June 16 (AP)—A special election will be held

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