

FOREST FIRE ON VANCOUVER ISLE CHECKED

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 10 (AP)—A three-day battle by more than 500 fire fighters controlled a raging forest fire—the worst of five on Vancouver island—seven miles southwest of Ladysmith last night.

The fire covered an area of more than 1000 acres, starting at the Comox Logging company property where approximately 3,000,000 feet of felled and bucked logs were burned, 30 per cent of which would be a total loss, according to J. McQuinn, logging supervisor.

All forested areas on the island and lower mainland were closed to logging operations and the public at midnight because of the hot weather and fire hazards. Forests Minister E. T. Kenny announced, and will remain closed until the hazard has eased.

In the Cowichan lake district, about 65 miles from the southern tip of Vancouver island, where one fire fighter was missing, a desperate effort was being made to control a blaze which already had raged through 15,000,000 feet of slashing along the Jordan river. Twenty families were evacuated from the small town of Rounds when flames came within a mile of the town.

Peter Olson, 65, a logger, was missing in the Cowichan area, though searchers said they had hope he was safe after finding a message "Peter out too" scrawled in the sand. Another logger walked 20 miles through the rugged country to escape the flames and staggered into a west coast settlement early yesterday.

A 15-acre fire at Extension, four miles from Nanaimo, was under control and troops from Camp Nanaimo were withdrawn, Forest Supervisor Charles Holmes said.

C. J. Haddon, district forester at Vancouver, said firefighters thought they would have a 60-acre blaze under control at Adams River, on the northeast coast of the island, by last night, though only sketchy reports were available from there and from Port Neville, north of Nanaimo.

Navy Privateers Strafe Nip Ships

OKINAWA, July 10 (AP)—Six navy privateer pilots paired off to strafe ten Japanese ships on the Kyushu coast and toward Formosa, sinking at least one vessel and probably several others, fleet air wing one announced today.

Lt. Thomas L. Dodson Jr., Rhome, Tex., and Harry V. Duba of Corvallis, Ore., strafed two large tugs, three freighters and a lugger. Shore batteries ripped holes through both planes but they returned safely to base.

U. Of Iowa Grads To Honor New President

PORTLAND, July 10 (AP)—University of Iowa graduates now living in Oregon will honor Dr. Harry K. Newburn, new president of the University of Oregon, at a banquet and reception here August 17.

Guests will include Governor Snell, Dr. Paul Sieg and Edward H. Lauer, University of Washington; President A. L. Strand, Oregon State college.

Commission Adds To Promotion Funds

PORTLAND, July 10 (AP)—The Oregon state highway commission has added \$45,000 to state funds for promoting postwar tourist trade, boosting money for out-of-state advertising this year to \$55,000.

W. M. Tugman, Eugene, chairman of the commission travel advisory committee, said the amount should be doubled because tourist trade would be in full swing by 7:30 time advertising became effective.

FREIGHT BUREAU SET UP BY C OF C

In an effort to make an adjustment in freight rates to place Klamath Falls on a more favorable footing with other communities in the matter of freight prices, a new bureau has been authorized by the board of directors of the chamber of commerce. Part of the funds for the operation of this bureau has been allocated by the board while the bureau will raise the remainder from those who would get direct benefits from lower freight rates.

At the first meeting of the rates committee of the bureau, plans for raising the remainder of the funds will be perfected. The committee will also discuss the Bulwinkle bill H. R. 2536 which would give interstate commerce the full power to regulate railroads without interference from other government agencies.

The transportation and communication rates committee is headed by George P. Davis. Other members are A. H. Bussman, Paul Farrans, J. L. Hicks, Larry Nash, Ted Reeves and E. A. Geary.

4-H SUMMER CAMP TO OPEN JULY 29

Lake o' the Woods 4-H summer camp begins July 29, this year. Girls who are club members and have been active in club work this past year are eligible for the first week of camp, July 29 to August 4. Boys with the same qualifications may attend camp from August 5 to 11.

Those interested are requested to contact Beulah Holland, acting 4-H club agent in the post office building immediately. The phone number is 8131 and lists are being made up now.

Accommodations are available for 80 for each week. A registered nurse will be on duty at all times. Supervised swimming, games, hikes and instructive classes will be part of the camp program.

FARMS DECLINE
PORTLAND, July 10 (AP)—Tillamook county farms have declined in number from 960 to 942 the past five years, James Centers, Oregon 1945 farm census supervisor, reported today.

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LUMBER NEEDS MORE MEN TO MEET DEMANDS

By WILLIAM E. LOWELL
WASHINGTON, July 10 (AP)—If present and anticipated demands for lumber are to be met, the industry must have men and more men, Senator Mitchell (D-Wash.) declares.

Mitchell told a reporter the army estimates 500,000,000 feet of lumber will be needed to move more men and materials from the European theater alone.

War demands, he said, are still pressing; the industry is constantly being assured that lumber is a critical material but it still must scramble for labor with a score or more other industries, all on an equal footing as to priorities.

He anticipated that postwar construction needs will keep the demand for timber production high.

Mitchell said he had sought war production board aid on the manpower problem and the shortages of tires and heavy duty machine parts.

War manpower commission records for the past five months show that about four per cent of employment service placements in 10 western states have gone into the lumbering industry, about six per cent into construction, a little over three per cent into mining. In contrast, 45 per cent went into manufacturing activities, about 23 per cent into trades and services.

Manpower records, incidentally, show that the trickle of veterans seeking employment follows closely the larger stream of non-veterans, at least in the western states. The records seem to indicate that unskilled or semi-skilled men take the first and best job for which they are qualified.

In Oregon, for instance, in the five-month period, 11,231 non-veterans and 1208 veterans went into lumbering while only 38 non-veterans and 7 veterans went into mining. Oregon's lumber industry far overshadows its mining operations. A similar contrast, not quite so marked, was evident in Washington state and, to a still lesser degree, in California, where job opportunities are more varied.

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Peterson Pleased By Action On Meat

PORTLAND, July 10 (AP)—State Secretary of Agriculture E. L. Peterson said today he was pleased by federal action allowing meat slaughtered by non-federal inspected plants in interstate commerce.

Peterson said the ruling will assure movement and quick marketing of 150,000 Oregon soft-lambs during July, August and September into neighboring states.

HAMPSON SEES LONG WAR AGAINST JAPS

TACOMA, July 10 (AP)—Associated Press Correspondent Fred Hampson, here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Hampson, told interviewers yesterday that he had little faith in an early finish for the Japanese war.

"It seems a hard thing to convince people that the war is not near its end just because Germany is finished," Hampson said. "I don't say it will last 18 months, but I do say there is a possibility it may."

"The fact that their cities are being destroyed doesn't mean that they are licked. The Japs simply crawl into their holes and caves and fight until they die. And if we clean them out, we must do it by landing with infantry—and that is a slow, tedious job."

Hampson, veteran of nine campaigns from Pearl Harbor and Vella Lavella to Manila, now is on 60 days leave after 23 months in the Pacific.

Former Baseball Pro Shot In Accident

MACON, Ga., July 10 (AP)—Accidentally shot in the head during maneuvers at Camp Wheeler late yesterday, Sgt. John Frye, 28, former professional baseball player was in critical condition in Lawson General hospital in Atlanta today.

Frye once played with the St. Louis Browns. An army announcement said Frye was engaging in a squad tactical problem. A .30 caliber bullet penetrated his steel helmet and creased his skull, resulting in paralysis of his left side. He was taken to the Atlanta hospital for special brain surgery.

Lumber Trucks Back On Roseburg Jobs

ROSEBURG, Ore., July 10 (AP)—Lumber and piling trucks were back in service on the North Umpqua road today following a one-day cessation of hauling. Refusal of haulers to operate their equipment over the route, which they claimed is causing excessive breakdowns, and tire wear due to poor surfacing, brought an announcement by the public roads administration that it would take over maintenance during the dry season.

PRA resurfaced the road to carry heavy logging traffic in 1944, but the surface broke down after a few days of dry weather. The Douglas county court claimed lack of funds and equipment to permit proper maintenance. The federal agency advised it will move in a fleet of tank trucks for an intensive watering program.

Oregon Ship Sets National Bond Record

PORTLAND, July 10 (AP)—"Oregon Ship" has done it again—set another national record. This time workers purchased 121 per cent of their bond quota, highest for plants employing more than 27,000 persons, according to the secretary of the treasury.

Officers To Aid

PORTLAND, July 10 (AP)—City health officers will assist OPA agents in uncovering "serious black market situations" in Portland, Mayor Earl Riley announced today. Riley said county officers also will help by tagging meat for highway shipment.

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