

Forest Rain Halts Fires

Present rain storms on the Klamath National Forest have brought welcomed relief to fire crews who have been engaged in the control of man-caused and lightning fires during the past week according to Supervisor Jones.

Lightning storms caused two fires in the Hawkha Creek area of the McCloud district, one in the Big Bend and one in the Soldier Moun-

tain area of the Pit district. All fires were controlled by Sunday.

Man-caused fires during the past week have brought the 1954 season total to 16, which is already 40 per cent of the 1953 record low number.

Analysis of the man-caused fires show that these 16 fires have been caused by local people, or industry operations. Each one could have been prevented if the person who caused the fire had taken just a little more care.

Several of the fires were caused by abandoned campfires. These fires would have been prevented if a 10 foot circle had been cleared before the fire was built.

The smoker caused fires were preventable through a simple thing of extinguishing the cigarette, instead of flipping the cigarette while still burning.

Fires caused by children playing with matches have caused both the Forest Service and the town of McCloud much trouble this year. These fires have destroyed valuable timber and timber lands, buildings and a new car. Each fire could have resulted in the death of a fireman. Luckily only one known person received burns and that was Fire Chief Williams of McCloud, who made an attempt to remove a car from a burning garage.

Each fire could have been prevented, matches, properly used, are an aid to men, but a match in a child's hand can result in destruction of timber, homes and lives. It only takes one match to cause such destruction.

Mr. Jones requests that each parent again talk with their children about the dangers of playing with matches. If these fires continue it may be your home, job, town and timber that is destroyed.



A-3c RICHARD GLENN TAYLOR, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Taylor, Tulelake, is home on leave after completing his schooling at Kessler Air Force Base, Mississippi. His next assignment will be at Madara, California. He is a graduate of Tulelake High School.

Hot Weather Scores India

NEW DELHI—More than a million people here live under conditions of desert heat for five months each year, and how they do it is a mystery even to many of them.

With summer temperatures flitting past the 110-degree mark day after day, life in New Delhi becomes a constant battle against the heat, unless, as many Indians do, one just retreats and accepts the weather for what it is.

Those who can afford it—and have the hard-to-obtain electric power—have a form of air-conditioning. Some homes now have complete installations, but the majority depend on cooling one or two rooms with window coolers.

Next in popularity are the so-called "desert coolers," an old Indian favorite by which electric fans drive currents of air through moistened rind mats.

Those who can afford only fans augment their cooling powers by filling their sleeping rooms with open-necked jars of water. In Delhi's dry hot climate moisture from the air circulated by the fan's blades keeps the temperature down sufficiently for a few hours sleep each night, when outside heat drops from above 110 degrees down to the upper 80s for a brief period.

But thousands of Delhi's people lack either fans or electric power. These try if they can, to erect mats of muslin, a peculiar Indian bush which retains water, in front of their doors and windows. The mats are moistened several times daily and any breeze spreads cool air through the room.

The bulk of Delhi's inhabitants simply move into the open with the heat. The native string beds or "charpoyis" are moved into the gardens or even the open streets. Public parks are filled with sleepers who bring picnic meals and enjoy chats with their neighbors until midnight brings a sufficient drop in temperature to permit sleeping.

Army Changes Division Number

CAMP CARSON, Colo.—The Confederate colors of the 31st Infantry "Dixie" Division will be returned to Alabama and Mississippi next Tuesday when the unit is renamed the 8th Infantry "Golden Arrow" Division.

The change will be made in a two-hour ceremony at Camp Carson. No movement of troops is involved.

Retirement of the 31st is part of the Army's program to return eight National Guard units to inactive status. The original troops recalled to active duty in January, 1951, have returned to their homes.

Most of the division's troops hail from the northeastern United States. With Tuesday's change, they will don the double-D patch and Confederate shoulder emblem.

ELITIONS

ROME—Italy's Christian Democrat and allied government parties racked up wide gains in 284 town elections held during the past year, nationwide figures disclosed Thursday. The Communist and Socialist left lost ground.

French Premier Faces New Vote Crisis On Indochina

PARIS—The specter of a prolonged Cabinet crisis threatened France and the Geneva conference today. Premier Joseph Laniel for the third time in five weeks demanded a vote of confidence from the angry National Assembly.

The Premier survived his last confidence vote May 13 by the thin

margin of two votes and some of his support seems to have deserted him since then.

Enough of the lawmakers may reconsider during the interim, however, to enable the government to squeeze through. Few of the deputies want to assume responsibility for jeopardizing the Geneva conference and there is no certainty any new government could be formed quickly.

The Premier's confidence vote demand came early today, at the end of an all-night session of the Assembly. It followed the deputies' refusal, 324-269, to consider an innocuous government-backed resolution on the Indochina crisis, offered as the windup of a four-day debate.

Many speakers accused the Cabinet and Foreign Minister Georges Bidault, in particular, of not working hard enough for an Indochina peace.

Laniel immediately called a Cabinet meeting at the Elysee Palace—France's White House—to formalize the confidence vote demand.

The crucial ballot Saturday will be on the government's refusal to give priority to three other resolutions sharply critical of its Indochina policies. But the Assembly's decision may well turn also on the troublesome question of the proposed European Defense Community Treaty.

Party differences have stymied the Assembly's consideration of the pact, which would put soldiers of six West European nations into a unified army. The Popular Republican Movement (MRP) insists that the treaty be called up for ratification as quickly as possible. The Gaullists, however, are firmly opposed to EDC and want to delay consideration. Laniel needs the support of both groups for a majority as long as the Socialists re-

main in opposition.

Bidault, who had hurried from Geneva to take part in the debate, told the lawmakers the nine-party talks have not fully exhausted the chances for an Indochina truce. He offered to step aside if the Assem-

by thought someone else could handle the negotiations better.

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Census Bureau Gives Estimate

WASHINGTON—The Census Bureau says the nation's population, including armed forces overseas, was about 161,969,000 on May 1. This was an increase of 2,767,000, or 1.7 per cent over the estimate at the beginning of May a year earlier.

Small Boy Hurt By Firecracker

LONGVIEW, Tex.—A playmate, 8, gave a firecracker to 2-year-old Bobby Hughes yesterday, telling him it was a cigar. When Bobby lit it, it blew up in his mouth.

He was in serious condition in Gregg Memorial Hospital.



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