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BILLBOARD

By BILL JENKINS
(continued from yesterday)

So a weekend was spoiled for a lot of men, some valuable timber went up in smoke, trees that had taken a hundred years to mature were left as stark hulks looming blackly up from the rubble of ash and twisted branches on the burned-over ground.

It was probably carelessness that caused the fire. Few hunters are so blasé in attitude that they would deliberately set a fire. A few, perhaps, who vent their spite by destroying the forest that has followed them. But in the main it is just plain carelessness.

The same hunter who wandered off and left his burning fire in the excitement of the hunt is probably the same man who carefully checks the stove, the heater and the lights in his home before going to the neighborhood theater for a movie some night. He certainly doesn't drop glowing cigarette butts on the rug or in the dry grass around his house and leave them.

When he goes to bed at night he checks his fireplace to make sure that no log ends will roll out on the hearth and smoulder all night or perhaps burn his living room rug.

But take the same man out in the woods and he forgets all his basic training, his caution is thrown to the winds and all else is sublimated to a deer. It is too bad that a small percentage of the men in the woods have to fall into this category, but they do.

The only answer to the situation is education.

We already have more laws than you can shake a stick at and we certainly don't want any more cluttering up the books. But teeth in the law are needed and spend the rest of the time and effort and money in educating the hunting public to the facts of life. If we can teach a man to be careful around home it stands to reason that you can teach him to be careful in the woods.

There are a few basic points which should be considered in any appraisal of the forest fire menace.

First, hunting today is not a right of the American people. It is a privilege, just as driving is. The woods and streams don't belong to any one man. They belong to all the people of the country, all the tax payers who are pouring their tax dollars into the maintenance of the vast areas of federally owned timber and range land. Pretty nearly half of the area in the West is owned by the federal government. And the government is you and you and the guy on the corner and me and everyone else.

So you can't get the idea in your head that you're an American and therefore can do anything you want because this is your land. A few other people have an interest in it, too.

A lot of deer hunting out here is done in stands of pine and fir that belong to the big lumber companies. It's their future crop, their operating source of income.

How would the deer hunters feel if these huge tracts were posted by the companies and hunters barred? Pretty bad, I'll bet. And yet the companies have a perfect right to do so if they wish. And if hunter caused fires continue at their present high rate you're liable to see a few closures of this type.

Secondly there's the angle of public safety. Sure, maybe a hunter fire got away but was held to an acre or maybe three or four. What does that matter, you say to yourself, a few lousy acres of brush gone up in smoke when there are so many hundreds of thousands of timber land acres left in the West? Well, if your memory is long enough you can cast back into the past and recall a dozen incidents where a "little" fire got out of hand and before it was over whole towns had been burned out. Pine Ridge, right close at home, was a bad one and could have been a lot worse if luck hadn't played along with the fire fighters.

One match is all it takes to start a fire, and that fire could quite easily get out of hand when con-

ditions are as dry as they were the opening of this season. That one match could touch off a holocaust that might wipe out a few towns, cut our highways, slow up communications and do untold millions of dollars in damage.

You can rebuild houses and railroads and highways, but you can't build a tree in a matter of weeks or months or even years. You have to wait for the passing decades to get back what you lost.

So what should be done? As far as I'm concerned it's simple. Educate the people to the danger of fire in the woods. Start it in your public schools with the youngsters of five and six years old and keep hammering at it all through the school years. Hammer at it in plant education series, through the press and radio and even. Let the people know and understand the inherent danger even in a forest that looks safe.

Make sure that your state area or your district or your region is well covered and completely covered. Most of the fires in our High Desert were started by hunters from the other side of the mountains. We know through investigation of all the blazes. Not that they are, as a group, any more careless than the hunters from this side of the ridge. But simply because they were not informed as to the danger. Western Oregon was deemed out of danger as far as fire was concerned. Slash burning was under way all over the Western Slope, the people had been lulled into a sense of false security by newspaper reports emanating from Portland and other valley cities that the fire danger was over. Maybe it was, to a point, west of the mountains, but what those papers failed to report, until it was too late, was that there was extreme danger in the eastern portion of the state.

Why not close the season due to the fire hazard? Show me a candidate for the governorship who would have the courage to buck the hunter vote in a critical election year. So we just go ahead and take our chances.

Furthermore, I'd put teeth in the present laws regarding forest fires to the extent that if a hunter was convicted of starting a fire through carelessness his license to hunt be revoked for life. The state of Oregon is finally starting to crack down on careless and incompetent drivers. Why not do the same with incompetent hunters?

I'd give wider scope of authority to fire wardens and give them the right to regulate camping areas and admit only those who were proving themselves safe and careful. And I'd arm them with the authority to handle their districts for the best interests of all. Always keeping in mind that the outdoors belongs to all of us, always keeping politics out of it.

And I'd make a hunter convicted of starting a forest fire a figure of public scorn.

Politics and hunting are a lot more fun than trying to protect our forests, I know, but there'll always be more politicians. Maybe there won't always be forests if we don't take heed now.

Heavy Rains Hit Guatemalan Area

GUATEMALA (AP)—Reports to the Interior Ministry said heavy rain storms in western Guatemala had left so many homeless that officials are unable to meet the "horrible situation."

Reports said San Jose and Champerico, Pacific port towns, were flooded by both river and sea. Inhabitants of San Jose, a town of about 3,000, were removed in railroad cars.

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ALONG NATURE'S TRAIL

by KEN MCLEOD

To continue our discussion of the mystery of the Petroglyphs which Cerve in his book "Lemuria" seeks to tie in with the "Mystery People of Mt. Shasta." On page 242 of Cerve's book are pictured some 22 different characters copied from the carvings. This casual selection of unrelated characters presented in such an orderly fashion could very easily give one the impression of some type of, ancient message, and, Cerve's caption "Klamath Falls Writing" does not explain that the characters were selected at random from several hundreds. These characters pictured by Cerve are typically Indian, they are not the characteristic ogam writing that was utilized by the Druids. Cerve apparently did not recognize the carvings that possess a strange coincidence to the true ogam of the Druid.

The evolution of the alphabet is a most interesting invention of man that traces back to the Phoenicians and perhaps into Egypt. The art of writing apparently was well developed by the time the Druids became known to the civilized world of the Romans and in the rapid writing of the British Isles students have discovered a basic relationship between ogam and latin, in fact, ogam inscriptions in Wales are frequently accompanied by Latin legends, and probably date as far back as the 5th and 6th centuries A.D.

The typical ogam writing of the Druids consisted of drawing a horizontal line and placing an accent mark on, above, or below it, to represent the symbols of the alphabet. The basic line could be either straight, curved or saw-tooth, this latter type appears to be the typical form in use at the Petroglyphs. The ogam alphabet is illustrated in Webster's dictionary which shows the common form of accents drawn upon a straight line. This form of the ogam alphabet made it easy to carve hastily upon stone; hence in the old sagas, when a hero is killed we find the common formula: "His grave was dug and his stone was raised, and his name was written in ogam."

In spite of some of the strong resemblances of the carvings to the ogam of the British Isles, we have not been able to obtain any degree of encouragement by the experts as to whether this writing is ogam or merely carries the superficial resemblance to it. Eventually we may be able to obtain an expression on this subject from some recognized authority on the subject of runic writing but until then we can prove otherwise we can let our imaginations people the Klamath Basin with Druids and ponder the mysterious messages left to us by these people. The chances are, should we eventually discover the key to the alphabet, the translation will read

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Notice is hereby given that North American Weather Consultants of Oregon, 2420 North Lake Avenue, Alhambra, California, on behalf of The California Oregon Power Company, Medford, Oregon, will conduct a weather modification program using silver iodide ground generators to increase snowpack in the area bounded on the east by a line extending from the intersection of the Cascade Divide to the north of the Lake Creek - Windigo Gap, thence generally along the Cascade Divide to a point north of the Tekeeta Falls Power Plant, thence south approximately along longitude 122 degrees 30 feet to the Lake Creek - Tule Lake Road, thence approximately east to Lake O-The-Woods.

The area which will be affected, as near as the same may be determined in advance, is the same as above. The operations will be conducted during the period from about November 1, 1954 to April 30, 1955.

North American Weather Consultants of Oregon, Ronald Rolay, Secretary-Treasurer
Oct. 15, 22 No. 154.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, executor of the estate of John M. O'Flaherty, deceased, has filed in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Klamath County, the final account of his administration of said estate and that the Court has appointed the 9th day of November, 1954, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon of said day as the time and the Court Room of said Court as the place for hearing and settlement of said account.

Dated September 8, 1954.
Henry E. Perkins, Executor, Estate of John M. O'Flaherty, deceased.
Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29 and Nov. 5 No. 140

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
Under authority of an order made and granted by the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, Klamath County, dated September 24, 1954, the guardian of the Estate of Daniel Ream Doten, an incompetent, will sell at private sale, the following parcels of real property: Lot 13, Block 6, Lot 25, Lot 36, Block 7, Town of Dorris, Klamath County, Oregon. 40 S. R. 8 E. W. 1/2. Portion of the NW 1/4, NW 1/4, Sec. 6, T. 40 S. R. 8 E. W. 1/2. Portion of the NE 1/4, NE 1/4, Sec. 1, T. 40 S. R. 7 E. W. 1/2. All terms of sale cash in hand. Dated this 1st day of October, 1954.
Ruth D. Rice, Guardian of the Estate of Daniel Ream Doten, an incompetent.
No. 133 October 1, 8, 15, and 22.

NOTICE OF SEASONAL TERMINATION
Notice is hereby given that each of the employers listed below has been determined to be a seasonal employer within the meaning of Chapter 657-240 ORS. Any interested party may request a hearing before the Commission within ten days after the date of last publication of this notice. The "off-season" of each seasonal employer is as stated below:
Crater Lake National Park Co., 1-1-55 thru 6-4-55 - 6-10-55 thru 12-31-55; Klamath Forest Protective Ass'n., 1-2-55 thru 4-15-55; Walker Range Patrol Ass'n., 1-1-55 thru 5-28-55 - 10-30-55.

PARACHUTED
FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)—Lt. Hoyt S. Vandenberg Jr., son of the late chief of staff of the U.S. Air Force, parachuted to safety Friday before his Sabrejet fighter crashed near Frankfurt. He was slightly injured.

scrub brush and cleanliness followed shortly.

Miss Nightingale was an invalid most of her life which made her accomplishments all the more remarkable. Since Florence Nightingale's time, the nursing profession has gone through many trials and tribulations. In some respects and at some periods, nurses have truly been the forgotten servants of medicine. They have been underpaid and overworked. Now their economic situation is gradually improving. But today as always, the ideals of the nursing profession remain service to suffering humanity rather than financial or economic gain.

An excellent little pamphlet for girls considering the nursing profession has been written by Elizabeth Ogg and is called "Preparing Tomorrow's Nurses." This is available through the nonprofit Public Affairs Committee, 22 East 38th Street, New York 16, N. Y., at a cost of 25 cents.

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