



GRASS SEEDING to hold the burned over soil until reproduction of natural vegetation could be accomplished was carried out in 1956 on three burns in this area. This picture shows the splendid results obtained. Left to right, Frank Obenchain Jr., Dave Campbell and Ellis Gross. Seeding was done on the Deming Creek, Round Creek and Dry Prairie Barn areas.

Conservation

Deming Creek, Round Creek, Dry Prairie Barn Areas Seeded To Grasses

The Deming Creek, Round Creek and Dry Prairie burns of 1955 were successfully seeded to grass in March of 1956 to the above the soil until it could vegetate naturally. To date a total of 1,750 acres has been planted with pine seedlings, leaving approximately 1,500 acres yet to go. A shortage of planting stock has been a limiting factor in getting these areas planted.

In a claimed program for the Deming Creek burn the Ely School applied conservation practices by spreading part of two days in this area planting pine seedlings, and observing erosion caused by severe rains on soils which had all vegetation and humus removed as a result of fire. They also observed how seeding this area to grass had tied down the soil and protected these areas from further erosion; also how the area was managed after logging to protect the soils from erosion.

There has been considerable damage from deer cropping the young tree seedlings during the spring migration. Last year a deer repellent was tried on an experimental basis. No conclusions have been drawn as yet to the effectiveness of the program. Test plots will be studied this next season to determine if such a spraying program is satisfactory or feasible.

Considerable porcupine damage is being done in various areas over the district. A program of hunting and poisoning concentration areas was started last winter and is being continued this winter. Last year an average of 11.5 porcupines were killed per day hunted. Results show that the same areas are producing approximately the same number of porcupines this winter as they did last winter. Areas planted to pine seedlings are receiving most attention so that our investment can be protected and the plantations given a better chance of survival.

Statements To Be Read

LINCOLN, Neb., (AP)—The defense will present today to a jury the statements of Charles Starkweather describing fully the slayings of 10 persons he admitted killing.

The defense has pleaded Starkweather innocent by reason of insanity.

The sections are those the state obtained in offering into evidence two statements Starkweather, 19, signed after his capture in Wyoming last Jan. 30.

The prosecution presentation detailed only the events leading up to the actual slayings of nine of the 10 persons.

The other section related in full the murder of Robert Jensen, 17, Tennesse, Neb., high school student, for whose death Starkweather is being tried.

T. Clement Gaughan, court appointed attorney for Starkweather, yesterday read from still another statement the 19-year-old former garbage collector made.

In this one, written in longhand and in imperfect English, Starkweather told how the three day killing spree started last Jan. 27 at the home in Lincoln of his girl friend.

He did not implicate the girl, Carl Ann Fugate, 14, as he had done in other statements. Carl's mother, step-father and half-sister were among the victims.

Carl also is charged with first degree murder in Jensen's death.

Weather Table

Table with columns for High, Low, and Rain for various cities including Albuquerque, Atlanta, Baker, Boise, Boston, Brownsville, Chicago, Denver, Detroit, El Centro, El Paso, Fort Worth, Fresno, Honolulu, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Miami, Minneapolis, New Orleans, New York, Oakland, Oklahoma City, Phoenix, Pittsburgh, Red Bluff, Reno, Sacramento, Salt Lake City, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, Spokane, Stockton, Thermal, Tucson, and Washington.

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Thornton Vetoes Holmes' Anti-Recession Measure

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—Oregon's attorney general has ruled against a key anti-recession measure of Gov. Robert Holmes, a fellow Democrat.

Atty. Gen. Robert Thornton said Wednesday only an act of the Legislature could give the state authority to obtain the 14-million-dollar loan floated from the federal government April 1.

Holmes disagreed sharply and said he hoped the ruling would be subjected to a court test at once.

The governor said the loan was obtained to keep Oregon's Unemployment Trust Fund above 31 million dollars.

When the fund sinks below that

point, he said, a 2.7 per cent tax goes into effect automatically against the state's 12,000 employees.

The tax now ranges from .6 to 2.7 per cent. The higher tax, he said, would be a severe hardship to employers already hard-hit by the state's recession.

Another state official said he thought Thornton's ruling would mean that the state will have to return the money to the federal government immediately.

Holmes wasn't so sure.

Holmes said federal attorneys earlier had agreed with his belief that the governor could borrow the money for the state without the Legislature's express permission.

The Oregon Legislature convenes every two years.

Without the loan, Holmes said, Oregon employers would have to pay an additional six million dollars into the unemployment fund. This would be a heavy burden to carry, he said, in view of the economic slump. The compensation fund has been drained heavily by widespread unemployment.

Thornton's opinion came less than 48 hours before Oregon's primary election Friday.

The opinion was requested by State Treasurer Sig Unander, seeking the Republican nomination for governor.

Holmes is seeking the Democratic nomination for the post he has held two years.

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