

Fires Fanned By Winds Blacken Brush, Timber

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Fire fanned by gusty winds blackened hundreds of acres of grass, brush and timber and destroyed some farm buildings and livestock northwest of Naches Monday night and early Tuesday.

The Department of Natural Resources said the largest of several fires was brought under control by crews totaling more than 60 men. It covered 800 acres, all but 50 of which was grass and brush. The rest was timber.

Another fire raced through the community of Rim Rock Junction, about four miles from Naches. Several buildings were reported destroyed and some pigs killed, but there were no injuries to persons.

State Patrolman Bill Erspamer of Yakima stepped into a gopher hole while carrying a 6-year-old girl from a house in the path of the flames. He was bruised, but

returned to duty. The fire missed the house. The family's name was not learned.

Flames destroyed Leo Henning's barn, four miles west of Rim Rock junction on Chinook Pass. State Patrol Capt. Harold D. Austin of Yakima said Henning's livestock shed and two cabins also burned.

The large blaze was in the Horseshoe Mountain area, near the intersection of the White Pass and Chinook highways. White Pass was closed to traffic for a time late Monday as flames approached the route.

North of Shelton, in western Washington, 10 small forest fires broke out Monday. They were put out or controlled quickly. Officials said the cause was being investigated.

Blistering heat which built up the fire danger was expected to drop off some Tuesday.

A logging shutdown, banning all operations between noon and midnight, continues through Tuesday night in all of Western Washington.

Temperatures exceeded 100 again Monday in Eastern Washington and were mostly 80 to 90 west of the Cascades. Walla Walla had 104, Ephrata 103 and Yakima 101.

Referendum Vote Ends In Tie

WAVERLY, Ill. (AP)—A 267th good ballot would have been welcome in this central Illinois community's referendum on a highway maintenance tax.

Voters learned Tuesday the referendum produced a tie vote of 133 to 133. There were four spoiled ballots. Authorities said a court probably would study them to determine if any could be recorded to break the tie.

JAPAN'S ECONOMY SURGES

TOKYO (UPI)—The Japanese government reported today that the nation's economy had recovered from the 1957-58 recession at an "unexpectedly swift pace." The report warned, however, that Japan "has lagged far behind the Western nations in liberalization of trade" and urged that corrective measures be taken immediately.

Train Bandit Asks Freedom

PORTLAND (AP)—A second of the three D'Autremont brothers convicted of murder in connection with a notorious train robbery back in the 20s took a preliminary move to gain his freedom from the Oregon State Penitentiary Monday.

Ray D'Autremont, 59, appeared in U. S. District Court to answer a federal charge involving the death of a mail clerk when he and his brothers blew up a train in the Siskiyou Mountains. He has served 32 years of a life sentence for murder.

Chief Judge Gus J. Solomon appointed George Rhoten, Salem, ex-president of the Oregon State Bar, to represent him, and said that D'Autremont would appear in court again after he consults with his attorney.

The judge said D'Autremont could get 23 years in the federal prison or probation if he pleads guilty.

His younger brother, Hugh, pled guilty to a similar charge last fall and received probation. He was paroled from the prison in January, but died of cancer in San Francisco in March.

Ray's twin, Roy, is in the Oregon State Hospital at Salem.



HOT AND TIRED, but satisfied with the results of the weed and grass tour of the Bly area are these members of the Bly Grange and other interested officials of the locality. Seated on the truck, front row, left to right, are W. R. Campbell, Basil Hall, Harold Schieferstein and Keith Matheson. Back row, left to right, are Dave Campbell, Owen Watts, Ray Petersen, John Reitmeier, Frank Griffith and J. D. Vertrees.

Grange Holds Grass Tour

BLY—Encouraging results were shown for this year during the weed and grass tour of the local area, which was sponsored by the Bly Grange No. 771 in cooperation with the Klamath Falls County Agent's Office.

The members of the tour viewed the results of an experimental spraying of Canadian thistle in 1958 and discovered a 100 per cent destruction of weeds. They also examined a stand of Bromo grass, the site of a recently dug-up Mediterranean sage weed, 50 acres of clover, timothy and red top grasses seeded in 1953, a field of meadow foxtail, 50 acres of canary reed grass seeded this year, a plot of sagebrush sprayed by plane in 1958 and the Demming Creek burn on Gearhart Mountain, which was grass seeded by plane in 1956.

Each one of these stops showed evidence of better growth and promising results for the future, the group decided.

Those making the excursion were Ray Petersen, livestock agent for the county agent's office, Klamath Falls; J. D. Vertrees, horticulture entomologist; Harold Schieferstein, county weed control

supervisor; Keith Matheson, Klamath branch experiment station; and John Reitmeier, Pacific Supply Co. field representative on chemical for weed control.

From Bly were Dave Campbell, Lealand Crook, Harry Obenchain, Everett Bell, Frank Griffith, Basil Hall, W. R. Campbell, Ellis Gross and Owen Watts.

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DOGS ON HIS MIND

WINCHESTER, Va. (AP)—G. W. Jones has patented a muzzle which will permit a dog to pant or drink but not to bite. Jones has been a postman 28 years.

Trip Tires Gov. Long; Medic Called To Suite

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP)—Louisiana Gov. Earl K. Long, obviously tired after a motor trip from El Paso, Tex., and seemingly feeling the effects of Santa Fe's high altitude, called a doctor and nurse to his motel suite late Monday night.

Dr. Richard Landmann of Santa Fe declined to comment on the governor's condition after completing an examination other than to say Long was "apparently all right" and was sleeping.

The doctor told Louisiana State Police Lt. Bill Wisner, that he believed Santa Fe's altitude was causing a rapid pulse. New Mexico's state capital is more than 7,000 feet high.

The doctor and nurse Ruth Lemmon were called to the Town House Motel southeast of Santa Fe just after 10 p.m.

The nurse commented after leaving Long's suite, "he must be feeling better — he just 'God-damned' me."

Long said after his arrival late Monday afternoon that he was feeling better. But he walked as though he was very tired and was helped by J. M. (Pete) Menefee, Louisiana state racing commissioner.

He was asked if his heart was affected by the altitude.

"I haven't had any trouble with my heart since 1950 when I had an attack," he replied. "I did feel a little nauseated just when I got out of the car, but I'm ok."

Long had a light supper of a bowl of soup and a beer. He made a few telephone calls from a telephone booth just outside the restaurant and then sat for a short period by the motel's swimming pool watching children in the water. He retired early to his suite far back from the highway.

A LOT OF ROT, WHAT?

LONDON (UPI)—Minister of Housing Henry Brook admitted Monday that he had neglected the home front. "Owing to full preoccupation of government business," he told a group of builders, "I failed to observe that dry rot had gotten into my house."

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