

Carelessness Major Cause Of Fires In Mount Shasta

MOUNT SHASTA—Carelessness on the part of adults is still the greatest cause of fire, an analysis of city and fire district blazes in the past year and past 12 years shows.

Frank Melo, fire chief, in issuing the comparative report of fires within Mount Shasta and the surrounding fire district stated that most persons have no one to blame but themselves for fires.

Out of 420 fires in the city and district within the past 12 years, 317 were classified as preventable. The remainder possibly could

have been prevented with proper precautions.

Major causes of preventable fires were overflowing oil stoves, dirty chimneys, stove pipes too close to wood, careless trash burning, careless smoking, careless use of gasoline and improper handling of explosives.

The remaining fires were attributed to unknown causes, arson, false alarms, children, vehicles and minor fire extinguished before equipment arrived.

Melo noted that children playing with matches, a fire cause that attracts wide publicity, was responsible for 23 fires in the past 12 years as compared with 317 adult caused fires.

The cost per fire in the last 12 years has averaged between \$40 and \$50 per fire.

Property losses by fire last year totaled \$18,435 in Mount Shasta and Mount Shasta fire district, Melo said. But property endangered by fire and saved amounted to a value of \$297,340.

No lives have been lost due to fires within the city limits in the past 12 years. Three lives were lost in a 1960 fire in the district and one previous to that.

Of the 17 to 20 fires which on the average have responded to fires in the city and district for the past 12 years, none has lost time due to personal injuries received while fighting fires.

Melo felt the volunteer fire department could be proud of this safety record.

Historians Hear Talk By Maxwell

YREKA—Siskiyou County's nationally famous Lava Beds were featured in a talk by M. V. Maxwell, county farm adviser, Yreka, at the county museum Saturday at the regular meeting of the Siskiyou County Historical Society.

Colored slides showing the volcanic formations, the petroglyphs, and the trails and fortifications of the Modoc Indian War of 1872-73 highlighted the talk.

The Lava Beds, 10 miles south of Tulelake, were established as a national monument of 46,000 acres by the U.S. government in 1923.

Thousands of visitors are attracted annually to view the volcanic formations of fumaroles, cinder cones, chimneys and lava caves, as well as the scenes of the Modoc War.

Some of the 150 explored caves described by Maxwell included the Skull, Catacomb, Bear Paw, Frozen River and Fern caves.

The petroglyphs on the cliffs of the peninsula, left by prehistoric inhabitants, were pictured. The speaker also touched upon the flora and fauna of the area, the Modoc War, Bull's Eye Lake, and the Medicine Lake section with its volcanic glass mountain. Of interest to sportsmen, he stated that during three months of the year millions of ducks and geese, as many as six million at one time, rest on the Tulelake sump.

From the farming area, the land which was under 20 feet of water at one time, provides an income per acre which is probably higher than anywhere else in the county, Maxwell stated. Of the 73,000 acres reclaimed by the government, approximately 38,000 are being farmed in Siskiyou County and 34,000 in Modoc. Last year this land yielded an income of five million dollars in Siskiyou County and six million dollars in Modoc.

The business session conducted by President Wayne Ralston consisted of reports of committees and the curator, Hazel Pollock, who stated that the special Civil War exhibit will go on display April 1 for three months.

A committee from Scott Valley including Ernest Hayden, president of the Etina Chamber of Commerce, Edith Collar and Harry Dunlap, asked the society's aid in preparing an historical travel brochure, and cooperation on their plans for the restoration of old Fort Jones. A committee of seven members was appointed by Ralston to work on the two projects with the Scott Valley group.

The committee consists of James McNeill, Ah Evans, Fred Burton Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meamber Jr., Aggie Calloway and George Lattrell.

Refreshments were served by Minnie Soule, Jennie Mathews, Ora McGregor and Edna Nettles.

Farm Loans Available

YREKA—An additional 50 million dollars has been made available to the Farmers Home Administration for farm housing loans, James F. Walker, the agency's county supervisor, announced.

He said that the new loan funds assure an adequate supply of this type credit for eligible farm families during the balance of the fiscal year. Loans made so far this year plus those being processed had practically exhausted the funds previously available.

Farm housing loans are made throughout the rural areas of the United States. The loans provide farm families with an opportunity to acquire an adequate house and efficient service buildings.

Applications for farm housing loans may be made at the local office of the Farm Home Administration, Room 11, Warrens Building, 11 South Broadway, Yreka. The loans bear four per cent interest and are repayable over periods up to 33 years.

DEMONSTRATION

MANILA (AP) — A thousand university students demonstrated at Congress today against an investigation of communism at the government-operated University of the Philippines.



DOROTHY HESSIG, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hessig, Montague, and a student at Shasta College in Redding, was one of ten students at the college chosen as an honor knight. Determining factor of the selection of these students to be so honored are based on service to the college through outstanding qualities in leadership and scholarship.

Publication Tells Forest Service Role

MONTAGUE—The second of a series of publications on Operation Outdoors, the U.S. Forest Service's program for recreational development, has been published.

Congressman Harold T. (Bizz) Johnson, whose Second Congressional District contains about half of California's 25 million acres of national forests, announced that the publication deals with the national forest wildlife.

"National forests and the national grasslands are great reservoirs of natural resources of tremendous value to the American public," Johnson said.

"They contain about one-third of the nation's standing saw timber, give rise to many streams, provide homes for a third of the big game, and offer one of the largest accessible areas of unspoiled hunting, fishing and recreation land in the country. For America's industry and people they are major sources of wood, water, forage and recreation."

The new publication explains in detail the short term wildlife habitat management objectives outlined in the program for national forests. It describes the size and nature of the problem and provides for full coordination of wildlife needs with all other national forest resource management activities and for the expansion of cooperative wildlife work with the states.

The book can be obtained by writing either Congressman Johnson, 1031 New House Office Building, Washington 25, D.C., or the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D.C.

PREDICTS DRAFT CUT

NORFOLK, Va. (UPI)—Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of Selective Service, said Monday the nation's draft call probably will be reduced soon because of "overstocking" last year. He said President Kennedy's Peace Corps will have no effect on the military draft.

Waits It Out

HENDERSON, Ky. (AP) — It took him 39 weeks, but Arnold Brey's nerve held and he got a bargain.

Brey bought a refrigerator for \$274.95 after a local store had marked the price down \$5 per week. The price started at \$469.95. Brey said he would have waited longer, but he was afraid someone else might buy the refrigerator. The markdown was used as a sales stunt.

SHOT COSTS HIM \$35,000

MODESTO, Calif. (UPI)—Dairy farmer Harold J. Schmidt of nearby Hughson told sheriff's deputies Monday that a stray shot from a 22 caliber gun killed his Holstein Friesian named Lavacres Della Dusty Jo, which had three times been judged "best of breed" at the National All-American Awards Competition. The cow, valued at \$25,000, carried an unborn calf valued at \$10,000. Schmidt said the loss was not covered by insurance.



DR. HOWARD LAMBORN JR., shown here with his wife, Kathryn, and their six children. In front of the doctor, reading from left to right, are Philip, 13, Mrs. Lamborn and Kindra, 12. Front row, left to right, are Howard III, 7; Noelle, 9; Daniel, 5, and Karole, 11.

Physician Opens Practice In Yreka

YREKA—Howard M. Lamborn, M.D., announces the opening of his office for general practice of medicine, obstetrics and gynecology at the Yreka Medical Center Building at 746 South Main Street

in Yreka. Dr. Lamborn is a graduate of the University of Kansas College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and School of Medicine. He served his internship at the Grace Hospital at Detroit, Mich., after which he was on active duty for 33 months in the Navy during World War II. He has had three years at special training in obstetrics and gynecology, taken at Bathesda Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio, and the Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle, Wash.

Dr. and Mrs. Lamborn and family reside at 520 North Main Street, Yreka. Mrs. Lamborn is working with her husband in their new offices.

Balloon Fodder

JEWETT, Tex. (AP) — Veterinarian Arch Hancock said surgery was necessary the other day when he examined a cow on the farm of Jimmy Brewer, near Buffalo, Tex.

Hancock said an 8-inch incision in one of the cow's stomachs revealed "about a half-bushel" of plastic-like material—a weather balloon.

MINESWEEPERS

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP) — The United States delivered 10 wooden minesweepers to the Nationalist Chinese navy today.

Yreka Masons Honor Orr

YREKA—Charles Orr, a past master of Howard Lodge No. 37, Free and Accepted Masons of Yreka and secretary for 30 years, was recently a specially honored guest at a dinner given by lodge members at the Masonic temple banquet room. Immediate past master, James Rea, presided.

Orr was appointed acting secretary by Worshipful Master C. A. Baumgartner Nov. 4, 1950, and was elected each succeeding term until 1960 when he expressed desire to retire from the office.

Past masters present, served over the years by Orr, were George S. Ward, George M. Irvine, Clyde Hebard, Adair Wilson, Gerford R. Morningstar, George T. Simmons, Ferd C. Simmons, William L. Harris, Charles Van Orsdel, Floyd I. Burns, Norman Kinney, Henry F. Jensen, A. H. Barlett and Floyd D. Manning.

Other past masters present were Frank B. Ackerman, Orlo G. Steele and Robert C. Orr. Secretary Norman Kinney served as master of ceremonies. Rea gave a brief talk. A gift check was presented to Orr from the members in appreciation for his service to the lodge by Manning.

Orr spoke of harmony among the Masonic bodies. Job's Daughters, under supervision of Mrs. Kay Morford, served dinner.

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Coroner Report

YREKA—Siskiyou County coroner, A. B. Cottar, reports that 12 deaths were investigated during the month of February.

The breakdown of the report shows three deaths were by natural cause; one suicide; seven automobile deaths outside the city of Yreka; one accidental suffocation. Of the 12 deaths, 11 were male; one female. Five autopsies were performed and seven inspections.

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