



### Jinx May Be Broken

SALEM (UPI) — State forestry personnel, faced with one of the most potentially dangerous fire situations in the state's history, are wondering if the "six year jinx" has really been broken.

Every six years since 1933 — excepting 1957 — Oregon forests have been laid waste by a series of gigantic fires.

The six year cycle falls due again this year, and timber blown down by the Columbus Day storm has left forests throughout Oregon explosively dangerous.

The "six year jinx" was born in 1933 when 237,000 acres were blackened in the great Tillamook burn — the largest forest fire in the state's history.

In 1939 about 200,000 acres of the same scarred area were blackened again.

Then in 1945 it happened again in the same area, and 180,000 acres were ravaged.

Six years later in 1951 the Tillamook Burn area was spared, but three major fires, near Scottsburg in southwest Oregon, west of Roseburg, and east of Salem took a 55,000 acre toll.

The pattern of the "jinx" had been well established, and forestry personnel prepared for the worst in 1957. But there were no major fires that year.

### Alright, Now, Let's Get Those Books Back!

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: Something happened today that has made me thoroughly ashamed. Today was the day I decided to give the library a top to bottom cleaning and polishing. This meant taking all the books off the shelves. I ran across three books which I had "borrowed." One of these books was personally autographed by the author and I promised faithfully to return it within the week. That was last summer.

Then I got to thinking of all the books I had loaned to friends who had promised to return them — and never did.

Millions of people read your column, Ann, and I'll bet thousands who are reading these words have some borrowed books on their shelves. Will you print this letter and proclaim today "Return Borrowed Book Day"? Thank you — DEE TROIT

Dear Dee Troit: Be it known that today, June 13, 1963, is proclaimed to be "Return Borrowed Book Day" in the United States, Canada and all foreign countries in which this column appears.

And thank you for reminding me. I'd better return a couple of books myself.

Dear Ann Landers: Our 11-year-old son has refused to do one thing in school all year long. I've talked to his teacher, the principal, and other mothers. I've consulted a psychologist, our minister, our family physician, the eye doctor and the ear doctor. They all say he is healthy, normal, and intelligent — not to worry, that he will study when he is ready. The question is when will he be ready?

I might add he is rather large for his age, quite handsome, and the girls like him. He hates competitive games and soap and water. I've praised, threatened, bribed and pleaded. Nothing works. What do I do next? — STYMIED BUT HOPEFUL

Dear Stymied: Why don't you try leaving him alone? This boy sounds like a kid whose mother is pushing him too hard. He may "be ready" when you take the whip off his back.

Dear Ann Landers: I married this girl when she was 18. I thought she was mature because she had already finished two years of college, but I have learned that maturity and intelligence are not the same thing. We have had 18 months of what I will freely admit has been less than a perfect marriage. We seem to be arguing continuously about unimportant things. I have long

## State Tax Commission Establishes Ground Rules For Fight Over Oregon Timber Land Assessments

SALEM (UPI) — Ground rules for a battle over timber land assessments in five Western Oregon counties were laid down today at a meeting of state tax commissioners and county and industry representatives.

Timber land assessments for Benton, Columbia, Linn, Lane and Washington counties were increased earlier this year, and caused a storm of protest from the lumber industry.

Protest hearings on the increased assessments will be held over a four-week period beginning next week.

Tax Commission Attorney Adolph Peterson told the 50 county officials and industry representatives "the commission feels its valuation is correct, the burden of proof rests with the industry to show that the commission is wrong."

Commissioners Charles Mack, Fred Hoelke and Paul Lingier appeared at today's informal session.

Mack said today's meeting was

not to discuss the new values, but to explain the hearing procedure which will be followed during the next four weeks.

Hoelke explained that the timber land assessments in the five counties were generally doubled.

Mack said "the commission is not trying to shove the new values down the throats of industries and the counties, all the new values are subject to review."

He admitted there were many conflicting factors that went into the determination of the new values, and commented "we have all the ingredients for a top ranking mystery."

Mack said the commission wanted facts brought out at the hearings, not just blanket condemnations of the new assessments.

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### Lenin Wreath Gets No Thanks

MINNEAPOLIS (UPI) — William Super sent the Kremlin \$5 for a wreath to be placed on Lenin's tomb. But he admitted today he hasn't received a card of thanks.

"I'm not a Communist," Super insisted to the many persons who called him Thursday. "I'm for peace. That's why I sent the money."

"Five dollars is quite a sacrifice for a man of my means," he added.

Super, 64, is a retired machinist and masseur. He lives alone with his dog in a small apartment here. His chief source of income is his Social Security checks.

He doesn't have a telephone and had to use the neighbors' to answer the questions put to him Thursday.

### Residents Vote For New Town

DUNES CITY, Ore. (UPI) — Residents of this 1,800 acre tract around Washink Lake near Florence have voted 143-74 to incorporate as a town and call it Dunes City.

The area has 274 eligible voters. Next step will be certification of the vote by Lane County commissioners and election of five city councilmen.

Supporters of incorporation contended they were mainly interested in home rule, zoning and planning and a spokesman denied the move was aimed at blocking a national seashore in the dunes area.

### OUR ANCESTORS by Quincy



"If this car ran as fast as the dashboard clock we'd have something!"

### MEETS WITH JFK

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Kennedy held a brief meeting with Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., Wednesday to discuss reappointment of a National Labor Relations Board member.

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