

Grasshopper War Is Nearing Crisis With Funds Running Short

If all battle sectors in Klamath and Lake counties upon which crews are waging war on the grasshopper pest were stretched out in a straight line, the front would be between 450 and 500 miles in length, according to C. A. Henderson in charge of the gigantic grasshopper control program which will extend over a period of two years.

The battle against grasshoppers is one of enormous magnitude and is fought, like any other war, in a series of campaigns. If the pests are exterminated, which it appears will be done, it will mean an incalculable saving to the country, as in the northern areas alone the loss last year due to hoppers averaged from \$5,000 to \$40,000 to individual ranchers.

POISON WORK ON
Poisoning is being carried on simultaneously at present in the Upper Klamath Marsh, the Sycan Valley, the Chewaukum Valley, Fort Klamath, Sprague River, the head of the Williamson River, at Tule Lake and Lower Klamath Lake.

The heaviest infestations, according to Mr. Henderson are located in the Upper Klamath Marsh, the Sycan and Chewaukum Valleys. A few hoppers are working back to Tule Lake where the heaviest infestation was found several years ago.

EMPLOY TO MEN
Infested districts comprise an area of over half a million acres, and 70 men are now employed in the control work which will continue through the major portion of the month of June.

From 20,000 to 30,000 pounds of poison are used daily by grasshopper fighters and a total of 4,000 sacks of bran will have been used by the end of the campaign. C. A. Henderson says as well as 5,300 gallons of sodium arsenite, 7,000 sacks of sawdust, over a carload of molasses and 150 gallons of amyl acetate.

The daily program of poisoning crews begins at 6:30 o'clock every morning, and continues until 11 o'clock. Material is mixed from 11 until 2:30 o'clock, poisoning is carried on again in the afternoon, and poison is mixed again in the evening.

Poison is distributed from trucks, automobiles and on foot, and is then broadcast by hand over young grasshoppers the egg beds and over areas where the grasshoppers are first starting to spread.

SCATTER POISON
From 20 to 25 pounds of poison are scattered per acre in the lightly infested areas, 30 to 40 in medium to heavily infested areas and from 50 to 60 pounds in the most heavily infested spots where the grasshoppers average several thousand to a square foot.

Poison crews report that they are holding their own in the control work, although the pests are still hatching. Exceptionally good kills have been reported from all districts. Checks on the kills made average from 500 to 1,000 grasshoppers to a square foot. Checks of the rate of hatching in the egg beds show from 200 to 400 hoppers per day to each square foot.

MANY COOPERATE
There has been little or no loss of grass or crops this season due to grasshoppers, as they have been killed practically as soon as they hatch and begin to feed. Land owners have offered splendid cooperation, Henderson says, furnishing equipment, ma-

terials, and at times man-power to the fighting crews. The battle against hoppers is waged apomatically as it depends largely upon weather conditions. Workers must hold themselves ready to fight tooth and toe-nail for hours on end, and at less propitious times when the weather is threatening, the men are forced to adopt a waiting policy.

The grasshopper control project will extend over a period of two years and funds are furnished by the state of Oregon, Klamath and Lake counties, the United States Indian Service and Forest Service.

SENATOR STEWIER ASKS FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

United States Senator Frederick Steiwer Tuesday wired department at Washington for additional assistance in the grasshopper control program now being carried out in Klamath and Lake counties by county authorities. After a careful study of the local situation, the following wire was sent: "Grasshopper infestation Klamath and Lake counties and Northern California very serious if the sectors of poison lines were continuous would be more than five hundred miles long stop Poisoning operations in places are killing several thousand grasshoppers per square foot and unless this plague is controlled incalculable damage will result stop Local agencies are expending as follows state seventy-five hundred dollars Klamath reservation four thousand dollars Klamath county four thousand dollars Lake county three thousand dollars National forest two hundred and fifty dollars and certain services stop Land owners co-operating with machinery personnel and general assistance stop These measures are not adequate and local agencies have arrived near limit of resources stop Please ascertain from department of agriculture if further assistance can be had and specifically if appropriations for grasshopper control carried in supply bill will admit of any allocation to be used through regular channels under charge of county agents of counties affected stop This matter is urgent and important and I would appreciate advice today if possible care Hall Hotel Klamath or Chiloquin tomorrow care Arthur Prialux."

Funds provided for this work by county, federal and state agencies are not sufficient to carry out a full program, due to the wide spread of grasshoppers this year, and unless additional assistance is secured a major part of the work now being carried will have to be discontinued early in June. If federal assistance could be secured in filling this gap, a tremendous amount of pasture and hay will be saved for livestock men of Klamath and Lake counties. Edward C. Guse, postal stamp clerk, will leave today to spend several days at Crescent City.

BONES FOUND IN LAVA BEDS

Believe White Woman And Man Dead Two Years, to Investigate

Portions of the skeleton of a woman believed to have been dead for not more than two years, found by a workman in a lonely spot in the Lava Beds near Captain Jack's Stronghold, were brought into Sheriff Low's office yesterday.

Forearm and finger bones were among those brought into the sheriff's office, and a pair of shrunken shoes believed to have been worn by the woman at the time of her death.

After calling in physicians for consultation, Sheriff Low declared that the bones were those of a white woman, not an Indian, and that they could not possibly be relics of Indian warriors as bits of cartilage, flesh and tendons are still clinging to the bones.

The workman, whose name was not learned, told authorities that he left the greater part of the skeleton uncollected, and that there appeared to be bones from another skeleton nearby. Bones of the second skeleton appeared to be older than those of the woman, the workman said. However, the fact might be in the fact that they had lain in a spot more exposed to the weather.

Sheriff Low and a deputy will make a trip to the Lava Beds early Thursday morning to investigate the situation, search for marks of identification and other data that may solve the mystery of the dead woman and her possible companion.

Sacred Heart Senior Banquet To Be Tonight

Sacred Heart academy junior-senior banquet will be held at the Pelican grill Thursday, May 28, at 7:30 p. m. It was announced yesterday. The following program will be given: Toastmaster—Donald Colwell "Schubert's Serenade" Club Class History—Keith Ruonich Prophecy—Alma Parks Class Will—Clement Krueger Valedictory—Eleanor Maguire "Asleep in the Deep" Glee Club Rev. Father F. L. Gols, Rev. Father Casey and Rev. Father Don's will be guests at the banquet, as will the graduates and their parents and the academy alumni members. Covers will be laid for 90 guests. The 1931 graduating class of the academy, who will receive their diplomas next week, are Josephine Snyder, Edrie Pennell, Eleanor Maguire, Leo Matney, Donald Fitzgerald, Mary Sevic, William R. Elliott, Marjorie Calhoun, Keith Ruonich, Ford Monroe, Robert Colwell and Clement Krueger. The Catholic Men's club is sponsoring a dance following the banquet at the Music Box. Students of the academy will be guests.

Dollar Day Rates Begin Today on S. P.

With early vacationers throughout Oregon and other parts of the west preparing to take advantage of the broadened cent-a-mile offer of the Southern Pacific company, plans were under way yesterday for handling of the heaviest traffic flow of the year today, Friday and Saturday. L. L. Graham, agent for the company here, announced that the three-day sale, with its 12-day return limit, has attracted unusual interest and response on the part of the public and is expected to stimulate the most extensive early summer travel in recent history. All tickets sold on the three dates of the cent-a-mile sale have a return limit of midnight Monday, June 8, Graham said. Equipment has been mobilized on all parts of Southern Pacific's lines from Portland to El Paso and from San Francisco to Ogden for handling of the anticipated rush. The forthcoming "sale" has been announced as Southern Pacific's last "dollar day" event of the summer season.

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Committee To Seek Five-Year Grazing Permits

James A. Gordon, E. M. Bubb and R. C. Greenbeck will form a committee representing the Klamath county chamber of commerce to present arguments in favor of five-year grazing permits on Klamath Indian reservation at the hearing before the Senate Subcommittee on Indian affairs to be held in Chiloquin today. This committee was appointed yesterday by the board of directors of the chamber of commerce at the suggestion of Sen. Frederick Steiwer and Congressman Robert Butler, guests at the board meeting. Arguments favoring long term leases will be presented by the committee, among which will be the strong talking point that if stockmen were allowed the privilege of long-term grazing, they would be able to drill wells, thus alleviating the water shortage now prevailing. Senator Steiwer outlined the situation as it exists at present with the Indian Bureau at Washington wishing to use Indian land for the greatest good of the Indians. He declared that he believed a permanent and lasting amicable settlement of difficulties might be reached if the subcommittee heard arguments both from stockmen and Indians at the open meeting in Chiloquin today. In addition to the committee from the Klamath chamber of commerce, prominent stockmen from Bend and the Klamath district will also attend the meeting. Congressman Butler joined Senator Steiwer in urging representatives from the board of di-

Vining Talks To Directors About Sports

I. E. Vining of Ashland, recently appointed member of the Oregon fish and game commission, was a guest at the meeting of the directors of the Klamath county chamber of commerce yesterday. Mr. Vining discussed briefly several questions of great interest to Klamath Falls, aptly called the "sportsman's paradise," and declared that he wished to enlarge on the subjects at a later date. He outlined the present status of the game commission in regard to the much discussed police bill which is now being prepared for referendum, Mr. Vining declared that the commission expected the most harmonious relations with the state police force if the present interpretation of the law is carried out. Mr. Vining also discussed the possibility of game birds being sent to Klamath Falls for propagation, and the matter of co-operating with the state of California to arrange for simultaneously open and closed season on game birds. Vining stopped over in Klamath en route to Lakeview, where he will deliver the address to the graduation class of the Lakeview high school.

Suit for divorce was filed in circuit court Wednesday by Eva North against Robert Emmitt North. Plaintiff asks for custody of a minor child, and alleges cruel and inhuman treatment as her cause of action. Congressmen Butler joined directors of the chamber of commerce to attend the hearing.

CLEVELAND, May 27. (AP)—William H. Hurd, secretary of the American League, today was elected its president, to succeed the late Ernest B. Bernard, who died shortly before the start of the present baseball season.

Dr. L. L. Truax, Dr. Hay W. Oldenburg, Don Hamill and Dr. Noble Wiley Jausa, of Portland, have returned from several days fishing trip to Paulina Lake. Dr. Jones is associated with Dr. Thomas M. Joyce, of the Portland Medical hospital clinic.

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