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Fire Danger Thought Great From Now On

Wet Weather Brought Vegetation, When Dry Good Fire Fuel

"We're figuring on giving Jupiter Pluvius a 720-hour honor badge for the thirty days extra he worked for Keep Oregon Green this summer," said Otto H. H. Peterson, Columbia county chairman of the publicly sponsored forest fire prevention organization of Keep Oregon Green in commenting on the very favorable fire weather for Oregon this summer.

"A great many Oregonians now imagine their job has been pretty well done for them," the KOG county chairman observed, "just because the rains have been very liberally and unusually spread out through all of June and July. The fact is that the public's job on fire prevention the balance of the summer will be more difficult than ever. The extra heavy rainfall has created lush grass and fern growth throughout the state, and when the hot winds of late July and August dry them up, the fuel for fire will be heavy and plentiful."

The next 70 days will be critical ones on the forest fire front, State Forester Nelson Rogers pointed out in a statement calling upon the people of the state to give every possible assistance to keep man-caused fires at the very minimum the rest of the summer. The very splendid offers of support to Keep Oregon Green from every county in Oregon indicate the desire and intention of the public to maintain the excellent record made in the past two years since inception of the state-wide Keep Oregon Green movement, Forester Rogers continued.

"The best way for you to slap a Jap is to make sure your match, cigarette and campfire are not allowed to go out unescorted," the county chairman concluded.

Weekly Children's Church Started

The first service of the children's church of the Assembly of God under the direction of Miss Schmidt, especially trained children's worker, was held last Saturday, July 17 at 2 p.m. All the children present enjoyed the entire service, manifesting a real interest in the stories and illustrated messages presented by the teachers, according to Clayton E. Beish, pastor of the church.

The children's church will be held each Saturday at 2 p.m. throughout the summer. Provisions will be made for transportation to and from the homes for all children who wish to attend.

All parents are encouraged to send their children and to have them ready at 1.30, at which time the Sunday school bus will call for them.

Health Statistics Given

During May 16 deaths occurred in Columbia county, according to the Oregon Health bulletin. Causes were as follows: cancer and tumors, 2; apoplexy, 2; heart diseases, 6; pneumonia, 1; nephritis, 1; motor accidents, 1; other accidents, 2; other known causes, 1.

Disease cases reported for the first time during the week ending July 10 in this county were: measles, 1; whooping cough, 4; and mumps, 1. Sixty-nine percent of physicians reported.

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July 22-5:42	8:52
23-5:43	8:51
24-5:44	8:50
25-5:45	8:49
26-5:46	8:48
27-5:47	8:47
28-5:48	8:46
29-5:50	8:45



(Cut Courtesy The Oregonian)

ABOUT 15 Vernonia men, most of them teen-age boys, were included in what is thought to be one of the larger induction calls of the county. Pictured above after their induction into the army in Portland Thursday, July 15 are Lynn Brady and Keith Walker, second and third from the left, both 1943 graduates of Vernonia high school. To their left is Governor Earl Snell; and to their right, Gov. Arthur Langie of Washington. Standing behind them are two Vancouver boys. Those who were sworn into the army will leave about August 5, while the several who made the navy will leave Friday. The list of those called has not yet been received from the draft board.



Those Who Are in It

Aux. f.c. Zonweiss Douglass of the WAC is now at Tyndall field, Florida with the army air forces. She graduated from an army administration school at Commerce, Texas two weeks ago. Her training completed, she is now doing administrative office work at the air field, replacing a man for active duty.

Sgt. Truman Knight, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Knight is now at Oregon State college, where the army has sent him for two years of chemical engineering training, which would ordinarily take four years. Sgt. Knight entered the service about a year ago and had nearly completed training in the air corps. From Wendover Field, Utah he went to the University of Utah at Salt Lake City to take an entrance examination in which he was successful. Luckily he was assigned to OSC, and will usually have the opportunity to spend part of weekends here, as he did Saturday night and Sunday this week.

Bob Workman, who was inducted into the army and left here July 1, was sent from Ft. Lewis to Boise Barracks, Idaho, where at present he is in an M. P. battalion. When he finishes training there he expects to join the combat engineers.

The injuries which Richard Robbins received while on duty as his sub were not as serious as was first feared, for he wrote last week that he was out of bed and sick bay.

Pvt. Cleve Robertson, who left Sunday for the hot swamp lands of Louisiana where he will probably continue to be on maneuvers until next fall, says he "has it soft." As he is a radio telegraph operator he can usually sleep in the truck which contains the radio equipment, while most of the other soldiers sleep on the ground among the ticks and chiggers. Coming to Oregon the week before last, Pvt. Robertson travelled with several of his buddies from Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wood received the following V-mail letter from their grandson, Elmo Aldridge, now a sergeant. He wrote July 2 in part: "Dear Grand-Pa and Ma, We have a lot of music around here tonight. An Arab across the creek from camp is competing with the radio. He sounds like a cross between a steam whistle and a sick

calf, but he does have lots of volume. Things around here are pretty quiet. About all I have to do is pull guard every third day. We have the guards mostly to keep the Arabs out of camp, as they have the habit of coming into camp after dark and taking anything that isn't tied down.

"I have a nice, cozy little tent pitched under a cork tree. There is a mosquito net over the top to keep the bugs out, but it has little effect on the ants. They just eat holes in it and walk in whenever they please. It does keep out most of the other insects, although I did catch a scorpion galloping around on my skull the other morning. His galloping days are over.

"There are a lot of Arabs around camp. There is one old Arab with five wives who has a grain field near by. Each morning he brings his wives out to work in the field cutting grain, and he sits around and watches. . .

"The war hasn't done this country a lot of good. There is hardly anything that you can buy in the stores. The Germans and Italians apparently did a pretty good job of looting the country. A lot of the smaller towns in Tunisia were completely demolished, with not a single building left standing. The people still live there though. There is one thing that they have plenty of, and that is wine. The French drink it in place of water at meals. . . . The only people that seem to be able to drink the water are the Arabs.

"We get to go swimming in the sea quite often. On calm days it is just like a big lake with hardly a ripple. I have a beautiful sun tan, but the last time that I went swimming I swallowed so much salt water that it made me sick.

"Nothing much has happened to me since I have been over here, except that I got blown up in a peep. We ran over a land mine. All that I got out of it was a few scratches, and the fellow who was with me got off with a few bruises. They had to salvage the peep. It was a total loss.

"I will have to turn the light plant off in a few minutes, so I will give you a break and finish this letter." Your grandson, Elmo.

Sonny Schalock, who is on duty with the navy in the Atlantic, was recently promoted to water tender 2/c.

"I'm still O. K. and all in one piece," was the word received this week from Bill French, son of E.

Mid-Oregon Area Closed to Hunting

In compliance with the request of the United States army, the game commission at its meeting on July 10 passed an order closing to all hunting the central Oregon area to be covered by army maneuvers this summer and fall. Action of the commission was taken under the law giving authority to make emergency closures in the interest of public health, peace and safety.

The area affected takes in all of Deschutes county except a strip in the western part along the Cascade range; the southern part of Crook county, the boundary line running generally just north of Crooked river; a narrow strip in the southwestern corner of Grant county; the western part of Harney county, including the city of Burns; the northern half of Lake county, the tip of the southern boundary reaching Valley Falls and both Summer Lake and Lake Abert being within the closed area and the northeastern portion of Klamath county just north of the Klamath Indian reservation.

Fishing Permitted

This area will be closed to hunting only and fishing will be permitted. The order may be rescinded by the commission whenever the emergency ceases to exist and if the army maneuvers are discontinued sufficiently early, the commission then may consider the possibility of making adjustments in some of the seasons.

The closed area will be shown in a map being prepared by the game commission which will be available for distribution sometime in August by license agencies throughout the state.

W. French, Sr. Bill was on the U.S.S. Helena when it was torpedoed and sunk July 6 in Kula gulf in the Aleutians. His safety was feared, as only about 600, or half of the men abroad were reported saved. Although he said a cablegram had been sent, it was not received; the letter, written July 10, was the first word from him.

French, who is in the navy, was picked up by a destroyer after three hours in the water, and he lost everything he had. He was on the beach when he wrote, and it is hoped that he will be allowed to come home before returning to duty.

Cpl. Helen Hershey arrived last week at Santa Ana, California and is now in the army air corps as a WAC meat cutter. After leaving Camp Ruston, Louisiana, she spent several weeks in Georgia before leaving for Santa Ana. More "Those Who Are," page 6

Weather Man Lacked Here

As Ed Sessman is unable to set up his weather recording equipment and obtain accurate recordings at his new home near the corner of Bridge and State streets, and no one else has been found to keep the weather records, knowing exactly how hot Vernonia's recent hot weather has been difficult.

However, records were kept Monday, and a maximum temperature of 86 was noted. One unofficial high temperature on Tuesday was 88 degrees.

Proper Addresses Speed Deliveries

Mail from home! That's one of the things service men and women appreciate most of all. But sending mail isn't enough; it must be properly addressed if it is to arrive at its destination as quickly as possible.

For letters to soldiers, be sure his address includes: his full name and rank, army serial No., service organization and unit, and army post office (A.P.O.) No. If he is serving in the United States and has no A.P.O., give his camp, fort, or cantonment. A sailor's address, of course, is of different nature, and the service man will give you his complete address. Carelessly and incompletely addressed letters may take days, or even weeks, longer enroute.

The use of V-Mail is encouraged because of the reduced space it requires, and because it, alone, can be replaced if lost by enemy action. V-mail originals are held at the port of embarkation until the microfilm reproductions have arrived at their overseas destinations.

Concerning soldier's mail, army personnel serving overseas may not be sent newspapers by individuals. However, a newspaper may accept subscriptions for soldiers overseas if the soldier first sends a request for the paper. The newspaper must keep the request on file. This rule does not apply to those in the marines, coast guard, or navy, or those serving within the United States.

Ration Date Extended

The date after which certain shoes were to be rationed has been extended from July 15 to August 15. Included are shoes with a considerable quantity of latex, reclaimed, scrap and synthetic rubber in the soles. Other shoes which are unrationed are those which do not have rubber soles and have leather only as hinges, tabs, heel inserts covering not more than 25 percent of the area of the bottom of the sole.

Draw Day Changed

According to an announcement made Tuesday by the Oregon-American Lumber corporation, draw checks will be issued on the 23rd, rather than 26th, day of each month with the exception of those weeks when the 23rd falls on a Saturday or Sunday. In the latter instance, draw checks will be issued on the Friday preceding. There will be no change in the date of the regular pay day.

Purchases Cozy

Mrs. Fritz Hausler has purchased the Cozy confectionary from Mrs. Joe Netka, who is remaining here at present. Mrs. Hausler, who will be assisted by her daughter, Ruth, took over on Monday.

STORE HOURS CHANGED

J. C. Lincoln's Men's store and state liquor agency will now open at 12:00 and close at 8:00 p.m. as is required of all Oregon state liquor stores. The number of hours is the same, but the store opens later than before, and does not close during two one-hour periods.

City Business Discussed by Council Mon.

Ed Sessman Resigns As Cemetery Care-Taker; Rent Fixed

As Ed Sessman started work Monday night as a watchman at the mill and moved Tuesday from the house adjoining the cemetery, the city council was faced Monday night at their meeting with the problem of obtaining a new caretaker for the Vernonia Memorial cemetery. As yet no one has been found to replace him. Mr. Sessman devoted considerable time to keeping the grounds in good shape, and for doing that received free rent, lights, and water, as well as \$35 a month from the city. The city hopes to find someone at least to live in the house and see that the grounds are maintained.

The purchase of a portable pump for use at the city dump and for fire fighting was discussed at the meeting, but Tuesday it was learned that the pump in question was no longer available. It was agreed that the cement mixer recently purchased by the city should rent for a minimum of \$2.50 for the first day used, and \$2.00 for each additional day, hauling included. A \$10 deposit to be required of renters was also fixed.

Inasmuch as the city has not found anyone to repair sidewalks, the council decided to depend upon men with spare time after hours, and to pay them at the rate of \$10 for each 50 feet of sidewalk laid. Pending specifications, the request of J. W. Nichols for permission to construct a temporary wood shed near the Rock creek bridge was given no action. It would be constructed on Oregon Gas and Electric property, but in a fire zone.

Other business of the council was the approval of monthly bills.

Pioneer Meeting To Be August 8

Sunday, August 8, is the date set for the annual meeting and picnic of the Columbia County Pioneer association. It will be held at Hudson park, four miles west of Rainier on the Columbia river highway. The picnic dinner will be at 1:00 o'clock, and coffee will be served. The business meeting and election of officers will follow at 2:00 p.m. Music will be furnished by the Portland Letter-carriers band. Those attending are urged to take their early day photographs.

CLUB DONATES \$25

The Mothers' Service club has donated \$25 to the Red Cross camp and hospital fund, Mrs. Harry Sandon of the local committee announces.

Ad Proves It Want Mower

If Mrs. Lulah Fullerton had 11 lawn mowers, she could have easily sold them. But as it was, she had 1 to sell, so she advertised it in the Eagle classified column. The first person to see about the lawn mower purchased it, and the other ten people who asked if she "still had that lawn mower for sale" on Thursday, Friday and Saturday were out of luck.

Those who have such scarce items as lawn mowers, washing machines, cars, etc. which they don't need now have an excellent opportunity to convert them into cash, as well as to help those who cannot buy such items in stores. A 25c classified ad in the Eagle will almost always do the job.