

Sawdust...

The kind of weather which we are experiencing now makes doubly emphatic the teachings of the Keep Oregon Green association and that is: Use extreme care with burning material when in forest areas. Hot days like those of the last week or so make "care" a highly important word that cannot be ignored.

To follow out that highly necessary practice of caution when temperatures are such that the danger of fire is greatly increased, brings forth another thought on the subject. "Care" to be most effective, must be developed as a habit that is practiced with little or no thought when the need arises. "Care" as a habit cannot be turned on and off like the kitchen water faucet. Habits do not work that way.

Yet it is evident that, in order to keep Oregon Green, everyone who drives the highways or who has any business in any area where fire may destroy property must have that habit of care as the first requisite for the prevention of fire. A wealth of information about losses by fire and precautions to take in the control of it are continually mentioned but there are still people who forget. They have not learned the necessity of care in highly inflammable areas. To illustrate, one homeowner on Stoney Point reports that a small fire started near his home but a few days ago from a cigarette tossed from a car. The person tossing that cigarette either has not developed the habit of care or refuses to acknowledge the danger of throwing lighted cigarettes away at any time the inclination strikes him.

Oregon has a law which forbids throwing away burning material but the penalty is light. Why not increase the penalty and enforce this law strictly over the entire year. Create a constant habit of "care." It would be the means of developing a habit which all will agree ranks high on the scale of necessity—CARE WITH BURNING MATERIAL!

Lou Girod has his troubles, along with other store owners in obtaining merchandise in these times when many articles are scarce and wholesale warehouses sometimes ship what they have instead of what is ordered, or else do not ship at all. Probably Lou's most recent trouble was obtaining watermelons. At least he had some pointed remarks to make on the subject a few days ago when he couldn't obtain what he wanted.

Events in Oregon

ADDED AREA WANTED FOR ECOLA PARK

SEASIDE — That the proposed expansion of Ecola State Park is still under consideration is indicated by a report received last week by Clyde Mason, president of the Oregon Coast Highway association, from S. H. Boardman, state parks superintendent.

At the present time the park consists of 451 acres, extending from Chapman Point, through Ecola Point and Indian Beach well up Bald Mountain on Tillamook Head. It is the hope of the state parks superintendent that the area can be increased by at least 1200 acres and such an increase is recommended. With that additional area the 3 public sections on Tillamook Head, the park proper, the area owned by the lighthouse service, and another public area on the north face of Tillamook Head would be connected.

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Mrs. Hughes Honored By Birthday Surprise

Members of the Deborah Circle of the Evangelical Missionary Society surprised Mrs. A. J. Hughes at her home Tuesday evening to honor her birthday.

Part of the evening was spent opening gifts and cake and ice cream were served as refreshments.

Petition Seeks Surrender Terms

Rev. W. O. Livingstone of the First Christian church is accepting signatures to the petition below which sets forth terms for unconditional surrender of the Japanese. The petition was formulated by C. C. Morrison, editor of the Christian Century which has the largest circulation of any religious newspaper in the world. Anyone wishing to sign the petition and forward it to Rev. Livingstone may be sure it will be sent to the proper authorities.

A petition to the President of the United States. We, whose names are signed to this petition, request the President of the United States, in concert with the heads of other states now at war with Japan, to proclaim the following as the basis on which peaceful relations will be restored with Japan after the unconditional surrender of that nation:

1. Evacuation by the armed forces of Japan of all territories outside the home islands of the Japanese Empire, including the islands held by Japan under mandate from the League of Nations.

2. Recession to China of all territory occupied in China (including Manchuria and Mongolia), of Formosa, the Pescadores and the Ryukyus.

3. Complete demobilization of the Japanese navy, army and airforce, and agreement that thereafter Japan shall maintain no armed forces other than those of a police nature necessary to preserve domestic order, the extent and equipment of which shall be determined by the United Nations.

4. Administration by commissions of the United Nations of the Japanese merchant marine, finance and industry with a view to the complete demilitarization of Japanese life and the restoration of Japan to membership in the world community.

5. Delivery to the United Nations, for trial and punishment, on demand, of any Japanese charged by the proper agencies of the United Nations with responsibility for the crime of aggression on China, the precipitating of war in the Pacific, and for acts contrary to the laws of war committed in connection with the operation of Japan's armed forces.

6. A pledge that the people of Japan will establish a political order which shall guarantee freedom of speech and assembly, freedom of the press, freedom of conscience and religious exercise, freedom of elections, a democratic form of government responsible to the will of the people, with a view to entrance by Japan, when these are established into full membership in the United Nations.

7. Guarantees to the people of Japan of the benefits promised in Point 4 of the Atlantic Charter: "They will endeavor, with due respect to their existing obligations, to further the enjoyment by all states, great and small, victor and vanquished, of access, on equal terms, to the trade and to the raw materials of the world which are needed for their economic prosperity."

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ABOUT 6,000 MEN HAVE JOBS GUARDING AGAINST OR SUPPRESSING FOREST FIRES

OUT OF THE WOODS BY JIM STEVENS

Green Hills of Home...

The troop train carrying the Oregon and Washington soldiers of the Black Hawk Division dipped over the Cascades. It swung and rolled downward, into a green land. The forested slopes and ridges were a glorious fresh sight to the young warriors, after their many months overseas in battle. For a week they had been crossing a drabber America. Now they were back in the woods. Now they were truly home.

During the same week that President Truman was driven to Mt. Rainier from Olympia, by way of Yelm, through areas that were mostly logged off years ago. Yet he was faced at every turn with the fact that this is a tree country. Even through the recent cutovers where the only trees visible were the seed sources left in logging, the President would have found Douglas fir seedlings everywhere under the fern had he gone exploring for them.

The President also found a few bald hills, dotted with black stumps and snags, amid the many green mountains. It is to be hoped that he had the woods-eye to read their history of fire devastation.

The vast forests of growing trees that greeted the returning soldiers and President Truman had literally survived hell-years of summer forest fires. Now the people are moving in to stop the fires.

The Forestry Factions...
Here in the Douglas fir region—all of Western Oregon and Washington—where four of every five acres are good only for tree growing, it is a mystery why the forest fire has been tolerated for so long.

Even today a \$25 fine is about the worst the forest arsonist may expect to suffer. Only, now, after five long years on intensive popular education, is public opinion really rising up against the criminal burning of young trees—of the timber crops growing on 11 million acres of old logging land and burns in the Douglas fir region.

One reason for the neglect is that the political faction of the forestry profession has been dominant before the public since the day of Theodore Roosevelt. The other of the two distinct factions among professional foresters is that of the scientific

men of the profession.

Simplified, the great public difference between the two factions is this: the political foresters are concerned chiefly with Federal legislation for control of the forest industries; while the scientific foresters are mainly concerned with the proposition that 75 per cent of the problem of reforestation on logged off lands is the prevention of forest fire. The first group blames the ax of the lumberman for the bald hills in the woods, while the second group blames the man-caused forest fire. The political foresters want laws passed. The scientific foresters want better enforcement of the forest protection laws we already have.

The Puzzled Public...
Press agency is the heart and soul of political forestry, so the "Let's pass a law" side of the forestry profession is the one the public has learned to know. There was no forest fire prevention publicity that worked until the "Keep Green" movements were started. Everywhere in the forest regions the number of forest fires and the acreage burned had increased year after year. Apart from summer spurges against fire, the political foresters have mainly labored to convince the public that nothing is needed for the good of the forests but for Congress to pass a law.

The conflict between the two factions of the forestry profession is a puzzle to the people of the forest communities. But one fact they know now due to the educational work of the forest industry and the States. It is that the main job of keeping the green hills green with growing trees is theirs to do. At last they are on their way.

Stole Soldier's Wife

"Take this letter to the captain" With these words, King David of old sent Uriah, a faithful fighting man to his death, for the letter ordered them to put Uriah up front where he was bound to be slain. When the word came that Uriah had been killed, David took Beth Sheba, the man's wife and made her his own. So it was that David turned murderer.

Now came Nathan the prophet and showed David how great was his guilt. The 51st Psalm tells the king's sorrow and repentance. Now to have peace of heart a lamb or other sacrifice must be slain, that his sin be covered. Said God, "I have given you the blood upon the altar to make a covering for your sin." "So it was that the blood of lambs slain on Jewish altars, covered their sins of old. Then in the fullness of time, God himself offered up a lamb. "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world." Believe that the blood of Christ cleansed away your sins and God remembers them against you no more.

When you come into belief, the Lord indwells you with his Spirit. That is the new birth. He is now your heavenly father. Old things pass away All things become new. Is secret prayer

your constant joy and life? Pray pray, constantly. Is the Bible your daily feast? And when you reach the other shore, shall you hear—Well done, good and faithful servant? Your heart knows.

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Warrants	1,106.09
Banking house Fixtures	2,929.58
Total	\$981,723.53
Liabilities	
Deposits	\$963,346.36
Capital & Surplus	25,000.00
Reserve for Stock	1,500.00
Undivided profits	1,877.17
Total	\$981,723.53

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