

### Forest Fires Could Have Been Worse

Something short of a miracle prevented more fire damage in National Forests in the Pacific Northwest this summer. This is the assessment of the U. S. Forest Service.

Regional Forester Theodore A. Schlapfer said, "It's apparent we've escaped all the dire predictions, thanks largely to a combination of efforts, particularly on the part of an informed and concerned public."

Schlappfer noted the summer of 1973 was the most potentially explosive fire season in decades, one that could have seen more acreage burned than was recorded in the 1970 fire season.

Despite statistics which showed about a 20-percent increase in the number of man-caused fires and more than six times the acreage destroyed over last year, Schlappfer said the loss to fire fell far short of expectations.

Lightning-caused fires included the worst blaze of the season, the 16,000-acre Freezeout fire in eastern Oregon. In all this year, 26,442 acres have been destroyed by man and by lightning.

Schlappfer said, however, total acreage lost was only 2,600 acres above the five-year average of 23,796 acres.



YOU, TOO, MAY HAPPILY HOLD A PLUMP rainbow trout like the one Wendell Smith, Idaho Power Company environmental affairs director, is seen holding here! All you need to do is try your luck in Oxbow Lake at the gateway to Hells Canyon. Idaho Power recently released some 12,500 catchable rainbows (10-12 inches) near its McCormick Park there to provide winter sport for fishermen when other waters are closed or inaccessible. The plant was the company's 11th consecutive annual release. Since the plants began, Idaho Power has put more than 192,500 trout into the lakes of its Hells Canyon development in cooperation with the Idaho and Oregon fish agencies. By the time sportsmen have taken some of the rainbows a year or two after their release in the clean development lakes, the fish have grown to more than 20 inches.

### MALHEUR COUNTY AGENT REPORTS

#### GARDENERS—STORE YOUR ROOT CROPS

Some of you home gardeners may want to store a portion of your root crops for use later on this winter. Here are some suggestions that may be of help to you.

Root crops such as beets, carrots, kohlrabi, rutabagas and turnips can go into storage in the late fall. These crops withstand autumn frosts and are better off in the garden until nights are cold enough to permit proper storage temperatures.

The vegetables should be moved into storage soon after harvesting. Tops should be cut back to about one half inch so that the green material doesn't draw moisture from the plants.

Root crops store best between temperatures of 32 and 40 degrees F. It is important to keep temperatures as near to that range as possible as continued storage at 45 or above causes the vegetables to sprout new tops and become woody.

High humidity in the storage area will enable root crops to keep their crispness longer. There are several ways of accomplishing this. One way is to bed the vegetables in moist sand or peat moss. Another approach is to use polyethylene bags with some air holes for ventilation.

Potatoes also store best in the temperature range of 32 to 40 degrees. They require high humidity. Otherwise the potatoes lose moisture and are as wrinkled as prunes before spring comes. Potatoes should be kept in a dark place to keep them from turning green.

SOIL STERILANTS

Fall is the best time to apply soil sterilants so the fall and winter moisture can leach the materials into the soil.

For the deep rooted perennials such as Canadian Thistle or Russian Knapweed, sodium chlorate or atlacide have proven best. For annual weed control along ditchbanks, roadsides and around buildings, atrazine and Karmex, have proven successful.

Beware—these sterilants are non-selective. They will kill trees and shrubs whose roots run into the treated area.

CERTIFICATION THIS FALL

Farmers who planted alfalfa and red clover seed for certification this fall are reminded that applications for seedling inspections on the newly planted crops are due at the County Extension Office within 60 days of planting. The reason for the early inspection is to examine the fields to see that no volunteer plants from previous plantings are in the field. Inspectors also examine the plants for noxious weeds and check the isolation of the fields from uncertified fields that may degrade the seed produced by cross pollination. Certification regulations and application forms are available at the County Extension Office in the City Hall in Ontario.

### Salem Scene

by Jack Zimmerman

#### VOLUNTARY SALEM DIM-OUT DRAMATIZES ENERGY CRISIS

Residents of Oregon's Capital City are scheduled to dim their house lights in a citywide demonstration of voluntary electrical energy conservation.

Salem Mayor Robert Lindsey said the event is the brainchild of conservation-conscious Boy Scouts and their leaders in his community.

"What started as a simple energy conservation good turn by the boys now has full support and cooperation of related city agencies, electric utilities serving the city, the electrician's union and electrical contractors," he said.

Salem area Scout Executive Blaine Kuhn explained that at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, November 15, upwards of 2,000 Cubs, Scouts and Explorers will canvass some 30,000 Salem residences—armed with flashlights and energy conservation literature.

"This is a lights-out campaign," Kuhn said, "and we hope people will not turn on their porchlights to greet the boys."

Furthermore, the door-to-door callers will be asking people to turn off one 100-watt light bulb precisely at 7:30 p.m. and to keep it off for six minutes.

Turning out that single light bulb and leaving it off six minutes is the key to this public awareness campaign, Kuhn said. If 30,000 Salem residents comply with the request, the community will save an estimated 300 kilowatt hours in the six-minute period.

Electric utility spokesmen report the simple "saving" of 300 kw h can be dramatized in many ways.

The average Salem household uses about 40 kw h a day and the six-minute citywide saving would satisfy that average household's electric needs for more than a week.

It would provide enough juice to operate one of the area's high schools for only one hour and satisfy the energy demands for one of the community's leading dairies the same length of time.

One of Salem's canneries could only operate 40 minutes on the 300 kw h. And Salem General Hospital uses that much electrical energy in 30 minutes.

An ordinary city streetlight could burn steadily for 1,400 hours on the power saved during the demonstration.

"These are dramatic examples of the ways we consume electrical energy in our city," declared Mayor Lindsey, "and we hope people will turn off much more than one 100-watt bulb during the six-minute period."

"Just think how much power we'd save if everyone turned off every light and appliance during that period except those necessary for safety and health, necessary for safety and health?"

No one knows exactly how much power will be conserved during Salem's six minutes on November 15. And utility spokesmen doubt they'll be able to arrive at a precise figure in kilowatt hours at the conclusion of the event.

Those 30,000 Salem households use an average of some 1,200,000 kw h daily. A 300 kw h saving is such a tiny fraction—like 2-1/2 100ths of one percent of daily usage—that needles on meters at the city's several substations wouldn't even waver.

"The whole exercise is extremely educational to our boys," said Scout leader Kuhn, "and we hope it will be just as illuminating to the people they meet face to face."

Portland General Electric and Salem Electric Co-op, the two firms serving Salem, now report users must conserve an estimated 10 per cent of normal electric use in order to avert involuntary blackouts later this winter.

"We've learned the average Salem residence could conserve that much energy in many simple ways," Kuhn said. "The average electric range consumes 3.3 kw h each day, for instance. And our hot water heaters use as much as 12 kw h daily. We use one kilowatt hour every time we turn our color television sets on for two hours."

Facts such as these and many methods by which householders can conserve electricity will be available during Salem's energy crisis dramatization. Backing up the small army of Scouts canvassing residential areas will be a cadre of energy experts at offices of both utility firms. Representing all cooperating agencies, these authorities will answer telephoned questions of all related types between 6:30 and 8:30 that evening.

### Rats Cause Big Damage

One rat, plus rodent wastes, found in a hopper of wheat coming into Portland, has resulted in the loss of an estimated 180,000 pounds of grain for flour or any cereal products that would be consumed by humans.

The entire carlot of grain was placed under seizure by the Grain Division of the Oregon Department of Agriculture when inspectors discovered the rodent and droppings October 29.

The grain was returned to St. John, Washington, where the shipment originated. The Food Inspection Section of the Dairy and Food Division of the Washington Department of Agriculture will determine the final disposition of the wheat.

### Postmaster Gives Tips For Christmas Mailing

International Surface Parcels to the Far East, Surface greeting cards and Surface mail to Armed Forces in Antarctica, Australia, Burma, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Okinawa, Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam cannot reach their destination by surface transportation but must be sent Air Mail now as the deadline for the sending of surface mail to these distant places has expired.

Surface and Space Available Mail (SAM) to Armed Forces in Ethiopia, Iran, Israel, Saudi Arabia and Turkey can be delivered by Christmas if not mailed later than November 5.

NOVEMBER 10 - Surface and Space Available Mail to Armed Forces in South and Central America, the Congo and Liberia.

Surface mail to Armed Forces in Belgium, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Norway, Netherlands, Portugal and Spain.

International surface mail (parcels) to South and Central America and Europe.

NOVEMBER 17 - Parcel Air Lift (PAL) mail to Armed Forces in South and Central America, the Congo, Liberia, Ethiopia, Iran, Israel, Saudi Arabia and Turkey.

NOVEMBER 20 - International greeting cards to South and Central America and Europe.

SAM mail to Armed Forces in Far East Europe.

NOVEMBER 24 - SAM mail to Armed Forces in Canada, Greenland, Labrador, Newfoundland, and the Azores.

NOVEMBER 27 - PAL mail to Armed Forces in Belgium, Denmark and other European Countries.

NOVEMBER 30 - PAL mail to Armed Forces in Canada and all their provinces as well as the Azores.

DECEMBER 1 - Airmail greeting cards to Armed Forces in South and Central America, Ethiopia, and other Arab Countries, Turkey, Antarctica, Australia, Burma, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Okinawa, Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam.

DECEMBER 7 - International greeting cards to Canada and Mexico.

DECEMBER 8 - Airmail Greeting Cards and Parcels, to Armed Forces in Canada and Provinces, the Congo, Liberia, and the Azores.

DECEMBER 10 - Surface parcels within the U. S., (except Alaska, and Hawaii).

DECEMBER 11 - Airmail Greeting Cards and Parcels to European Countries, Greece, Portugal and Spain.

DECEMBER 14 - International Parcels to Canada and Mexico.

DECEMBER 15 - Surface greeting cards within the U. S., including Alaska and Hawaii.

DECEMBER 16 - International Air greeting cards to Europe, Central and South America.

### Center Holds Nov. Meet

A meeting of the Malheur County Child Development Centers at the Nyssa Child Care Center was held Wednesday, November 14.

This meeting was for parents interested in their child's health program and ways to improve the health care program so the children will receive more and better health care.

Sister Beatrice Joseph, Health Liaison from the Indian and Migrant Program Division in Washington D.C. and Doug Hattenhauer, Health Coordinator from The Dalles talked to the parents about their child's health program.

All parents who have children in the Nyssa Center are invited to share Thanksgiving dinner with their child, Wednesday, November 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the center.

### Nyssa Counselors Have Day in Boise

George Fanning, Vocational Counselor and Duane Buchtel, Guidance Counselor of Nyssa High School will attend the Vocational Counselor's Day at Boise State College on Friday, November 16.

The Counselor's Day is to bring counselors up to date on the latest techniques in vocational teachings and counseling. Counselors from all over Treasure Valley will be attending.

### SAVE ENERGY

You can help conserve precious energy whenever you stop at a hotel or motel, suggests the American Hotel & Motel Association, by simply turning off the TV and lights before leaving your room, and by keeping windows closed when heat or air conditioning is on. It doesn't take much energy to conserve energy—all you have to do is try.

### Inventive Idea



One of America's favorite tricks is to use mayonnaise in turkey and chicken dishes. Perhaps it all started with what is called hot chicken salad, originated several years ago by an inventive cook. Now, however, many hot chicken and turkey dishes, swamped among good cooks, call for the addition of mayonnaise. The polysaturated real mayonnaise replaces the usual fat and gives a flavor lift. Here is how it is done in a recipe for Turkey A La King.

- Turkey A La King
  - 1/4 cup flour
  - 1/2 cup Hellmann's or Best Foods real mayonnaise
  - 1 1/2 cups chicken broth
  - 2 cups diced cooked turkey or chicken
  - 1/2 cup diced pimiento
  - 1 can (3 ounces) sliced mushrooms
  - Salt and pepper
  - Toast triangles
- Stir flour into real mayonnaise. Gradually stir in broth. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, about 5 minutes or until thickened. Stir in diced meat, pimiento and mushrooms. Season to taste. Serve on toast. Makes servings.

### My Neighbors



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### BPA RELEASES COLUMBIA Film

The Bonneville Power Administration announced today release of a revision to the motion picture, "Great River," a story of comprehensive development of America's greatest power stream, the Columbia.

The revised 29-minute film was premiered in Portland this week before an audience attending the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association 40th annual convention at the Sheraton Motor Inn.

Loan prints for free showing are available through the Bonneville Power Administration offices in Portland, Eugene, Seattle, Spokane, Walla Walla, Wenatchee, Idaho Falls, and Kalispell.

The 16-mm sound and color film, available for unlimited television use, is set against the magnificent scenery of the Cascade and Rocky Mountains, irrigated valleys of the Columbia and Snake River basins, and the Columbia itself.

It tells how the river has been put to work for man by development for power, irrigation, navigation, flood control, recreation, and fish and wildlife protection.

Included in the film are historical construction shots of Grand Coulee dam—America's

### biggest—and a film sequence of the Third Powerhouse, which is now under construction.

There are also scenes from the floods of 1948 and 1961 on the Columbia and Kootenai Rivers, footage of agriculture, commerce and industry served by Columbia River power, and recreation and river commerce scenes.

The film also depicts spring flood waters held back by storage dams such as Hungry Horse and later released during the low-water season to produce hundreds of kilowatt-hours of electricity at downstream power dams.

The original film, released ten years ago, was produced jointly by the Bureau of Reclamation and Bonneville Power Administration.

### Admission Team To Visit Nov. 15

The Admission Team from Oregon State University will be visiting Nyssa High School today, Thursday, November 15 at 9:30 p.m. Wally Bowers who is in charge of the team cordially invites all interested seniors, parents or anyone with any interest about OSU to attend this meeting at the high school.

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### ADRIAN NEWS

ADRIAN - Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fidler and Sharon and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Leonard of San Jose, California and Loren Leonard of Oroville, California were weekend guests of Mrs. Gladys Thomas. Saturday evening dinner guests beside the above group were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Baker of Phoenix, Arizona, Mr. and Mrs. Ora Newgen and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Lane.

Audrey Burroughs was a Sunday evening dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Looney.

Mr. and Mrs. K. I. Peterson called on Mrs. Mable Piercy Monday evening.

Mrs. Hannah Gage of Boise visited her sisters, Mrs. E. M. Mackey, and Mrs. Fanny Sandlin from Wednesday until Sunday.

Mrs. Sue Ashcraft, Mrs. Robert Long and Mrs. Bill Toomb went to the church dinner at the Sterry Memorial Presbyterian Church in Roswell Friday evening.

Mrs. Sue Ashcraft visited Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Davis in Ridgeview Saturday. Mrs. Davis is recovering from recent hip surgery.

Sunday dinner guests at the Willis Conant home were Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Anderson and boys of Vale and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Conant.

Mrs. Jim Conant returned home Saturday from the Holy Rosary Hospital in Ontario where she had recent surgery.