

Epidemic of Forest Pests Threaten to Seriously Affect West's Forests

"We are faced today with probably the largest number and intensity of forest pests that we ever have had before in our history," U. S. forest service officials told Senator Henry Dworshak in testimony before the senate appropriations subcommittee hearing that agency's budget proposals.

"We think it is on account of the drought that has hit the West over the past few years," forest officials said in citing possible causes for the great increase in insect and disease infestations on national forest land. The forest service is asking for \$1,300,000 for the coming fiscal year to fight the forest pest problem and is also asking congress for a million dollar deficiency appropriation to handle excess costs of fighting the insect invasion in the current year.

The U. S. forest service officials told Senator Dworshak that they think that they possibly got a break this year in the weather. They noted that the drought has been broken in a great many areas in the West, and we got a lot of cold weather in many western states.

Continuing, it was explained that the officials feel that possibly the bugs above the snow-line have been reduced, however, they said that it would be late spring before a definite check can be made.

Create Other Problems

Senator Dworshak pointed out to his colleagues on the subcommittee that insect infestations not only destroy timber, attack, but also increase the fire hazards of all nearby forests. He also noted that insect infestations on forest lands also jeopardize other non-forest nearby lands in certain infestations.

Idaho's senior solon asked if present methods used to combat the insect and disease infestation were becoming more effective with the advent of new chemicals. The forest service officials replied that they were able to do much more effective work in the white pine blister rust through the use of aerial sprays and the use of actidione.

In response to a specific inquiry about Idaho, they said that about ten years ago the forest service abandoned the blister rust about a million acres of white pine, because we just did not have the knowledge to take care of it. We did not know how to stop the rust after it

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Mrs. D. A. Lange, Reporter

once got into the tree and all we could do was to keep it from spreading from one tree to another by the elimination of the rifees host plant, forest service officials reported.

"Now with these new antibiotics, we can stop the rust after it hits the tree and we have asked for \$100,000 increase in the next year's budget to start working on reclaiming the rest of that acreage that was abandoned earlier," they pointed out.

Senator Dworshak asked about the roads in these areas and was told that there are roads in many of the affected areas. The forest service said that they are attempting with one new phytocin to be able to combat the infestation more and more by airplane.

The Idaho senator said that he hoped that time would not be lost seeking to utilize new methods of application and suggested that as always that the roads would be the key to forest management and protection.

CAREYWOOD

Mrs. George Wallace, Reporter



FISH AND GAME conservation officer Lloyd Edwards of Ashton uses one of 92 mobile radio units now installed in department vehicles for expediting conservation enforcement and management duties around the state. Four base stations were established recently at Boise Coeur d'Alene, Jerome and Lewiston to supplement 11 repeater stations at strategic locations.

HOPE NEWS

Mrs. Harold Berkey, Reporter

son and family of Moscow visited at the Bert Wilkinson home on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McCann of Spokane visited at the Bill Hall home Friday evening.

Mrs. A. R. Johnson had a long distance visit with her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Lake, in San Francisco on Wednesday of last week. Mrs. Lake is connected with the Bechtel Construction Co. at Panama but has been in San Francisco the past several weeks. They expect to visit the Johnsons the last week of April.

Mrs. Johnson also received word from her sister in Fort Worth, Tex., that she has fully recovered from an illness of several months duration.

CLUB NEWS

Mrs. Gene B. Lay, Reporter

The Sew and Sew club met at the home of Mrs. Gene B. Lay on Wednesday, April 11, with eight members, two children and one visitor, Mrs. Evelyn Bleckwenn, present. Roll call was answered by a school memory. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Marguerite Judy read the treasurer's report. The club voted on giving courtesy awards, one to a girl and one to a boy, again at Southside this year. Mrs. Judy will attend to this matter.

There were no committee reports. It was approved unanimously to keep the clubhouse and Mrs. Mac Feltz will attend to the lease, insurance, etc.

Tea towels were handed in at this meeting for "Project Hope Chest." Members are to bring miscellaneous articles to the May meeting.

Mrs. Gene Lay won the white elephant donated by Mrs. Ronnie Bleckwenn.

Mrs. Martha Foutz prepared and served dinner to the club members. A birthday cake for Mrs. Marguerite Judy was enjoyed in the afternoon by those present. The cake was baked by Mrs. Martha Foutz.

Before dinner and business and afterwards, the members put together the quilt blocks. At the next meeting the members will quilt so please be at the home of Mrs. Marguerite Judy by 10 a. m. on May 9. Roll call will be "What I would like to do in the month of May."

NEWS BRIEFS

Mrs. Carol Kellogg, Reporter

Monday Mrs. Carol Kellogg helped Mrs. Gene Lay with the painting of her living room on Tuesday. Mrs. Kellogg, Mrs. Marguerite Judy and Mrs. Martha Foutz cleaned the store and kitchen at Mrs. Lay's for the club meeting the next day. The lunch was served by Mrs. Lay.

Vernon K Sevre is visiting at Laysville for about a month. He is from Minnesota.

The Clem Foutzes moved back to Athol over the week end. Cathy, Brenda and Renee Sevre visited with their father Vernon Sevre, and their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lay, at the Lay home on Sunday.

Mrs. Gene Lay helped Mrs. Carol Kellogg reupholster her sectional divan. This was the club's March lesson given by Mrs. Iva Burnstad and members may see the finished work by stopping at Mrs. Kellogg's home.

Miss Tamara Judy participated in the North Idaho district music contest in Coeur d'Alene on Friday. Her sister, Nova Jo, accompanied her on the piano.

Mrs. Marguerite Judy and Anita Wallace also attended the meet from here.

Miss Nova Jo Judy returned to Moscow on Sunday to resume her studies at the university as a sophomore, after spending spring vacation at her parents' home.

Stan Bleckwenn has his hand in a cast due to an unlucky fall during which he had to throw his hand back against some machinery, breaking a bone in his hand. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Bleckwenn of Medical Lake, are helping with the chores.

Many Students Applying to Attend University in Fall

Prospective University of Idaho students aren't waiting to the last minute before applying for admission.

Frank Young, director of admissions, reported that under the new program of early admissions started this year, permits to register as of April 1, 1962, are up 400 per cent over the same time last year.

"This doesn't mean our enrollment will go up 400 per cent, but it does indicate students are eager to plan ahead for their university education," said Young.

Under the new program, prospective student applicants are granted admission during their final semester of work subject to validation by receipt of a final transcript at the close of the spring term.

Early admission is being given to high school applicants from Idaho to non-resident high school applicants who are in the

LOAD RESTRICTIONS OFF ON COUNTY'S HIGHWAYS

County roads in commissioners' districts one and two have been released from weight restrictions imposed during the spring break-up. Jim Michelson and Homer Smith announced Monday.

"We want to thank the hauliers of the county for their fine cooperation in keeping heavy loads off the roads during the spring," Michelson said. Such cooperation, he explains, saves the county large sums of money by reducing maintenance cost.

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Karen Kalar, Reporter

A pink and blue shower was held at the Dwight Crowell home for Mrs. Ralph Crabb April 10. Hostesses were Mrs. Percy Bloom and Mrs. Herman Crabb. Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Crowell visited at the Bob Bruce home in Naxon, Mont., recently. Mr. Bruce is recuperating after an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardin Dockins were in Bonners Ferry on Tuesday.

Sam and Pete Dockins attended a Ford tractor meeting in Spokane on Wednesday night.

Mrs. Glen Thompson and Benny and Rusty spent three days last week visiting relatives in Colville, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Kalar have moved from their home on the G. N. road to a home which they are purchasing in Kootenai.

PLAN SHOWER TUESDAY FOR FIRE VICTIMS

A community shower for the benefit of the Frank Finney family who lost their home and virtually all their furniture and personal belongings in a fire Sunday will be held Tuesday evening. The event, sponsored by friends and neighbors of the Finneys, will be held in the V.F.W. hall between 5 and 8 o'clock.

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