

# Current News Items

of the Cascade Automobile business visitor on this week.

public library reports a new case of books the Free Traveling Lib-

rs. Wilbur Frazier are of a new baby boy. Mr. s at the Cascade Meat

of Nampa, mother of ard, has been here the ks visiting at the R. C.

Polish, Nite Nets, Bob- ny Combs—at Lucille's adv.

okla and family, form- of Long Valley, were week from Woodland, visiting friends and rel-

school supplies at the adv.

get the public auction niture and other house- s at the Emmett Ireton on Saturday, September here.

s of used clothing will ily received for Welfare by Mrs. Kelley at the el.

ic Club and the School ertained the school teach- covered-dish dinner and t Friday evening. U. R. gave an address of wel- e teachers.

your Forests—Prevent es—Be sure your match

er was given for Mrs. Hall me of Mrs. John Williams ssisted by Mrs. Creason as n Wednesday afternoon. A seat afternoon is reported present.

## TO TAKE NIGHT HIKE

odrow Whitson, scoutmas- local Boy Scouts, announce the local troop will take an t hike Saturday, Sept 25. s meet at the Drug Store lock Saturday evening.

## WREAK THIEF CAUGHT

ight sneak thief entered the Rooms last Wednesday and covered pretended to be in- Soon after this irregular- been reported to the author- to add a Gladstone bag to add a Wilson. Investiga- Bobt L. Wilson. Investiga- told that the bag had been from the Bud Norell home man was arrested and is now in the county jail.

Milt Hood was in from his dude ranch on the Middle Fork Salmon, Wednesday and Thursday.

Ed Lyells left today for Lewiston and Moscow for a few days visit with his sons. Jim English took him as far as Donnelly.

Special—Kwikway Electric Irons—\$1.65. —Nock's Furniture Store. adv.

The Cascade Civic Club will meet on Tuesday evening, October 5. The place of the meeting will be announced next week.

School dresses are now on display at the Merit Store. adv.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Ireton are selling their residence and household goods. They are moving to Emmett where Mr. Ireton is going into the plumbing business.

Prevent Forest Fires—Bury your camp fire.

Typewriters—typewriter supplies—we sell the Remington Portable. At the News Office. Adv.

Dr. Alfred E. Jones, sight specialist, was at the Cascade Hotel all day Monday. He left for Boise the same evening. Dr. Jones makes a one day stop here each month.

"Star Brand Shoes are Better" for school kiddies. Sold exclusively at the Merit Store. adv.

Cleaning Special—Suits thoroughly cleaned & pressed \$1.00, trousers 50 cents, hats cleaned and blocked 75 cents, ladies' silk and wool dresses \$1.00, ladies' 2-piece suits \$1.00, skirts and light sweaters 50 cents, ladies' coats \$1.00—Laundry prices very moderate.

IXL Cleaners & Laundry 5,7tf (A Home Concern)

## DELPHIANS NOTICE

The Kappa Gamma chapter of Delphiian Society of Donnelly and MacGregor will meet on Friday, October 1, at the MacGregor hall. Interesting discussions are held at these meetings. The labor question will be the current event at this meeting. Discussion will be led by Mrs. Thelma Wallace and Mrs. Balch. All members are requested to attend.

## DISTRICT COURT TO MEET ON WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29

The fall session of the District Court will convene on Wednesday, September 29, with Judge Sutton on the bench.

The tentative schedule is rather heavy. However, this is no indication, as some cases may be thrown out when Judge Sutton sets the calendar next Wednesday.

The complete calendar will be published in our next issue.

# Largest Forest Fire In Years Devastates The Warren Section

Warren, Sept. 22—(UP)—Hundreds of fire fighters maintained lines today around a 3000-acre forest blaze one mile east of here as the largest conflagration in the history of southwest Idaho began to subside.

The fire started last week, took hold of powder-dry buck killed timber, and roared north, borne on the wings of a high wind. The flames ripped out over an area six miles long and half a mile wide, circled on the southeast tip, and threatened to engulf this small village of 150 persons.

For a time, the hamlet's fate rested on a change in wind. Had the wind blown north-west instead of north-east, the village would have become a heap of charred ruins.

Villagers piled their belongings into trucks and cars, waiting word from foresters which would send them fleeing over roads into McCall through Burgdorf. For a time, a 25-acre spot fire on the Burgdorf-McCall road threatened to cut off their escape entirely.

The fire had already moved south-east to block roads to Edwardsburg.

The forest service, operating from headquarters of the Idaho national forest in McCall, sent shortwave radio operators and sets into the stricken area. Mills and business houses at the lakeside city closed, and a large army of firefighters, reaching at one time a total of 1000 rushed into the region.

They fought five nights and days before the fire definitely was brought under control.

Sunday night, a terrific lightning storm raged over the forest from McCall to north of Warren, and set eight more fires. Men were diverted from the main fire lines to fight these blazes.

A ten acre plot on the Salmon-Payette national forests boundary burst into flame, and spotted 15 more fires in surrounding territory before cooling rains swept through the district.

Rains moved over the Warren blaze after the electrical storm died out, helping fire fighters to combat the rushing flames.

Monday, H. M. Shank, supervisor of the Idaho national forest reported the blaze as "definitely" under control. The fire was contained within its boundaries, burning itself out.

Warren citizens moved their goods back into homes, confident the danger had passed.

Men were first released from fire duty Monday and Tuesday. About 500 of them, blackened and doctored, rifled back from the front, leaving fire control in the hands of 500 others. All those released from duty were civilians.

Meanwhile, foresters anxiously awaited first fall rains to clear the air and eliminate the fire hazard.

Payette national forest reported a total of 37 fires set by lightning this week, but all of them were quickly trenched and allowed to burn out, doing small damage.

John C. Page, U. S. Commissioner of reclamation, this week said conservation of water, rather than development of large irrigation projects, was most important to the state of Idaho.

Page pointed out that total water available for irrigation in 17 western states would not touch more than four per cent of the land under cultivation, and said there was a "very definite" end in sight for huge distribution projects.

He said that Idaho would do well to try for numerous supplemental water projects throughout the Snake and Boise valleys using hydroelectric development in conjunction with such projects in order to equalize the cost.

## EDUCATIONAL COSTS NOT PROPORTIONAL SAYS PLANNING BOARD

Boise, Sept. 22—(UP)—The state planning board charged this week that Idaho educational costs were either reasonably nor proportionately uniform among the state's 1500 school districts.

The board cited what it termed great variations of property tax rates among the 1300 districts.

"For the school year 1936-37," it was reported, "rates for local school district purposes varied from 10 cents on each \$100 assessed valuation to \$3.70 on the same amount."

The board said high school tax rates did not necessarily mean an elaborate school plant and equipment, or "fancy" salaries.

The board's report said that tax rates, standing alone, meant nothing unless ratio of assessed value to the full cash value were known.

"Laws of the state require taxable property to be assessed at its full cash value," the board reported, "but in actual practice this is not done."

The board reported that one reason for high tax rates was lack of public utilities properties in that particular school district.

"But," the board said, "crops are raised in that district and shipped by railroad and its residents are consumers of other utilities services. In that way they contribute to the revenues of these utilities just as much as do the residents of a school district through which runs a right of way. Residents of the latter district may tax the railroad property for school purposes, but the residents of the former district are unable to do so."

"On the other hand," the board charged, "there are school districts in this state in which are located operating properties of public utilities, the total assessed value of which is greater than the total assessed value of all other taxable property. No matter how low the tax rate may be the net result is that the major part of the governmental costs is borne by one class of property."

The board said that Idaho citizens were entitled to the costs of education being uniform, and that this was not being accomplished.

The board said that Idaho's large number of districts should be consolidated in an effort to make wider distribution of district property of a tax-bearing nature to provide equalized taxation.