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Huge Fire Levels McCall Sawmill, Other Buildings

Damage Estimated Close To $100,000

McCall residents had a lively time Tuesday night when blazes roared through the Brown sawmill and spread to surrounding buildings, levelling several and threatening the entire town for some time.

Starting when a backfire occurred in the boiler room of the mill, the flames soon had the entire sawmill in flames, spreading so rapidly that some had to run to safety. Within a few minutes of the outbreak of the fire, the mill, the building housing Ding's Pastime and Dewey's barber shop, the Lowe's carpenter shop, and the Payette Lake Star building were also in flames.

Crews from the sawmill, forest service, CCC camp and town hastily organized a fire fighting system and kept the fire from spreading beyond the territory already in flames. Several portable pumps were rushed to the site from the forest headquarters and proved invaluable to the fighters. The heat was so intense that firemen had to approach behind sheets of plywood to play water on the buildings. At times the crowd worried about their safety but aside from minor burns no one was seriously injured.

Residents in that vicinity began moving household goods into the street as the flames threatened to spread to the hillside and trucks were kept busy hauling things to safe places. Houses for some distance around were scorched by the flames but residents prevented further damage with pails of water and garden hose.

Fire fighters were severely handicapped at the beginning of the fire when flames destroyed the city's fire hose and delayed work until forest service equipment was installed.

The Star building and all equipment was completely destroyed, only a few household goods and personal belongings were saved. Ding's Pastime and the building was also levelled along with the fight arena recently constructed near there. The planer was saved and much of the lumber but they were badly scorched.

The sawmill was insured for only part of the $50,000 to $75,000 damage.

Although Carl Brown, owner of the mill, was in Chicago, attending the Democratic convention when the fire occurred and no definite word has been received from him as yet, it is believed that the mill will be rebuilt soon, in which case a large number of the 108 men working before the fire would be put back to work.

In any event the planer will start as soon as possible. The mill proper may be built farther on around the east side of the lake toward the ball diamond. However, these plans will not be definite until Mr. Brown returns from Chicago.

RED CROSS CERTIFICATES AND PINS HAVE ARRIVED

Red Cross swimmer's certificates and pins have arrived for those people passing the necessary tests to merit them, at the recent "Learn to Swim Week" sponsored by the Lions club.

Will the following people please call at the Cascade Motor Service for their certificates and pins:

Priscilla Campbell, Jerry Logue Jr., David Whitney, Don Whitney, Oral Conyers, Patty Gratton, Eilene Olson, Fay Olson, Larry Schoenhut and Irene Conyers.

Payette Forest Service Expects Busy Season; 29 Fires Reported

Forest service men are having a busy season this summer, according to reports from the Payette office at Cascade.

In all this season there have been 29 fires in the Payette forest, 19 of which were caused by lightning and 10 by man. These ranged from small spot fires to large ones that required up to 200 men to extinguish.

Although there have been no serious fires in the Payette district so far this year, forest officials are sitting on the edge of their chairs, so to speak, for fear the continued dry weather will bring too many fires to handle. The forest has entered what is known as the second emergency period and a close watch is being kept throughout the forest.

So far, forest men have not restricted campers and fishermen in this area and it is hoped that the forest can be kept open all summer. To do this, officials warned, campers must cooperate to the extent of being careful of cigarettes, matches and the like and carefully extinguishing every spark of camp fires. Fires should be reported to the nearest forest camp.

So far, 1940 has been the driest year since 1934 when disastrous fires raged throughout the northwest. For this reason forest men have organized "flying squadrons" of expert fire fighters to quench small blazes before they get under way. These crews, with the use of airplanes, is expected to reduce fire losses by a large percentage from now on.

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Always a colorful event, th... Saturday, July 27, will be no... Ferguson seeking a third ter... billy") O'Daniel, pitted agains... nomination is equivalent to el... held in August if neither can...

NEW SERVICE STATION OPENS THIS WEEK; TO FEATURE CURB SERV...

Another business was star... Cascade this week when the ... of the Covey gas and oil st... the south end of town an... Saturday, July 20, as its open...

The station, constructed ... Fisher and Scott Clark, is th... building across from the ... rooms. Mr. Clark and Mr... are from Wilder.

The station will handle... gasoline and Pennzoil motor ... the use of Valley county ... An added feature will be a ... and lunch counter with a ... vice to motorists who wish ... in their cars.

News From Around The County

Roseberry

Mrs. George Strode and baby and mother Mrs. Herman Blackwell visited friends in town Thursday.

B. H. McDougal and Mrs. Joley Simons of Weiser, were married in Boise Wednesday. They arrived in Roseberry Thursday. A large crowd charivaried them Friday night.

Mrs. Elva Barker and Mrs. Faye Wallace of Donnelly were business visitors at McCall Thursday afternoon.