



Many Arrests Of Firebugs Are Being Made

Saboteurs in the form of firebugs are being arrested in many sections of Idaho and fined and sent to jail or prison for terms varying from 20 days to one year, depending upon the extent and damage caused by the fire. Many cases are pending in various counties of the state against persons accused of starting range and forest fires, says reports to the safety bureau of the Department of Law Enforcement at Boise. During the first 15 days man made fires have burned over an estimated 25,000 acres.

In the Payette district on the night of July 6 a grass fire was started when a strong wind fanned a smoldering cigarette into flames and necessitated a radio broadcast for fire fighters to assist CCC boys and enforcement officers.

Five youths are awaiting trial in a Cassia county court for starting a range fire with firecrackers. Range fires, that were said to have been deliberately set last week, destroyed a quarter of a million dollars worth of range, when reseeding cost is considered, in Lincoln, Jerome, Blaine and Minidoka counties. Autoists reported having seen the grass fires between Gooding and Wendell started by a man who ran back to his car and drove hurriedly away.

It has been suggested that any person who knows the identity of persons or who should see persons throw lighted cigars, cigarettes or matches from automobiles into dry grass should report the incident to the nearest sheriff, police or state police officer with the license number of the car, if it is possible to obtain the same.

Smokers, campers, fishermen and users of the highways should try to prevent range or forest fires. Idaho forests and the ranges are needed in the providing of products in the National Defense program and a person deliberately causing those devastating and destructive fires is committing a sabotage.

AAA Chairman Advises Storage Of "Hot Wheat"

Wheat producers who planted over their 1941 wheat acreage allotments may handle their "hot" wheat under marketing quota regulations in a number of ways besides paying the penalty of 49 cents per bushel, W. J. Downend, chairman of the county AAA committee, pointed out this week.

The county AAA committee have charge of the administration of the wheat marketing quotas which were approved by a referendum May 31 in which all producers affected were allowed to vote.

"Marketing quotas are set up to help farmers regulate the amount of wheat which is marketed in years of large surpluses, so they can realize a fair return for their crop. Excess wheat on which penalties are paid tends to counteract the effect of quotas," Downend said.

"It would be much better for farmers with wheat produced on acreage over their 1941 acreage allotment to store the wheat under bond and keep off the market entirely. Next year they may have a low yield or they may reduce their acreage enough to make possible the marketing of the 1941 "hot" wheat as free wheat.