

Grass Fires Burn Large Areas Here

Volunteers Have Busy Afternoon: Three Blazes Cover 100 Acres

Grass fires, presumably started by inconsiderate or careless prospectors, swept over about 100 acres of Wilton brush and pastures and yesterday kept volunteer firemen on the jump all afternoon. The men, under direction of Chief John O. Diabrow, responded to three alarms within two and one-half hours but by battle the fire had become a standstill coming out of the frays with smudgy faces and blackened clothing.

The first call came at about 1:40. It was a grass fire, sweeping approximately 10 acres on the hill and was quickly gotten under control by the few firemen that Chief John O. Diabrow had at his disposal.

Just as the department returned to headquarters, a call came in from Canonicville. It was another grass fire which started on the farm property and spread onto the property of George L. Warnick, covering about 40 acres.

Returned at 4 p.m., another call came from Spectacle Lane for that turned out to be the worst of the afternoon. It started along the line in Ridgefield, where it was brought by firemen from that town, and swept down through the property of G. Evans Hubbard, covering approximately 150, eight-hundred and covering more than 50 acres.

Chief John O. Diabrow reiterates his plea for cooperation. No person will be granted after 4:30 p.m. except on rainy days. Grass fires, at this time of the year, most always result in a sweep of large areas and the chief suggests that all property owners read the fire regulations and act accordingly.

Amateur Snaps

Red Cross Board Reviews Its Work

Mrs. Sara H. Crawford Favors Exchange of Ideas

Mrs. Sara H. Crawford of Westport, formerly secretary of the state, told the executive board of the Wilton Red Cross last evening that a wider exchange of ideas among local Red Cross boards would have a salutary effect upon the program of the Red Cross in the state. She expressed the hope that there would be an extension of such inter-community meetings during the war emergency.

Mrs. Crawford attended the meeting here in the company of her daughter, Mrs. Sally Maschal, assistant secretary of the Norwalk chapter, who was present because of the illness of Miss Decker, newly-appointed chapter secretary.

Mrs. Maschal expressed herself as delighted with the work of the Wilton Branch.

Nelson S. Hurlbut, branch chairman, presided at the meeting at Red Cross headquarters, at which several reports were made by committee heads showing the work accomplished in March. There were 52 women sewing in March and they completed 113 articles of clothing for the war work. There were also 19 knitters who completed 57 articles, utilizing 453 hours.

The Motor Corps made 44 calls, covering 332 miles. Two members of the corps plan to attend a meeting in Hartford tomorrow. The corps will also commence to transport children to the dental clinic at the town hall starting Monday.

Mrs. Donald Valden, chairman of staff assistance, reported that 14 assistants had worked 168 1/2 hours during March. Mrs. Valden also made a report of the emergency call Tuesday morning which is reported elsewhere in this issue. Chairman Hurlbut complimented the Motor Corps for its quick response.

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Bald Hill Spotters Will Move Shortly

Mrs. Moore Heads League of Women Voters for 1942

She Succeeds Mrs. Victor Knauth, First President and Founder

Yesterday was election day for the Wilton League of Women Voters. At a meeting at the home of Mrs. Donald M. Douglas on Evans Lane, Mrs. Lawrence Moore was chosen president for the coming year. She succeeds Mrs. Victor Knauth to whom she paid tribute for her inspiring leadership of the organization since its inception. The retiring board presented Mrs. Knauth a bouquet of flowers.

First and second vice-presidents are Mrs. Margaret J. Greer and Mrs. Raymond M. Martin, respectively. Mrs. Howard Lipman was elected secretary and Mrs. William A. Loeb, treasurer.

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Mrs. Patten Joins Girl Scout Council

Mrs. Ray Patten was elected unanimously to membership in the Girl Scout Council at the monthly meeting of the organization at Gorham House last Monday. She will serve on the program committee.

At the same meeting Mrs. C. P. Chadey, co-leader, reported that Wilton had 112 Girl Scouts officially registered in Washington. They include 39 Brownies, 54 intermediates and nine seniors, with half a dozen more soon to be added to the roster.

Newly-formed committees to assist leaders with their troop activities include Mrs. Ernest Bennett, Mrs. M. J. Greer, Mrs. L. De Courcy Hard, Mrs. Samuel J. Keeler, Miss Mary Kumpf, Mrs. John Lawrence, Mrs. Samuel L. Meulendyke, Mrs. Ray Patten, Mrs. Winifred Perdin, Mrs. C. B. Bumpstead, Mrs. W. E. E.

Statewide Blackout Halts P.T.A. and O Defense Council Studying Travel

David H. Batchelder Undertakes Transportation Survey

The Wilton Defense Council is working on plans to remedy the transportation problems which have arisen because of the automobile and fire situation. Wilton residents will shortly be asked to reply to a questionnaire compiled by David H. Batchelder, in which they will indicate at what hours they usually travel to Wilton, Ridgefield or Westport at what hours they usually catch their trains to and from New York and similar traffic data.

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Mrs. Batchelder pointed out that increased train service from Wilton has already been arranged satisfactorily beginning in May.

Increased bus service on the main roads, Routes 7 and 33 and possibly on other routes, is under negotiation. In answering the questionnaire, householders are (Continued on page thirteen)

Old Baseball Stand Is Being Torn Down

The old baseball stand at Owen Field, which was 20 long summers ago, has kept the hot sun off the faithful fans of the Wilton Farmers. It is being torn down. Charlie Owen says he would rather, do this than have any of his friends stand with it. The bleachers, behind home-plate will remain and new bleachers will be built.

Grass Fire Finds Wiltonians Prepared to Go into Total Eclipse

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Joseph E. Mead Speaks on Industry and Education at Center School

The statewide black-out Monday evening could not have occurred on a better night as far as testing Wilton was concerned. There were 115 persons packed into the Center School auditorium for the Parent-Teacher Association meeting, here were at least 25 attending Stanley Hawkins' standard first aid class at Red Cross headquarters and the weekly drill of the Wilton Volunteer Training Corps was taking place at Town Hall.

Governor Hurley certainly had Wilton. Words might and as far as can be ascertained, Wilton acted in an orderly manner.

Perhaps the most realistic test occurred at Center School. Joseph E. Mead, district representative for Connecticut and Rhode Island on the War Production Board - T.W.I. was the speaker and an unusually large audience was present.

Meeting Opens
Frank L. Lucie, president of the P.T.A. had had time to open the meeting and give his report. At 8:15 the black-out began. Mrs. John Michelson, principal of Center School, was on the floor about to make a report. Mrs. May D. Russell, chairman of Wilton here in the office of Mr. William E. Williams, taking the colored flames as they came through from Chief St. Paul, advised the boys of Wilton. To make it more businesslike Mrs. Russell had warned her housekeeper before she left home to shift important messages to the time of the black-out. Mrs. Russell also had a letter from the office of Mr. William E. Williams, taking the colored flames as they came through from Chief St. Paul, advised the boys of Wilton. To make it more businesslike Mrs. Russell had warned her housekeeper before she left home to shift important messages to the time of the black-out. Mrs. Russell also had a letter from the office of Mr. William E. Williams, taking the colored flames as they came through from Chief St. Paul, advised the boys of Wilton. To make it more businesslike Mrs. Russell had warned her housekeeper before she left home to shift important messages to the time of the black-out.

Mrs. Russell informed Janice Swenson to pull the main switch. It was 8:40 and there was no confusion although the singing