

LEDBETTER NEWS

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Grass Fires

Firemen made a run down the highway west of town to extinguish a wind-fanned grass fire near the Hillview Farms at 1 a. m. Sunday morning. Another run was made to the Stuermer pasture along the highway 2 miles west of here at 5 a. m. Monday morning to quench a fiercely burning grass fire that threatened some 700 acres of pasture and woodland. Both fires presumably originated from matches or smoldering cigarettes cast from passing cars.

The deluges of late August and early Sept. caused a very lush growth of grass and vegetation which recent droughts and freezes have made tinder dry and highly inflammable, and the general public is cautioned to use extreme care with fires until the customary winter rains eliminate the fire hazard.

Star route carrier Albert Hannes reports that some 600 acres of grass on the Williams Farm was ablaze Monday morning along the mail route and that the Williams barn and all its contents were destroyed by the fire.

Firemen Visit Carmine

Local firemen Vanderwerth, Braun, Blume and Rummel were guests of the Carmine Fire Department at their regular meeting last Thursday evening to exchange ideas for constructive co-operation between the two districts. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the meeting.

Firemen's Barbecue Thursday

Barbecued pork, ranch style beans, salads and all the trimmings will feature the firemen's barbecue slated to begin at 6:30 next Thursday evening at Kermit Blume's farm one mile southwest of town. Officials of neighboring towns will be included on the invitational list, which also includes many potential members for the local department, which has recently paid all its outstanding obligations and reported a treasury surplus. The affair, which will be stag, is sponsored by donations from many local enthusiasts.

Socials

Miss Lois Rust of Austin and the week-end with their parents Eugene T. Rust of A&M spent time on Hillview Farms.

Staff Sgt. Robert Allen, US-MC, and Mrs. Robert Allen of San Diego, Calif., spent last Thursday with friends here.

Salyer Vanderwerth and family of Houston were Saturday and Sunday visitors with relatives.

Miss Adelia Jane Craig of Miami arrived Sunday for a visit with T. M. Vanderwerth Jr. and family.

Edgar Rummel attended the funeral of his uncle, John H. Bauer, in Houston last Thursday afternoon.

Misses Lillian and Evelyn Stuermer, teachers in the Houston schools, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with relatives here.

Valdor Stuermer attended the funeral of his brother-in-law, Henry P. Schmidt, in Nacoches Wednesday. Schmidt, 71 and owner of Henry P. Schmidt and Sons Dry Goods Co., died of a heart attack Tuesday morning.