

THE WEATHER

Humidity 5 p. m. yesterday 71
Highest temperature yesterday 71
Lowest temperature last night 50
Precipitation for 24 hours .03
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1935 35.18
Excess since Sept. 1, 1935 2.59
Decreasing clouds; mild.

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RAIN FORECAST GLADDENS DROUGHT AREA

Editorials on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

DROUGHT dominates the headlines, estimates of damage so far running in excess of 300 million dollars. That is a heavy loss, and in one way or another it will be borne by all of us.

Producers in the fortunate sections will benefit from higher prices, but the country as a whole will lose.

Let there be no doubt as to that.

DROUGHT dominated the headlines here in the summer of 1935. Drought dominated the headlines in 1934. There was considerable drought loss in 1935.

If you read your Bible, you will recall the Pharaoh's dream of the seven fat cows following the seven lean cows, which was interpreted to mean the seven lean years that follow seven fat years.

Good crop years and bad crop years, you see, have been running in cycles for a long time.

IN THE good years we build up surpluses, which at the time are regarded as a curse because of their effect on prices, but in the bad years we eat up the surplus. The world has never yet produced more than the people who inhabit it can consume.

ANOTHER ominous headline: "Retain Considering Edition"

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COW'S DEATH FAILS TO HALT LAWSUIT

BAKER, Ore., July 11.—(AP)—Despite death, the wheels of justice grind on.

A. C. Spain and Leslie Wellman have been waging a legal battle for several months over possession of a cow, and with the question of its rightful owner still pending, the animal died this week.

Despite the death of the cow, the controversy will continue for the reason that a bond of \$1000 will stand in lieu of the animal.

With Spain and Wellman claiming the cow, Spain started a replevin action in justice court to recover the cow or \$45 which he estimated to be the value of the animal. He lost the case and was ordered to deliver the cow to Wellman. However, he appealed to the circuit court and posted a stay bond so that the cow was returned to him. In the meantime the cow came with calf.

Pending trial of the case in circuit court, it is not known who will pay the \$100 court costs in the justice court, who will get possession of the calf and the cow hide and who will pay for the dead cow.

Midwest Living Costs Increase as Drought Reduces Supplies of Food

CHICAGO, July 11.—(AP)—Drought, which sooner or later touches farmers' pocketbooks as it does farmers' crops, has increased wholesale food commodity prices in some cases as much as 50 per cent in the last three weeks.

Statisticians said today this development would affect the cost of food at retail counters in varying degrees. In the prices of some articles, such as butter and eggs and a few vegetables, they said, the influence of the drought already was apparent.

Prospects of advanced food costs color the latest authoritative survey showing a mounting cost of living. The national industrial conference board reported the cost of living of wage earners rose 1.7 per cent in June and was more than 4 per cent higher than a year ago.

Food, accounting for one-third of the family budget, rose 4.7 per cent over May and was 5.7 per cent higher than a year ago. Currently, this survey showed, food is only 16 per cent cheaper than it was in the 1929 boom period.

Butter Prices Soar
In the produce trade, merchants watched the steadily mounting but prices because of seriously de-

MILK PRICE SLASH REFUSED TO DISTRIBUTORS

RATES MUST STAND, LOCAL GROUP TOLD

Compulsory State Ruling Reduces Consumption, Dairies in Roseburg Area Report.

Roseburg milk distributors were refused permission by the Oregon milk control board in a letter received here today to make a reduction on quantity deliveries of milk to consumers here.

The distributors had requested a rate of reduction similar to that applying to deliveries of three quarts or more to one customer, as provided under regulations prior to the recent rate increase.

Under former rules distributors were permitted to make three quart deliveries at the rate of 28 cents, a discount of 2 cents. The new rules give no discount from the retail price of 11 cents per quart.

All distributors in the Roseburg area petitioned the state board for permission to give a reduction on deliveries of three quarts or more, but the board, in a letter received today, declared no exceptions could be made from the uniform state rate schedule.

Consumption Drops
Distributors report that the increase in milk prices has resulted in a marked decrease in consumption. Some dairies reported losses of as much as 10 per cent in the quantity of milk being delivered daily.

The veterans' administration facility here, receiving orders for a contract for delivery of 600 gallons of cream and 2,500 gallons of milk per month for a period of three months, cut the contract provisions to 400 gallons of cream and 2,500 gallons of milk when the state price increase was put into effect. Powdered and condensed milk is being used in the facility kitchen.

Distributors report that they have suffered few customer losses as a result of the new rates, but that a great number of customers have reduced the amount of milk they have been receiving daily, and that those principally concerned are those who were taking three or more quarts and were receiving the small discount permitted under former rules.

While the increase of one cent per quart was designed to give the producers more money for their product, the resulting 10 per cent

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ACCUSED MAN SENT TO VETS' HOSPITAL

Albert Henry Walthrop of Drain, who is being held for the grand jury on a charge of making threats to kill, was removed this morning to the veterans' facility hospital.

Walthrop is reported to be suffering from a service-connected back ailment and claimed need for hospitalization.

MEAT PRICES EASED

Increased production in the parched dairy country.
Cash butter is now wholesaling at the highest level since April and is the most expensive for any July since 1930. Standard grades of butter are quoted above 33 cents a pound compared with 28 cents the middle of June. Egg prices have gained almost a cent a dozen wholesale in the past two weeks.

Trade reports in produce circles indicated retail prices have followed the trend in latter.

Meat Prices Eased
Meat prices have had a tendency to ease because of the influx of livestock from drought districts. The wholesale price structure of both beef and pork weakened rather sharply yesterday. Livestock men pointed out fluctuations in the wholesale market usually are paralleled in the retail trade. Most grades of steer beef are from 4 to 25 per cent lower than a year ago at wholesale while pork cuts are wholesaling 7 to 14 per cent less.

The greatest increases were scored by grains but retail prices usually show little immediate effect of these fluctuations. However, a soaring corn market eventually influences consumers' meat bills.

Oregon Has Too Many Back Seat Drivers, Needs Sound Thinking, Governor Martin Tells Audience

SALEM, July 11.—(AP)—Colonel Thomas M. Robins, army division engineer, told people of the Willamette valley last night it would cost between forty and fifty million dollars to complete flood control work on the Willamette river, while Governor Martin warned against thinking "too much about free power without cost to the taxpayers."

Governor Martin, in his address, declared that "the trouble with Oregon is that there are too many back seat drivers. The people of the state, particularly in the Willamette valley, must get rid of their defeatist attitude and get down to sensible, sound thinking. People have not worked hard enough for what they have and consequently have lost their enthusiasm. They must get to work and get away from rotten political thinking."

Stream purification, flood control and power development will be only part of the benefits that will accrue to the valley with construction of control dams on the river's tributaries, the army engineers reported to the Willamette valley project group at a banquet session.

Should the project be approved by the federal government, the work would be spread over a five-year period, Colonel Robins said. Nine dams would be constructed in the upper regions of the tributaries and large reservoirs built to care for the impounded water which would be released during the summer months.

Construction costs would be borne by the federal government if the project is approved, Robins continued, but the maintenance would have to be paid by either the counties benefiting or by independently organized districts.

The project committee voted to ask Governor Martin to send an immediate request for an advance of some of the emergency money from the federal government to start the flood control project.

ONE STRIKE ENDED, SECOND POSTPONED

WASHINGTON, July 11.—(AP)—Labor department officials, anxiously awaiting the outcome of the fight in the American Federation of Labor executive council, were cheered today by the end of one strike and the postponement of another.

James P. Dewey, department commissioner, notified Secretary Perkins that an agreement had been reached to end the seven weeks' strike at the Wheeling Steel corporation's Portsmouth, Ohio, plant.

Joseph P. Ryan, president of the International Longshoremen's association, notified Edward P. McGrady, assistant secretary, that he would postpone for two weeks a strike at all ports from Wilmington, N. C., to Pensacola, Fla., to give the labor department an opportunity for mediation.

McGrady left immediately for New York. His office declined to say whether his trip was in connection with the Remington-Rand strike or the RCA walk-out at Camden, N. J.

JAMES E. DEAKINS PASSES ON AT 63

James Edgar Deakins, 63, resident of Winchester Bay, died at the county hospital here yesterday following a short illness. He was born at St. Joseph, Missouri, June 19, 1872, and came to Douglas county about ten years ago from California.

Surviving is one sister, Mrs. Mary O. Vall, of Stevenson, Washington.

Funeral services were held this afternoon in Bend cemetery. Rev. Mr. Tutthill of the Baptist church officiating. Arrangements were in charge of the Douglas Funeral home.

PRISONER TO GET PHYSICAL EXAM

Sentence of Warren Whiting of Camas Valley, who recently pleaded guilty in the circuit court here to the theft of livestock, was ordered postponed for one week by Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly today to give time for a thorough physical examination. Whiting, who came up for sentence today, presented a petition to the court claiming that he is suffering from a respiratory ailment which prevents his confinement. Whiting, a war veteran, is to be given an examination by the county physician and by physicians at the veterans facility.

DOWNEY McCULLOCH OF BROCKWAY DIES

Downey McCulloch, 65, of Brockway, life-long resident of Douglas county, died this morning following a long period of ill health. He was born in Roseburg, December 6, 1870, the son of the late William Thomas and Sarah Jones McCulloch, pioneer settlers.

The body was brought to the Roseburg Undertaking company here. Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

MODERN NEED MUST BE MET, F. D. R. SAYS

NEW YORK, July 11.—(AP)—The \$64,000,000 Triborough bridge, financed by federal grant and loan as a part of the public works program, was opened today by President Roosevelt who dedicated it as a symbol of changing human needs which, he said, call for "an up-to-date government in place of antiquated government."

The president declared: "There are a few among us who still, consciously or unconsciously, live in a state of constant protest against the daily processes of meeting modern needs. Most of us are willing to recognize change and to give it reasonable and constant help."

The opening of the suspension structure across the East river, which, with its approaches, connects the New York City boroughs of Manhattan, Queens and the Bronx, was preceded by parades and civic demonstrations originating in the boroughs.

After dedicating the bridge—which is a self-liquidating project, tolls being charged until the construction cost is met—the president left immediately for his Hyde Park estate for a brief stay before proceeding on a vacation cruise along the New England coast.

In his address, the president noted that in older days there was no need for such a bridge connecting Manhattan with the Queens and the Bronx. He recalled that a little more than two years ago, his own grandfather owned a

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JOE HUMPHREYS OF RING FAME PASSES

FAIR HAVEN, N. J., July 11.—(AP)—Joe Humphreys, whose leather-jointed cry of "the winnab and new champion" was the dominant voice of the sports world for more than 40 years, is dead.

Humphreys, a character of the American prize ring, died yesterday at the age of 62. He had been in ill health for two years and collapsed apparently from the excessive heat.

Like Alfred E. Smith, his boyhood chum, Humphreys grew up on the sidewalks of New York. He rose from the humble role of a newsboy to a position of prominence in the sports world, particularly as an announcer of championship boxing bouts.

He first conceived the idea of praying for departed fighters 29 years ago and asked divine intervention for Linderberg on his flight to Paris the night of the Sharkey-Maloney bout in 1927.

FROM THE HEADLINES

By Deacon Mohmand
"Whiskers Found Scarce at Medical Convention"

When grandpa was a youngling man, he had in sixty-three, most every man disguised his pan with whiskers grand to see. You couldn't be a general and win man's admiration a less your beard at least. A beard to match your rank and station.

The hanker were his mutton chops to designate his place; there were lots of ways, in those old days, to decorate the face. The flowing beard was quite the thing for men who were past thirty, but now, however, this facial hair looks out of place and dirty.

The men who gave us drugs and pills, to gain professional standing, were something like the grave yardies; it made them look commanding. But now they've cut their whiskers off, except a small mustache; and some concede there is no need for even this small trash.

If they would look distinguished, and for beauty have no fair, they'd do the trick by shaving slick and losing all their hair.

LEGION ADVISED TO BE REASONABLE

PORTLAND, July 11.—(AP)—Little national legislation to provide additional benefits for veterans may be expected in the next few weeks, but veterans desire that World War veterans be given the fairest treatment. Daniel J. Doherty told 500 delegates attending an American Legion rehabilitation conference today.

Doherty, national chairman of the Legion rehabilitation committee, told the delegates, who came from 11 western states, said veterans were receiving the best possible treatment from government hospitals and added:

"The American Legion must be reasonable, tolerant and fair and the disabled veterans expect that of us."

HIT-AND-RUN VICTIM PICKED OUT OF DITCH

John Lahey, 66, California, Struck Near Brockway, Badly Injured.

Apparently the victim of a hit-and-run driver, John Lahey, 66, of Oakland, Calif., was brought to Mercy hospital here this morning in a critical condition. He is reported suffering from a compound leg fracture and severe shock. He had apparently lain in a roadside ditch for more than eight hours following his injury.

He was reported to be in a semi-conscious condition. Physicians would not permit him to be questioned by state police.

Lahey was found shortly after 8 a. m. today near Brockway, on the Roseburg-Cool Bay highway, by John Wells, truck driver, who noticed a hand waving feebly from a weed-filled ditch. Wells immediately arranged transportation of the injured man to the hospital and notified state police.

Accident Theorized.
From indications at the scene of the accident, the state police reported, it is believed Lahey was walking on the left side of the highway facing oncoming traffic, and was thrown about 30 feet. The type of his injuries would indicate, the police said, that he was struck by an automobile, although no tire or skid marks were found.

Lahey was seen about 9:30 p. m. yesterday at Coos Junction and shortly before midnight was seen near the Brockway store, three miles from the junction. As the accident occurred only about a quarter of a mile west of the store, it is believed that the man was hit shortly after midnight.

The injured man, as he lay in the ditch, was not visible to a motorist passing in an ordinary car, the police said. Wells, driving an Ashbury oil transport, was able from his higher seating position merely to see the movement of Lahey's hand.

At the hospital it was reported that his condition was critical from shock, exposure and loss of blood.

ONTARIO'S HEAT DEATHS NEAR 100

TORONTO, July 11.—(AP)—Deaths during Ontario's four-day heat wave neared the 100 mark today.

Ninety-six fatalities were attributed directly or in part to abnormal weather conditions.

Overcast skies at the western edge of the province held back hope the long delayed general rains were in sight.

Cooling showers fell in southern Alberta and central Saskatchewan and continued eastward. As the day extended, however, the mercury climbed.

More than half of the deaths were reported in Toronto. Many heat prostration cases were recorded in cities and towns throughout the province.

SQUIRRELS CARRY BUBONIC PLAGUE

WATSONVILLE, Calif., July 11.—(AP)—Discovery of squirrels infected with bubonic plague resulted in the quarantine of 6,000 acres of grazing land from the Monterey pass highway south to the Monterey county line today.

Dr. Howard Morrow, director of the state department of public health at San Francisco, emphasized there was no danger.

"It is nothing to get excited about," Dr. Morrow said. "It has occurred often before, in fact ever since the plague in San Francisco's Chinatown in 1906 the disease has broken out among squirrels."

"The quarantine is merely to keep children away."

DEMANDS PROOF

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SHORTAGE REPORT STIRS GEN. WHITE

National Guard Head Calls on Magazine to Expose Charges in Story.

SALEM, July 11.—(AP)—Major General George A. White, commander of the Oregon national guard, demanded a full exposure today of an assertion that an investigation of a reported shortage of national guard funds was made by a federal agent.

The general's demand came after he had seen an article in a national magazine (Today), addressing a letter to the editor of the magazine, General White said.

"If the statement of alleged corruption in a component of the national defense is even remotely true, the fullest details should be exposed."

The general charged the author of the article with either distortion or "so careless in his handling of fact that it is unfortunate his representations should find space" in the magazine.

The article to which General White referred appeared in the June 27 issue of the magazine, and read:

"In Oregon a shortage in national guard funds was reported and a federal agent was sent to make an examination.

"I know the man who stole the money," he reported to the proper officer of the guard. "The evidence is dead, open-and-shut. He can't get away."

"Shush," said the weary officer. "Nothing will happen. It will be hushed up. He is in the office of a county official and he is away up in politics, and the national guard is asking money from the state for a new armory."

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"It is true that I had a flirtation with Miss Booth," he said. "I never was serious about it and from her letters to me I felt sure that she was not."

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DEATH TOLL IN NINE DAYS REACHES 658

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Corn, Wheat Prices Drop
On the Chicago board of trade, the weather forecaster's prediction caused a stampeding loss in corn and wheat. The former fell four cents and the price was down seven cents a bushel from today's high. The price of wheat collapsed five cents a bushel, the limit allowed under trading rules.

Cooler air from the Pacific will bring showers and "near normal temperatures" into the Dakotas, Lloyd said, then move slowly eastward to reach the eastern half of drought and heat-stricken middle America by Monday night.

The middle west has suffered from record breaking high temperatures for nine consecutive days, and for practically three weeks from lack of ample precipitation.

Early this week the terrific heat also embraced the remainder of the northern half of the nation

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REEDSPORT, July 11.—(AP)—Alton Heaton, a WPA worker, suffered serious injuries when the blade of a bulldozer fell on his hips after he had crawled underneath to make some adjustments.