

THE WEATHER

Highest temperature yesterday 52
Lowest temperature last night 37
Precipitation for 24 hours .15
Precip. since first of month 2.00
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1932 16.70
Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1932 9.95
Rain; Cool.

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SUPREME COURT

Foes of Roosevelt's program open their assault before the senate judiciary committee next Monday. Chief Justice Hughes may be the first witness. Watch NEWS-REVIEW wire reports.

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425 BODIES TAKEN FROM BLAST-RAZED TEXAS SCHOOL

SEARCH OF DEBRIS COMES TO END AFTER NEARLY 21 HOURS IN PELTING RAIN

Final Death Toll Probably Will Be Increased From Scores Hurt; Accumulated Gas From Surrounding Oil Fields Believed to Have Been Cause of Explosion.

DISASTER AT A GLANCE

DEAD—Reliably estimated at or in excess of 450.
INJURED—Estimated at 175.
MISSING AND BELIEVED DEAD—Estimated at near 25.
SCENE—High school building, London, Texas, consolidated district.
GEOGRAPHY—Located between London, a very old town, and New London, Rusk county, in the midst of the gigantic East Texas oil field. Estimated population of two communities 2,000. Enrollment from 30-mile area approximately 1,200.
TIME—3:20 p. m. Thursday, 10 minutes before dismissal time.
CAUSE—W. C. Shaw, superintendent, said blast undoubtedly due to an accumulation of natural gas.
AUSTIN—Gov. James V. Allred quickly ordered martial law and sent troops into stricken communities.
WASHINGTON—Headquarters of Red Cross ordered relief workers to scene.
WARM SPRINGS—President Roosevelt, appalled, instructed government agencies to render all necessary aid.

Sidelights On School Tragedy

NEW LONDON, Texas, March 19.—(AP)—Laborers ceased digging into the ruins of the London consolidated school this afternoon and wearily said "the job is finished" after 425 bodies had been removed from the pile of debris.
Colonel C. E. Parker, national guard commander, said every brick had been turned in the basement of the explosion-riddled structure and that the job of seeking bodies had ended.
He said final cleaning up would take only about an hour longer.
The officer said about 425 bodies had been lifted from the pile of steel and brick and added that "there may have been a few more than that."
Worried oil field laborers who had toiled for nearly 21 hours, many of them during a slashing rainstorm, stopped work in groups and went home to be-reaved wives.

NEW LONDON, Texas, March 18.—(AP)—Crushed and torn bodies of 425 children came slowly out of the blast-shattered \$150,000 London schoolhouse in a rainstorm today.

NEW LONDON, Texas, March 19.—(AP)—A lesson in natural resources survived the school blast here.

A workman cleared away the debris, a blackboard was exposed on which was scrawled the following:

"Oil and natural gas are East Texas' greatest mineral blessing. Without them this school would not be here and none of us would be here learning our lessons."

An accumulation of natural gas was blamed for the explosion, which snuffed out hundreds of lives.

NEW LONDON, Texas, March 19.—(AP)—Clashed in each other's arms, a boy and girl were found alive early today in the ruins of the blast shattered \$1,000,000 London consolidated school. The explosion, which killed more than 300 children formed a crude arc of falling debris which sheltered the two.

Hysterical and sobbing, they were carried through the throng, and their names were not learned. They were of junior high school age.

DALLAS—Hundreds of dosages of anti-tetanus serum were sped to the blast scene. Physicians said it was needed badly because of the danger of lockjaw developing from wounds of the injured.

WILLS POINT, Texas—Jesse Couch, 39, was one of the throng who hurried to the blast scene by motor car. He was killed in a collision near Tyler.

NEW LONDON—Scores of parents were attending a Parent-Teacher association meeting 200 yards from the high school building when they heard the roar. They rushed screaming into a blinding dust fog toward the debris. Their children were under the felled brick and steel.

OVERTON, Texas—Bodies were placed on rolls here in a building formerly used as a skating rink. While frantic parents moved from roll to roll a sign overhead read: "Gentlemen will please remove."

Assistance Launched—A sympathetic nation followed the leader-ship of President Roosevelt in affording succor.

The National Red Cross sent Disaster Relief Committees to assist in the relief work. The Texas legislature set investigative machinery to work and sent a delegation of its members to make a first-hand survey of the community's needs.

Chief searched into virtually every home of oil-workers, company officials and farmers in the community.

Parents wandered from one mound to another, searching beneath sheets. They plodded from

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Editorials On the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THIS paragraph from a Washington dispatch is worth reading: "Federal revenues, bolstered by the inflow of cash from March income tax collections, have crossed the THREE BILLION dollar mark this fiscal year."

(A fiscal year is a financial, or bookkeeping year. The federal government's fiscal year runs from June 30 to July 1.)
ON ITS face, that statement is reassuring.
It is less reassuring when we reflect that in the same fiscal year federal government EXPENDITURES ran around seven billion dollars.

The difference is represented by INCREASING DEBT. Someday, somehow, this mounting debt will have to be REPAID.

THE PROCESS of going into debt is easy and painless. The process of PAYING OUT will be hard.

THIS nation's steadily mounting public debt is worrying even high officials of the New Deal. Witness, for example, this extract from another Washington dispatch:

"Chairman Marriner S. Eccles, of the federal reserve board, called tonight (Monday) for a 'prompt balancing of the federal budget' through the imposition of higher income and excess profits taxes if necessary.

By "if necessary" he means that if we can't cut down spending we

NORMAN AGEЕ DIES IN CENTRALIA, WASH.

Word has been received of the death Thursday of Norman Agee, 68, former resident of Roseburg, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Stanley Nye, in Centralia, Washington. Death resulted from cerebral hemorrhage.

Mr. Agee was born at Winston, Douglas county, August 4, 1868, a son of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Agee, pioneer settlers in the county.

He was married in 1890 to Clara Mullen, who died January 31, 1906. The greater part of his life was spent in Douglas county.

Surviving, besides Mrs. Nye, are three sons: Shirley C. Agee, Detroit, Mich.; Vernon L. Agee, Portland, and Harley B. Agee, Roseburg.

He also leaves four sisters and seven nephews: Minnie Cochran, Portland; Roye Kutz, Salem; May Kutz, San Diego; Oscar Agee, Paulsbo, Wash.; Roland Agee, Portland; Millie, Asher, Fred, Miles, Earl and Elmer Agee, all of Roseburg.

The body is being brought to Roseburg, and funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Sunday at the Roseburg Undertaking company parlors, with interment in Civil Bend cemetery.

Collusion Charge Collapse Leaves Wally Free to Wed Former King

LONDON, March 19.—(AP)—The last apparent barrier to Mrs. Wallis Simpson's absolute divorce and her marriage to Edward of Windsor was cleared today when a charge of "collusion" was dismissed by the president of the British divorce court.

Sir Royal Morrison, president of the court, rejected the charges struck from the record after the king's prosecutor informed the court that, treating the case "as any other," he had made a careful investigation and failed to find any grounds to prevent the absolute divorce of Mrs. Simpson and Ernest Aldrich Simpson.

His action following the prosecutor's surmise was in accordance with instructions in the case, removal of all legal obstacles except the technical ones of the final decree April 27. That action will free

Chrysler Strikers' Eviction Ordered

ATTACHMENT WRITS COME FROM COURT

Execution of Edict Stayed Pending Further Parley of Governor, Sheriff and Unionists.

(By the Associated Press)
DETROIT, March 19.—Governor Frank Murphy conferred with Sheriff Thomas C. Wilcox today on a court order for the ejection of 6,000 strikers from captive automobile plants and announced that "I am exhausting every effort for peace."

The governor met with the sheriff and with Richard T. Frankenstein, organizational director of the United Automobile Workers of America, and George S. Wilson, president of the Dodge local. He said Homer Martin, president of the U. A. W. A., would join the conference later.

Sheriff Wilcox made no formal request for state assistance, the governor said.

Governor Murphy said he interpreted the writs of attachment, issued this morning on order of Circuit Judge Allan Campbell, as authorizing the arrest of high officials of the U. A. W. A., as well as the strikers.

The governor explained that the sheriff, with only 120 deputies, was faced with an unprecedented problem in attempting to arrest 6,000 men.

Wilson, arriving at the governor's office, said there were "bones for settlement" of the Chrysler strike, which began March 8. The governor, however, declined to comment upon any progress made toward that end.

The strikers have occupied eight Chrysler-owned automobile plants for twelve days.

INDIANAPOLIS NEWSPAPERS TIED BY STRIKES OF TYPOS

INDIANAPOLIS, March 19.—(AP)—A strike by members of the International Typographical union prevented the publication today of early editions of the News and the Times, and two evening daily newspapers in Indianapolis.

The Star, the city's only morning paper, is publishing today.

BOXER SUES ACCUSED EX-PEACE JUSTICE

OREGON CITY, March 19.—(AP)—A \$2800 damage suit brought by Frank Hlegl, Salem boxer, named H. Fred Sentka, former justice of the peace at Oswego, defendant today.

Hlegl alleged he was injured and his automobile damaged in a crash with a car driven by Sentka near Aurora on January 6. Victor A. Sidor, owner of the machine, is a co-defendant.

Sentka has been indicted by the Clackamas county grand jury on an embezzlement charge in connection with the conduct of the justice of peace office at Oswego. Police recently found a note bearing the ex-official's name on the Marion-Polk county bridge indicating he planned to take his own life. A few days later he reported at Oakland, Calif. Last week he was arrested at Portland. He said he did not know how he reached California or returned to Portland.

WPA PRESSURE FOR COURT O.K. DENIED

PORTLAND, March 19.—(AP)—Because Harry Hopkins' speech supporting President Roosevelt's proposed reorganization of the supreme court was too long for inclusion in the regular WPA magazine, 15,000 copies have been mailed to federal works employes in Oregon, E. J. Griffith, state administrator, said today.

"Sending out a speech by the head of our staff is not political," Griffith said. "It is a matter of routine to advise workers of his attitude on social questions of interest to them."

Griffith denied political pressure had been exerted to gain favor for the court program among the WPA ranks.

"I have talked with several persons about the matter and suggested to some that they communicate with congress," he replied when reporters asked whether WPA workers had been urged to write to their congressmen.

"There never has been any preference given to WPA employes in Oregon because of political reasons," he added, "and there never will be as long as I am in charge. There never has been and never will be any pressure on anyone, politically or otherwise."

DOUGLAS WATERS INCLUDED IN ANGLING BANS FIXED BY STATE GAME COMMISSION

PORTLAND, March 19.—(AP)—The game commission's annual synopsis of angling regulations, listing the bar and length limit of trout and outlying restrictions in certain waters, went to press today ready for distribution to sportsmen before the season opens on April 15.

The new regulations established the general bag limit at 15 pounds, and one fish but not to exceed 20 fish in one day. Anglers will be permitted 30 pounds and one fish in seven consecutive days providing the bag is not over 40 fish. It will be illegal to possess more than 20 pounds and one fish or more than 40 fish at one time.

The commission set the limit in lakes at 15 pounds and one fish or 15 fish in one day but not to exceed 30 pounds and 1 fish or 30 fish in seven consecutive days.

Douglas Affected—County regulations included: Douglas—North Umpqua from upper fish racks to 200 feet above closed to angling. Fish lake 400 feet north of the mouth of High Rock creek to 400 feet west of the mouth closed. South Umpqua

from South Umpqua falls to 400 feet below closed. Takkanitch creek from mile below Coast highway bridge downstream to ocean closed. Steamboat creek and tributaries closed. Silent creek and Diamond lake lying in radius of 450 feet from mouth of creek closed. Diamond lake open from May 23 to October 31. Lake creek closed from Diamond lake for 300 yards downstream. Short creek and Hook creek closed. Lake creek from Lake Creek falls to Loon lake closed.

In Other Counties—Jackson—Fish lake open April 15 to August 15. Rogue river from Gold Ray dam to point 400 feet downstream closed.

Josephine—Rogue river from Rainey falls to point 400 feet below. Rogue river from Savage Rapids to point 400 feet below closed.

Lane—Tributaries of the McKenzie below the junction of Blue river, except Mohawk creek, tributaries of the south fork of the McKenzie, tributaries of the middle fork of the Willamette river from the mouth of the north fork to the Lowell bridge, closed to angling.

"While I have no information on the possibility of the chief justice coming before us," said Senator Hughes (D., Neb.), "I should enjoy hearing from him first on Monday, if he is willing."

Inquiries at the chief justice's office brought the reply that he had nothing to say.

Ex-Justice to Speak—Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the democratic leader, announced today that John Harkin Clarke, only living retired supreme court

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TRIO ACCUSED AFTER AUTO HITS HYDRANT

GLENDALE, Ore., March 19.—Ami Elders, resident of Glendale, was arrested here last night on a charge of drunken driving, City Marshal Winkelman reported, and two companions, Bert "Blackie" McDonald and R. H. Buckwalter, were taken into custody on charges of drunkenness, following an accident in which their car struck and wrecked a fire hydrant near the city baseball park.

The three men were released from custody after McDonald and Elders surrendered their automobiles as bail.

Cited to appear in court at 9 a. m. today, Elders was the only one of the trio to present himself. McDonald and Buckwalter, it was reported by the police, could not be located.

McDonald, it was stated, has been one of the leaders in an effort to organize an outside labor union among mill workers of Glendale, an effort being combated by the organization of an independent local.

EX-MAYOR COOK OF MARSHFIELD DIES

MARSHFIELD, March 19.—(AP)—George Cook, 68, twice mayor of Marshfield, deceased here in his home here tonight.

Cook, who had been homesteader, rancher, builder, coast surveyor, merchant and poultry holder, is survived by his parents, the age of four, aboard an old "sloop-rigger."

He served on the Coast Survey commission 13 years, and was president of that body until the first of this year.

Three daughters and a son survive.

"SWEDE" ANDERSON FACES NEW CHARGE

MEDFORD, Ore., March 19.—(AP)—Harold J. (Swede) Anderson, on parole on a drunken driving sentence, and Robert Farnsworth, are held on a charge of assault on a peace officer by Sheriff Minter, Eagle Point district attorney.

The complaint alleges that the two shot and hit a peace officer belonging to Minter, on the range. Anderson, a former Medford high school athlete, played football at the University of Oregon.

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LA GRANDE, ASTORIA WIRE REAPPOINTED WIN HOOP BATTLES GAME SUPERVISOR

SALEM, March 19.—(AP)—In a whirlwind finish which saw McMinnville hold scoreless in the fourth period, La Grande won the right to play Astoria tomorrow for fifth place in the 1937 high school basketball tournament. The score today was 32 to 27.

With McMinnville leading at half time by a score of 18 to 9, and holding its lead at the third quarter by a 27 to 19 tally, La Grande opened up and scored 13 points while the McMinnville team, which defeated North Bend yesterday, was held at a standstill.

With La Grande only four points behind, Sandness, center, followed by another by Center McClay, which tied the score. Lilly, fast guard, scored another to take the lead, and Tuttle, who was run in as a substitute, scored the final three points in the final half minute of play.

In the first game Astoria ran up 59 points to defeat Athena, thus eliminating the eastern Oregon aggressor from further play.

Sandness, Astoria center, continued his high scoring tactics by making 18 points to tie for high point honors of the game with his teammate Phipps. This brings the total points made by Sandness in the three tournament games to 56.

Soon after setting Wire's status, the commission adjourned to journey to Oregon City in an effort to arbitrate a dispute there over the limits of a fishing deer-land south of the Willamette river falls. Rice said the commission would reconvene later to discuss budget adjustments made necessary by a reduction of \$15,000 from the original figure by the legislature.

CATFISH EXPERTS TO VIE IN DERBY

MEDFORD, Ore., March 19.—(AP)—The executive committee of the so-called national catfish derby to be held Sunday, April 4, in Rogue river near Savage Rapids dam, today authorized the establishment of a branch office at Grants Pass for the registration of entries.

The team catching 20 catfish first, in a length of time to be specified later, "will be the winner. Close to 100 entrants have filed from this city.

New Baby Under 2 Lbs. Son of Anchor Couple

Interest of sisters, nurses and patients at Mercy hospital in Roseburg this morning centered in the incubator of the hospital's maternity ward, where rested a cotton-swathed mite of humanity, born Friday to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Harris, residents of Anchor. The premature-born boy weighed only one pound and 15 ounces, according to the report of Dr. R. H. Shogmaker, attending physician. The child is the first to be born to Mr. and Mrs. Harris. The mother is 23 years of age.

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