

THE WEATHER

Highest temperature yesterday 45
Lowest temperature last night 35
Precipitation for 24 hours .28
Precip. since first of month 2.38

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AMELIA'S AIRPLANE CRASHES AT HONOLULU

Texas School Explosion Death Toll Reaches 455

8 MISSING IN LATEST CHECK; 94 INJURED

Theory of Nitro-Glycerin as Cause of Blast Gets Little Credence as Inquiry Opens.

(By The Associated Press) NEW LONDON, Tex., March 20.—Re-checking of death lists boosted the unofficial toll of the London community school disaster to 455 today...

Officers Evict Sit-Downers at Detroit Packery

DETROIT, March 20.—(AP)—Deputy Sheriff Bernard McGrath, accompanied by 75 officers wearing bullet-proof vests and armed with tear gas guns, marched to the gates of the Newton Packing company plant here today...

PRUNE PRICE HOIST NEEDED, APPEAL SAYS

U. S. Buying of Surplus for Relief Urged by Local Chamber in Note to Congressmen.

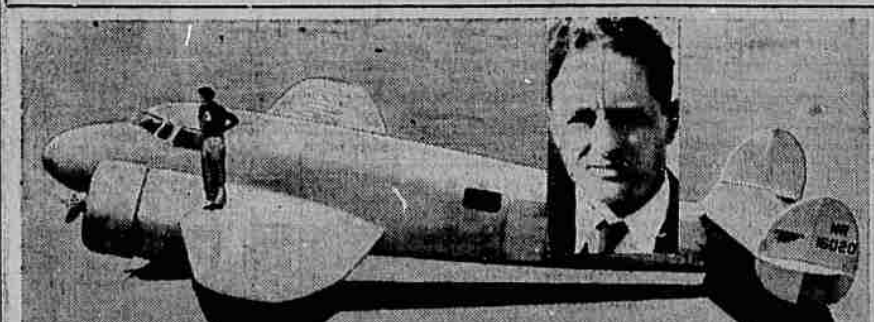
Picturing prune growing in the Pacific Northwest as a dying industry unless some steps are taken immediately to secure better prices, the Roseburg chamber of commerce today is forwarding a letter to the Oregon delegation in congress...

STRIKERS SEE BLOODSHED IF TROOPS USED

Won't Quit Chrysler Plant Without Settlement, Is Warning Issued to Gov. Murphy.

(By The Associated Press) DETROIT, March 20.—Representatives of 6,000 sit-down strikers, defying court orders for their eviction from Chrysler automobile plants, informed Governor Frank Murphy today they were using "the only weapon we have" and warned that use of state troops to eject them would "lead to bloodshed and violence."

Crash of \$80,000 Plane Halts Attempt to Circle World



Disaster today ended the attempt of Amelia Earhart (right) to circle the world by air when her \$80,000 plane, above, crashed at Honolulu as she was taking off on the second leg of the journey. The plane skidded on the wet runway and the resultant tire blow-out caused the machine to tip over and smash the undercarriage.



The quick action of Miss Earhart, who was at the controls, in cutting the ignition switch prevented the plane from taking fire, thus probably saving the lives of herself and two men companions, Fred Noonan (left), trans-Pacific pilot instructor, and Captain Harry Manning (inset in the plane), navigator and hero of several daring sea rescues. The plane will be sent back to the factory for repairs, which will require about two weeks.



SHIP SKIDS IN ATTEMPT TO TAKE OFF

Aviatix, at Controls, and Two Men Aides Unhurt; Craft to Be Repaired.

Amelia's Quick Action in Shutting Off Ignition Prevents Fire and Probable Death.

HONOLULU, March 20.—(AP)—Amelia Earhart's big plane skidded and crashed today while she was attempting to take off for Howland island, on her world flight but she and her two men companions escaped injury. The plane skidded on the wet concrete runway and the right tire blew out, wrecking the undercarriage. There was a burst of flame from the engine and ambulances raced to the scene. They arrived to find Miss Earhart, white faced, climbing from the wrecked craft. "Something must have gone wrong," she exclaimed. The globe-circling plane, which had carried the aviatix safely from Oakland, Calif., tipped over on its left wing. The plane's companions, Fred J. Noonan and Captain Harry Manning, also escaped injury. The attempted takeoff was made shortly after dawn for the second stage of the world flight, a hop of 1,532 miles to tiny Howland island, southwest of here. The plane was about half way down the runway when the accident occurred. Prevents Fire The aviatix, at the controls, apparently cut the ignition switches as the eight-ton plane swerved, thereby preventing fire. A scattered crowd of about 75 watchers, mostly army men, saw a burst of flame spurt from the left motor when the plane crashed, and then the fire died out. The left wheel snapped off and was buried 40 feet from where the plane came to rest. Both propellers were bent, the left one badly. The crash occurred at 8:19 a. m. Miss Earhart stood in the cockpit to show she was not hurt, and shanted a jury of officers. Trip Postponed The plane was loaded with 800

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SALEM HIGH FIVE NOSES OUT EUGENE

Astoria Shatters Batch of Conference Records in Downing La Grande.

SALEM, March 20.—(AP)—Salem high school nosed out the Eugene Axemen by a 25 to 23 score to take fourth place in the state basketball tournament which was nearing its close here today. Overcoming a nine-point lead in the middle of the final quarter Eugene also but relegated the local basketweavers into obscurity, but the final gun saved Salem while the ball was in possession of the visitors. In the first game today Astoria high school smashed five conference records in order to defeat La Grande 69 to 33 and thus clinch fifth place in the tournament. La Grande was given eighth place while Eugene will take the seventh position in the first eight contestants. The Astoria quintet scored 180 points in the four games played which not only beat the previous five-game mark of 179 by Washington high school of Portland in 1929, but defeated the four-game mark by 17 points, held by Corvallis last year. Other records included the individual scoring by Earl Sandness, Astoria center, who scored 68 points in the four games to take honors over Ed Lewis of Washington, who scored 65 in five games in 1929. The other record was contributed by La Grande. The high point made by two teams, 86, tied the high point of two teams in one contest in 1936 made by Astoria and Myrtle Creek. The appointment will enable her to complete the remaining two years of her work for a degree of doctor of philosophy, with an anticipated possibility that she may become a regular faculty member after attaining her degree, the announcement stated.

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MADRID ENRAGED BY IL DUCE'S NOTE

Premier's Purported Wire to Italian Rebel Aides Stir Denunciation.

MADRID, March 20.—(AP)—Anti-fascist groups throughout Madrid screamed denunciation today of a purported telegram from Premier Benito Mussolini to Italian "legionnaires" on the insurgent side in Spain. The telegram, which government commanders said they found among abandoned insurgent papers when they captured Bithoga, northeast of Madrid, was addressed to "General Manchal." It apparently was sent, the government officers said, from a cruiser on which Il Duce traveled to Libya last week and said, in part: "I am certain that the impetus and tenacity of our legionnaires will shatter the enemy's resistance." Madrileños declared the telegram was "conclusive evidence of Italian intervention in Spain." Newspapers, which were able to publish the document, were bitter. On the northeast front government airmen lashed at Gen. Franco's Guadalajara rear guard with bombs and machine guns, striving to complete what Gen. Miaja already termed the "impregnable defeat" of that Madrid-ward offensive. Officers said the insurgent forces, whom they described as Italian nonsentry, broke in wild confusion under the sudden strafing. Bombers and fast pursuit ships waged the onslaught to facilitate a two-handed push by government troops into the Guadalajara provinces territory lost in the nearly two-week insurgent offensive.

MARY AMELIA BELL PASSES ON AT 84

Resident of Roseburg for Half Century Crossed Plains Three Times.

Mary Amelia Bell, 84, resident of Roseburg for the past 50 years, died at the home of her daughter, Minnie Bell, Terrace avenue, today, following a long period of ill health. Born in Muscatine, Iowa, April 29, 1852, she crossed the plains three times. She was two years of age when her parents, the late Godfrey and Nancy Schoonover (Lang) moved to California. She returned to Iowa in 1869 and spent a few years there and then moved to Texas, where she was married in 1872 to Samuel William Bell, a native of Yorkshire, England. The third crossing of the plains was when the family moved to Oregon and settled in Douglas county. Surviving are four sons and daughters, Minnie L. Bell, William D. Bell and Lester L. Bell, all of Roseburg, and Fred G. Bell of Los Angeles. A daughter, Anna Minnie Bell, died several years ago. Mrs. Bell was a life-long member of the Methodist church. The body has been removed to the Roseburg Undertaking company parlors. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

SLOT MACHINE BAN MEASURE CLOUDED

Omission of Amendments May Lead to Law Fight to Test Validity.

SALEM, March 20.—(AP)—While sponsors of the Hannah Martin pin-ball prohibition measure were awaiting an opinion of the attorney general today to settle its status, discrepancies in the action on the Carney bill outlawing slot machines and providing for their destruction appeared. A cloud upon the validity of the signed measure on slot machines was claimed when the Journal showed the bill passed the house after approval by the senate with house amendments which were not incorporated in the measure as signed by the governor. Tracing the course of the bill, the house journal revealed that the senate-approved bill came out of the house committee with an amendment providing that money in machines when confiscated likewise should be held. Representative Hannah Martin, apparently intending to ask unanimous consent to delete the "house" amendments, asked, instead, for consent to delete "senate" amendments. The Journal revealed that motion and further that there were no senate amendments. The bill passed with the house amendment but the enrolling committee did not incorporate the provision. The technical question now is whether the signed bill in the secretary of state's office was the one passed by both houses. If it is a correction may be made in the journal to express the intent of the parliamentary procedure. This action may, however, result in legal battle over the validity of the measure. Attorney General L. H. Van Winkle said he would issue his opinion later today on the pin-ball status. This bill passed both houses but the governor vetoed the emergency clause and sent it back to the house where it was laid on the table and still remained at adjournment. The question to settle is whether the bill was killed by that action or whether it would become a law regardless.

CORNERED BANDIT TAKES OWN LIFE

PORTLAND, March 20.—(AP)—A man police identified as Clifton Lekoy Benson, 28, apparently shot himself last night as officers closed in upon him after a gun fight from automobiles roaring through Portland's streets. Detectives M. A. McMeekin and Roy Thompson said a car driven by Benson tumbled with the descriptions of one used in a series of holdups. The officers chased the car for several blocks, firing a number of shots and then crowding it to the curb. Thompson said he ordered Benson to put down his gun but instead the man pointed it at his own head and pulled the trigger. The officers identified him from his driver's license. The detectives found \$73.25 in the dead man's pockets, part of it spilling into the car as he slumped over. The auto was reported stolen earlier in the evening by Edmund S. Turner, who said a robber held him up and forced him to drive him around for about half an hour. Then the man took the machine. Turner said. Within the next hour four service stations were reported robbed by a man driving a car similar to the one Turner reported stolen.

DAPHNE HUGHES HAS FACULTY POSITION

Miss Daphne Hughes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Washington Hughes of Roseburg, has been appointed a junior faculty member at Bryn Mawr, where she is a student in the school of social science, according to word received here today. Because of outstanding scholastic standing, Miss Hughes was selected for the position of research assistant in the department of social economy and research, a position which entails her in free tuition, board and room, and a moderate salary. The appointment will enable her to complete the remaining two years of her work for a degree of doctor of philosophy, with an anticipated possibility that she may become a regular faculty member after attaining her degree, the announcement stated.

FIEND CONFESSES MURDER OF CHILD

NEW YORK, March 20.—(AP)—Within a few hours after the discovery of the body of a 9-year-old girl, stuffed in a blood-soaked burp bag and badly mutilated, police today arrested Salvatore Osoldo, a Brooklyn barber, father of two children, and charged him with the crime. Detective Lieutenant de Martini said Osoldo had confessed he attacked and killed the child. The victim, Erna Sperrer, a pretty blue-eyed blonde, was found in a crimson-stained bag slung on the front porch of a two-story brick house on Linden street, a short distance from the girl's home. She had been slashed repeatedly. As Osoldo reenacted the crime for Commissioner Valentine this morning, cries of "lynch him!" arose from an angry crowd outside the barber. Under the personal supervision of Commissioner Valentine, detectives also questioned Osoldo on the unsolved slaying of 4-year-old Barbara Wiles, whose nude, strangled body was found in the cellar of an apartment house in the same vicinity in April, 1933.

CLUB SEEKS FUND TO AID BLIND SINGER

SALEM, March 20.—(AP)—Miss Maxine Sautter, blind singer and university graduate of Salem, will be sent by the Salem 20-30 club to the "seeing eye" school at Morris-town, N. J., if the necessary funds can be raised. At the school doctors are trained as the "seeing eyes" for the blind. The project was launched here last night when Mrs. Mary Campbell, executive secretary of the school, spoke to the club.

CONSCIENCE HITS STEALER OF TIRES

MARSHFIELD, March 20.—(AP)—The conscience-stricken man who stole \$5 for two auto tires he had taken from an auto wrecking shop eight years ago, Lars Peterson, proprietor, declined payment, saying he had forgotten the incident, and turned the check over to the chest. The conscience-stricken one also had branched out into chicken stealing it appeared. Herb Olso, rancher, said the man called on him and offered to pay for two chickens he said he had taken at about the time of the tire theft.

ALERT ENGINEER SAVES FIVE LIVES

ST. HELENS, March 20.—(AP)—Five men owed their lives today to the alertness of Mitch Tomkins, engineer of a logging train, who sighted a huge timber sticking up between the ties of a trestle and brought his locomotive to a stop just short of the log. Deputy Sheriff James Callahan said the train would have plunged into a deep ravine had it struck the timber. The officer said the position of the log did not indicate it had fallen there accidentally.

DRUNKEN DRIVER FINED AND JAILED

GLENDALE, Ore., March 20.—Contested at a trial in the Justice court here on a charge of drunken driving, Elmer Elders was fined \$100 and sentenced to 30 days in the county jail at Roseburg. Bert McDonald, arrested with Elders, was fined \$10 after pleading guilty to a charge of drunkenness. R. H. Buckwalter, third member of the trio which was reported to be riding in a car which sideswiped and wrecked a hydrant Thursday night, did not appear for arraignment and his case was postponed. Elders entered a plea of not guilty but was convicted upon the testimony of Dr. A. J. Fawcetta and Marshal Winkelman.

Editorials on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS ONE REASON why President Roosevelt wants to control the supreme court is to make possible another NRA, regardless of what the constitution says. (NRA, you will remember, was held unconstitutional by UNANIMOUS decision of the supreme court, all nine justices concurring in the opinion.) LET'S look at this NRA business dispassionately for a moment. It was a scheme to enable the government to control business, including wages, hours and PRICES. The principal argument for it was that it offered a way to control CHISELING. Nobody loves a chiseler. BUT, AFTER all, WHAT IS A CHISELER? If you are to be honest with yourself, you must admit that a chiseler is one who sells his goods or services for less than you do—or, at least, one who GIVES MORE for the money and so takes your business away. Nobody who is ALREADY IN BUSINESS likes that. BUT consider this question: How do NEWCOMERS get in to business? Why, by making it more attractive for people to TRADE WITH THEM. They either give more for the money than their established competitors or they give more in the way of service. That, you see, makes them CHISELERS. FORBIDDING the giving of MORE for LESS does away with competition. When competition is throttled, we have MON-

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FAMILY BANKS ARE THIEF'S SPECIALTY

PORTLAND, March 20.—(AP)—Police hunted a burglar with a penchant for taking family banks after Ruth W. Wallace said one containing \$585 had been taken from her home. It was the sixth theft of a family bank since Thursday.

NEW FLOWER SHOP WILL OPEN HERE

Lillie's Flower shop, a new florist business for Roseburg, will be opened Wednesday of next week in connection with the Korn Krib on South Jackson street, just off Cass street, by Mrs. Lee (Lillie) Goodman. The Korn Krib is being remodeled to make room for the new business. Mrs. Goodman, well known throughout Douglas county, has been employed in florist work for the past four years. She states she will handle a complete line of cut and potted flowers and will do funeral floral work.

Spring Registers Its Annual Entry

Believe it or not, spring is here. Spring officially arrived at 4:45 p. m. today, according to D. P. Marting, of the local office of the U. S. weather bureau. The next full moon will occur at 3:12 p. m. Saturday, March 26. This fact becomes important from the fact that Easter occurs on the first Sunday following the first full moon after spring begins.

IRVINE'S SUCCESSOR TO BE NAMED LATER

SALEM, March 20.—(AP)—Governor Martin announced today he would not appoint a successor to B. F. Irvine on the state board of higher education "for at least a month." The governor said Irvine would serve until his successor was named.

MAN, HOUSEKEEPER VICTIMS OF MURDER

NEW ALBANY, Ind., March 20.—(AP)—The deaths of Albert E. Miller, 75, retired railroad section worker, and his 48-year-old former housekeeper, Mrs. Alta Amy, were labeled "double murder" today by Police Chief Edward Meyers. Meyers' statement was made today after more than 24 hours of investigation of the shooting. The police chief declined to reveal the results, however, of paraffin tests made of the hands of Kenneth Miller, 34, son of the slain man, or of a two-hour conference with young Miller. Chief Meyers said the son admitted killing an older brother, Earl, 37, to hide a shotgun he threw out the window when he discovered the tragedy, but explained he did not want people to think his father had killed himself. Police found the gun, with one shell discharged, in a nearby barn.

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