

THE WEATHER
Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 25%
Highest temperature yesterday 68
Lowest temperature last night 39
Precipitation for 24 hours .0
Precip. since first of month .22
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1937 .40.62
Excess since Sept. 1, 1937 .10.84
Rain.

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SEWER LEAK EFFICIENCY WARRANT RULING ASKED

Editorials ON THE Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
SENATOR PEPPER, New Deal candidate for the democratic senatorial nomination in Florida (where the democratic nomination is equivalent to election), wins about as decisive a victory as could be imagined, getting twice as many votes as his nearest opponent and more votes than ALL HIS OPPONENTS COMBINED.

SENATOR PEPPER may have been immensely popular in his own right, and his opponents (there were four of them) far less so. Local issues may have figured extensively in the campaign. Many things may have entered into the Florida primary which at this distance we are unable to understand. But the fact remains that Senator Pepper, an ardent New Dealer, an active Roosevelt supporter, openly backed by the President's son, won out decisively in a primary election in which the New Deal was an issue.

THE Florida primary was widely watched as a barometer of sentiment toward the New Deal. The political correspondents had paid much attention to it, pointing out that it would provide the first test of public opinion following the business recession. It was generally recognized as politically significant.

These facts can not be ignored. The 1938 congressional campaign isn't over. It is just beginning. There is much water to go under the bridge between now and November, when a new house of representatives will be elected, along with about a third of the senate.

Florida ISN'T the nation. It can't even be regarded as fairly representative of the country as a whole, for it isn't an industrial state at all and it isn't an important agricultural state. Florida is more or less in a class by itself.

The verdict of the nation won't be known until November, but it would be foolish even to attempt to deny that the New Deal has won the first round of the 1938 battle.

ITALIANS LEAD IN INSURGENT DRIVE

HENDAYE, France (at Spanish Frontier), May 7.—(AP)—Italian troops broke through Spanish government defenses today at a dozen points along the zig-zagging line running eastward from Teruel to the Mediterranean.

Insurgent forces fighting in the Alcala de Chivert sector, along the coast, made slower progress. Fierce engagements were reported, with mixed Spanish insurgent and Italian troops opposing General Mija's international brigade troops.

Oddities Gleaned From Day's News

By the Associated Press.
Obliging
PONTIAC, Mich.—"How much does it cost to beat a man up?" an irate resident asked Assistant Prosecutor Samuel Patterson. Patterson said there was no prescribed fine.
Later the man, wrapped in bandages, returned to announce he had taken care of the beating. Patterson explained there would be no charges unless the victim filed complaint.
"I'll make the complaint for him," replied the fighter. "He ain't able to."

Court Jester
DES MOINES, Iowa—Attorney Rex Fowler, near the climax of his argument in an appeal case before the Iowa supreme court, said before he realized it:
"Listen, you fellows . . . I beg your pardon, I mean your honors."

UTILITY AREA SEEKERS BUSY ON PROCEDURE

Petitions for Survey Will Be Circulated as Soon as Tentative Map Is Finished.

Petitions will be placed in circulation throughout Douglas county in the near future asking the state hydro-electric commission for a public utility district survey. Representatives of approximately 28 communities meeting here last night reported preliminary work nearing completion and agreed that petitions should be started as soon as the preliminary map is finished.

The delegation from the Camas Valley-Tenmile and Olalla districts reported that a meeting is to be held next week at Tenmile for the purpose of considering a plan of immediate rural electrification under the REA.

Preliminaries Proceed
Committees in each community were asked in April to submit reports tentatively outlining territory suggested to be included in the proposed power district. Reports have been received from Drain, Yoncalla, Elletson, West Sutherlin, Melrose, Elgarose, Edenborow, Lookingglass, Camas Valley, Olalla, Riddle, Canyonville, Missouri Bottom, Days Creek, Dillard, Roberts Creek, South Deer Creek and Glidde. Plans have been prepared designating the territory proposed to be served by distribution lines in each of these centers. Reports are expected within the next few days. It was announced, from Loom Lake, Redport, Green, Myrtle Creek, Glendale, East Oakland, West Oakland, Wilbur and East Sutherlin.

Plan Includes Election
The next step, it was pointed out, is to call upon the hydro-electric commission, through petitions, for a public hearing and a survey. The commission's study will outline a system of distribution lines and also a utility district, in which an election may be called, following another petition asking that a vote be taken.

No action in voting on the proposal, it was stated, is contemplated until after the next meeting, when it is expected a measure, initiated by the grange, providing for financing by certificates against physical property of the district, rather than by general ob-

TWO STATES HIT BY COSTLY STORMS

OKLAHOMA CITY, May 7.—(AP)—Hall storms, drenching rains and twisters sweeping over southern and eastern Oklahoma left at least two persons injured and heavy property damage today.

Five frame buildings were smashed at the Oklahoma training school for boys at Pauls valley. A wind storm destroyed two barns and caused crop damage near Afton.

Insurance men estimated \$50,000 damage was done to property at Lawton when a roaring hail storm struck, splintering roofs and pounding crops into the mud.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 7.—(AP)—Goodland, in western Kansas, dug out of an unprecedented five-inch blanket of May snow today and viewed a forecast of frost or freezing over the entire western portion of the state for tonight.

Rain totaling 3.37 inches in a 7-hour period fell in Pittsburgh last night and early today. A bolt of lightning struck the city hall, badly damaging the tower and some of the interior offices.

COMMITTS SUICIDE TO JOIN FIANCEE
SHANGHAI, May 7.—(AP)—Henry Hufner, city editor of the Shanghai Evening Post, plunged to his death today from the sixth floor of the navy Y. M. C. A., leaving a self-written obituary for his paper.
Hufner's death came less than 24 hours after that of his 23-year-old fiancee, Violet Ethel Thompson, who died yesterday after a dental operation.

In his obituary, Hufner said he desired to be "with the one girl he ever loved" and requested their bodies be buried together.

Mother Accuses 'Lifer' of 4 Murders



Six days before release from Washington state penitentiary at Walla Walla, Mary Ellen Smith (left), 73, confessed she and her son, Earl Decasto Mayer (right), murdered James Eugene Cassett (inset), in Seattle nearly 10 years ago. Then she implicated Mayer in three other unsolved slayings, all for robbery. An officer posing as a clergyman obtained the confession from Mrs. Smith, who explained that she wanted to "purge her soul." Cassett was a flier in the World war. His body was allegedly dismembered by Mayer and hidden. Mayer, who is serving a life term as an habitual criminal, denies the murders, declaring his mother is "crazy." Mrs. Smith received an 8-year sentence for grand larceny.

SPEECH BAN HITS 2 CONGRESSMEN

Jersey City Refuses Permit Because of Alleged Aid to Communists.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., May 7.—(AP)—Two United States representatives were denied permission today to make public speeches in Jersey City tonight by Public Safety Director Daniel Casey, who described them as "personally obnoxious to the great majority of our citizens because of their communistic endeavors."

Representatives Jerry J. O'Connell (D., Mont.) and John T. Bernard (R., Minn.) nevertheless carried forward plans to address a mass meeting in Journal square, where Socialist Leader Norman Thomas last week made, unsuccessfully, a similar attempt.

Casey said his denial was based "on the ground that said meeting would tend to create disorder and disturbance."

Two groups of organizations with opposite objectives planned to observe a seemingly inevitable clash of Jersey City police and the congressmen—was veterans who backed Mayor Frank Hague, vice-chairman of the democratic national committee, in his stand against "radicals," and organizations which charged Hague with the suppression of civil rights.

O'Connell and Bernard planned to travel from Washington to New York by train and thence to Jersey City, just across the Hudson river, by automobile.

WAR VET HELD FOR MEDFORD THEFTS

MEDFORD, Ore., May 7.—(AP)—Roland Rollo, 29, held for the alleged robbery of a dozen Medford homes the past two weeks, plans to enter a plea of guilty in circuit court Monday, Deputy District Attorney Nelson announced.

Chief of Police McCredie said loot, chiefly clothing and jewelry valued at \$500, was found in his quarters.

GUERRILLAS PERIL JAPANESE GARRISON

Reinforcements Rushed by Invaders to Supply Base On Yangtze River.

SHANGHAI, May 7.—(AP)—Three thousand Chinese guerrilla troops, fighting recklessly in the streets of Nantunghow, threatened today to annihilate the Japanese garrison of that supply base on the north bank of the Yangtze river, 60 miles north of Shanghai.

Japanese reinforcements were rushed from Shanghai in a desperate effort to save the decimated garrison and retain possession of the important base town.

The loss of Nantunghow would cut supply and communication lines serving a Japanese army of 10,000 men operating in north Kiangsu province.

The guerrillas infiltrated Nantunghow three days ago and attacked by surprise, inflicting many casualties upon the Japanese garrison, which numbered only 300 men at the outset. Remnants of the garrison were last reported fighting for their lives.

While the Chinese and Japanese battered each other ineffectively in south Shantung, Chinese reported victories in Shansi province. They said they recaptured four cities and Tungyangkwan—the Rising Sun pass gateway through the Taihan mountains from Honan into Shansi province.

The Japanese army blamed the "slow" progress of its central China offensive on the numerical superiority of the Chinese and the fact that the Chinese are defending strong, natural positions.

The army spokesman said Chinese have a numerical superiority of 20 to 1.

Clough was offered farm unit A in section 3 of the newly opened Tululake homestead area, the last of 69 units to be allotted. Reclamation officials received a letter from him this week saying he had been appointed county judge of Douglas county for the remainder of the year and felt that he could not accept the 32.4 acres. One of the requirements for homesteaders is that they live on the land.

RELIEF COSTS MAY TREBLE, HOPKINS SAYS

Three Billion Likely to Be Needed for Next Set-Up, Head of WPA Tells House Group.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—(AP)—Congress learned from Harry L. Hopkins, works progress administrator, today the government's relief program may cost \$3,000,000,000 in the next fiscal year instead of \$1,000,000,000 as originally estimated by the budget bureau.

Testifying before a house appropriations subcommittee on President Roosevelt's request for \$1,250,000,000 to finance work-relief from July 1 to February 1, 1939, Hopkins disclosed he was preparing for a peak load of 3,100,000 relief clients next winter.

Hopkins said the \$1,250,000,000 would take care of an average of about 2,600,000 persons until next October and permit an increase up to 3,100,000 during the winter months.

Bigger Load in Winter
There are approximately 2,600,000 persons on relief rolls now and Hopkins said that with his estimated winter increase there would be an average of 2,800,000 for the seven months period.

The administrator explained that the WPA program would cost \$2,250,000,000 for the full fiscal year and that in addition other federal agencies engaged in relief and

House proponents of wage-hour legislation, jubilant over the success of their petition to take the bill from the rules committee, demanded today that the house be allowed to consider the measure without further delay.

They asserted the unprecedented demonstration when 218 members, a majority of the house, signed the petition in little more than two hours after it was filed yesterday should be accepted as a mandate for the rules committee to give the bill preferential status.

Under house rules, May 23 is the earliest date the bill could be considered under the petition.

There was considerable doubt, however, even among the bill's supporters, that the rules committee would yield.

The committee voted 8 to 6 last week to pigeon-hole the bill, resulting in its supporters resorting to the petition method of bringing it to the floor.

In its present form, the bill would establish immediately a minimum wage of 25 cents an hour. This minimum would be increased five cents annually until it reached 40 cents at the end of three years. Maximum hours would start at 44 per week and drop to 40 in two years.

INDIANA'S PRISON WARDEN RESIGNS

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., May 7.—(AP)—Louis E. Kunkel resigned today as warden of Indiana state prison, and Alfred F. Dowd, assistant superintendent of Indiana state reformatory, was named as his successor.

During Kunkel's 5-year tenure approximately 70 convicts escaped from the prison, including ten who formed the nucleus of the notorious John Dillinger gang.

R. W. GILL REELECTED STATE GRANGE MASTER OVER PERRY

Morton Tompkins Retained as Overseer, Fred A. Goff On Executive Committee.

PORTLAND, May 7.—(AP)—The state grange balloting committee announced late yesterday that Ray W. Gill, incumbent, had polled 5740 votes to 3010 for Ralph Perry, Hay River, for the position of state master.

The decisive victory for Gill followed one of the most intensive campaigns in several years, in which both Gill and Perry had claimed the leadership. Tabulations included 361 out of 368 subordinate granges in the state.

Morton Tompkins, Dayton, was reelected overseer, defeating G. W. Thlesson, Oak Grove, 1156 to 3440.

Bertha J. Beck retained the secretaryship by polling 6762 votes to 1882 for Mrs. Anna Hadley, Mrs. G. W. Thlesson was elected lecturer, beating Mrs. Pearl Becker, 5245 to 3283.

Peter Zimmerman, Fred A. Goff and Dr. Albert Slaughter were elected to the grange executive committee, with 5661, 5443 and 3747 votes, respectively.

All terms to which aspirants were elected will run until 1940.

GOONS AT PORTLAND, EUGENE SENTENCED
Stench Bomber Gets Nine Months; Reynolds Draws One Year at Eugene.

PORTLAND, May 7.—(AP)—Plea of guilty to two charges involving alleged labor vandalism resulted yesterday in a sentence of nine months in the county jail for Henry J. Swift, 57, former president of the Portland local of the AFL teamsters' union.

Sentence was pronounced by Circuit Judge Dobson.

Swift and Al Rosser, former head of the teamsters' union in Oregon, were indicted on charges of throwing stench bombs into Kelly's restaurant in 1936 and into Walgreen's drug store last August.

The state rusted its case in Circuit Judge Crawford's court against Leroy Grosbong, 20, indicted on charges of burning a truck belonging to the Millard Avenue Fuel company and of breaking windows of the W. W. Shipley automobile firm.

Ernest Carson and John E. Newlands, who pleaded guilty to similar indictments, testified for the state that Grosbong drove them to the fuel yard and the automobile company office.

COOGAN'S BROTHER PUT UNDER GUARD

LOS ANGELES, May 7.—(AP)—As an aftermath of the \$4,000,000 suit Jackie Coogan filed against his mother and stepfather, the former child screen star's younger brother, Robert, was under guard today.

Mrs. Arthur L. Bernstein, Jackie's mother, said the "big money" mentioned in the case had resulted in the receipt of many crank letters.

COUNCIL WILL FILE SUIT ON FINANCE PLAN

Issue Against Anticipated Back Tax Payments to Keep Project Going, City's Aim.

A test suit to determine in circuit court the legality of emergency deficiency warrants was arranged by the Roseburg city council at a special meeting last night. With money needed immediately to meet the city's material costs on the WPA intercepting sewer project, the council proposes to issue warrants in the aggregate sum of \$2,500 against more than \$80,000 in delinquent taxes. The court will be asked to determine whether this can be done legally.

The council already has transferred all available money from the emergency fund and has diverted a part of the street department funds from the regular budget. It will be necessary to halt the projects unless money can be procured soon, the council said.

The city council last night adopted an ordinance providing for the warrants. City Recorder A. J. Geddes will refuse to issue them, and a suit will be brought by City Attorney B. L. Eddy for a declaratory judgment, which will get the matter into court to determine the question involved.

Jobs involved
The suit will point out to the court that the situation actually constitutes an emergency. More than 200 men have been employed on the sewer project, designed to continue throughout the summer months, with a much smaller crew. However, the full crew will remain on the job for at least a few more weeks. To halt the work at the present time, it is contended, would throw these men out of employment.

It also is contended that the project is important to health and sanitation and in keeping with the anti-stream pollution movement.

Mussolini was reported to have expressed hope Germany would be able to solve the problem "on her own strength."

BERLIN, May 7.—(AP)—The British ambassador today informed the German foreign office of the joint step taken by British and French ministers at Praha to meet the political situation in Czechoslovakia.

(Fears of a German-Italian "deal" to give Reichsfuehrer Hitler a free hand in Czechoslovakia, France and Great Britain, had decided on an immediate, joint appeal to the Czechoslovak government and a warning to Berlin.)

The warning carried the inference that "rough handling" by Germany of the issue of the 3,600,000 German residents in Czechoslovakia almost certainly would cause war.

The Anglo-French effort was two-pointed, with diplomats hoping first to get Czechoslovakia to do everything possible for its German Nazi minority, and second to make clear to both the concern lest there be violence.

Parents Facing Decision on Saving Their Child at Cost of Both Eyes

CHICAGO, May 7.—(AP)—Baby Helaine Colan lay surging in a hospital crib today while her distraught parents wavered on a decision that medical experts said meant life or death for her.

Should they permit an operation that probably would save their five-week-old daughter's life but leave her blind forever, or should they forego the operation and accept death as the inevitable result?

The answer rested with Dr. Herman Colan, 39, a dentist, and his wife, Estelle, 23.

Dr. Morris Hershman, the child's maternal grandfather, said late yesterday the young parents had reached the fateful decision to "let nature take its course."

But today the father said no final decision had been made.

Baby Colan is afflicted with glaucoma in both eyes. Physicians said the cancerous growth would spread to her brain and cause death.

Until two weeks ago the baby was believed normal in every respect. Then Dr. Hershman noticed a flaw in the left eye. Specialists subsequently confirmed his diagnosis—glaucoma of the retina in both eyes.

The disease attacks the nerves of the eye, spreading from the retina to the brain. Physicians declare they know of no certain cure. The Colans have another daughter, Sharlene, three years old.

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The county conservation council meeting was adjourned for Tuesday, May 10, at the chamber of commerce office.

The parents turned to friends, relatives, brain surgeons and a spiritual advisor for help. They received conflicting advice.

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