

THE WEATHER

Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 16% Highest temperature yesterday 56 Lowest temperature last night 47 Precipitation for 24 hours .9 Frosts since first of month .0 Precip. from Sept. 1, 1933 .2142 Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1933 8.77 Partly Cloudy.

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FARM BILL

If it passes congress in its present form, it will probably mean tax increases. Will the house economy group succeed in passing it? Look for the answer next week in NEWS-REVIEW wire service.

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS It looks as if congress is getting ready to spend a billion and a half (in addition to the billions already spent) to "aid" agriculture. The more we spend, the worse the plight of agriculture seems to get.

"Aid" to agriculture has taken the form of "limiting" production. But the limitations don't seem to limit.

Except for two years in which NATURE took a hand in the way of droughts, surpluses have continued to pile up, and are now at an all-time high.

WE'VE been "aiding" business, also—priming the pump, etc. We've run up a debt in excess of 40 billions in the process, and still business doesn't click.

In one way and another, we've given a pretty thorough trial to the theory that you can spend yourself rich, and it HASN'T WORKED.

WHAT shall we do next?

Well, when a private business spends itself to the edge of bankruptcy and doesn't seem to be getting anywhere but NEARER bankruptcy, some hard-headed old fellow usually takes it over and brings it back to its senses—either that or it GOES BANKRUPT.

THIS much is certain—until the time arrives when congressmen who vote for reckless spending are DEFEATED INVARIABLY at the next election, we'll go on spending.

Congressmen, like most of us, (Continued on page 4)

EX-SENATOR DILL WILL AGAIN MARRY

SEATTLE, May 13.—(AP)—Friends said former U. S. Senator Clarence C. Dill, who divorced a wealthy wife three years ago, would marry Miss Mabel Alford Dickson of Spokane, Wash., and Washington, D. C., probably today.

Miss Dickson met Bill two years ago in Washington, D. C., where she was assistant to the head of the federal economic experiment stations. Miss Dickson received her master's degree from Washington State college in 1932. She declined to tell newspaper men her age.

Dill, about 55, wed Rosalyn Jones, Lark Island, N. Y., suffrage leader, in March, 1937, at Cold Harbor, L. I. They were divorced in June, 1936, two years after Dill retired as senator from Washington state. He charged cruel and inhuman treatment, saying she was stingy and "snooty." He accused her of telling acquaintances he "drank like a fish, and was going blind."

Record-Breaking Farm Bill Faces Opposition of House Economy Bloc

WASHINGTON, May 13.—(AP)—House economy advocates promised today to renew their campaign to slash the agriculture department appropriation bill, which carried a record-breaking sum of \$1,218,666,572 as approved by the senate yesterday.

Pacific Highway Campaign Spurred

Meeting Set In Roseburg For May 19

Public Will Get Details of Reconstruction Project, Boosted at Eugene; Speed Is Urged.

A meeting to acquaint residents of Douglas county with plans for a campaign to secure reconstruction of the Pacific highway in Oregon is to be held at the Uaupia hotel club room at 7:30 p. m. Friday, May 19, W. C. Harding, secretary of the Roseburg chamber of commerce, announced here today.

Arrangements for the meeting were made yesterday at Eugene, where representatives from all principal cities on the route of the highway met to consider methods of securing congressional action on the federal program for regional and military highways.

Howard Merriam, president of the Oregon Pacific Highway association, and Carl Rynearson, executive secretary, will be in Roseburg together with other officials of the association and members of the state highway department in the first of a series of meetings to acquaint the general public with the plan of campaign.

At the meeting held yesterday in Eugene, which was attended by A. C. Marsters, vice-president of the association and chairman of the local chamber of commerce road committee; George Smith, senator; C. W. Clark, W. C. Harding and Harris Ellsworth, immediate action on the plan prepared by the federal bureau of public roads and approved by President Roosevelt was urged.

Speed is urged, it was pointed out by State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock, who was present at the meeting and outlined the plan which has been proposed by J. H. McDonald, chief of the federal road.

This plan includes: 1. Designation of certain existing major highways as military (Continued on page 6)

Succeeds Wallace As Utilities Head



City Commissioner O. R. Bean, above, of Portland, who was appointed yesterday by Governor Sprague to be public utilities commissioner of Oregon, to succeed N. G. Wallace, who resigned because of ill health. Bean, a professional engineer and architect, is also chairman of the state planning board, which goes out of existence in a few weeks. He is a republican.

DROUGHT INCREASES OREGON'S WORRIES

Danger to Crops Continues, Fire Peril More Active; Washington Suffers.

PORTLAND, May 13.—(AP)—The sun blistered Oregon with a record May temperature yesterday as the spring drought continued. Crop worries increased and the forest fire peril grew more active.

In Portland the mercury hit 85 degrees, highest reading since last September. Elsewhere in the state the temperature got into the 90's.

Two hundred CCC men and loggers fought a fire on Round Top mountain, 2 1/2 miles northwest of Forest Grove, after it had burned 1,500,000 feet of logs and damaged \$500,000 worth of equipment.

Three fires in Clatsop county were brought under control.

SEATTLE, May 13.—(AP)—Warned that worse fires are imminent unless unusual summer rain falls, Washington forest fire fighters battled stubborn blazes today.

A shift in wind lessened hazards to the Mountaineer theater, a forest amphitheater in Kitsap county, after fire had come within 90 feet of it. Machines from the Puget Sound navy yard at Bremerton and forest crews fought it yesterday in an attempt to save the theater, used by the Mountaineers club of Seattle, for pageants.

Seattle was smoky when wind brought odors of a blaze at Eglon, also in Kitsap county, across Puget Sound. That fire was burning on a three-mile front and was being fought by CCC crews. The mercury stood at 86 here yesterday.

Other fires were reported in Grays, Snohomish, Cowlitz and Pierce Harbor counties, and wardens issued warnings that other western Washington forests were under-ry from lack of rain.

MRS. L. J. BARNES CALLED BY DEATH

Mrs. L. J. Barnes (Lottie Josephine) Barnes, resident of Roseburg for the past 28 years, died at Morse hospital Friday night, following a long period of ill health. She was born at Povertyville, Pa. Surviving are her husband, a local barber, and a son, Delmar Barnes, chief warrant officer on the U. S. S. Arizona, who now is at sea with the Pacific fleet and will be unable to attend funeral services. Mrs. Barnes also leaves a brother and two sisters. Reburial of the body will be observed at 8 p. m. Sunday at the Roseburg Undertaking company chapel with funeral services at St. Joseph's Catholic church at 10 a. m. Monday. Father Edmund Hyland, pastor officiating. Interment will follow in the Catholic cemetery.

Morse Enters Port Dispute At Portland

Coast Arbitrator, Summoned by Union, Will Decide if Ruling on Contracts Rests With Him.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 13.—(AP)—At the request of longshoremen, Wayne L. Morse, Eugene, Ore., coast waterfront contract arbitrator, today opened a hearing on the controversy that closed the Port of Portland Thursday.

Morse said he would not determine the merits of the controversy, but would decide whether it was of such a nature as to be arbitrated before him or before Samuel W. Wehner, local contract arbitrator.

The port was closed by the waterfront employers' association after the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union refused to load the freighter William Luckenbach. The freighter was picketed last week by the CIO Maritime Office Workers' union, which charged the Luckenbach line with ignoring a national labor relations board order to reinstate three discharged employees with back pay.

The demonstration left the dock after an injunction was issued and one picketer arrested, but the dockmen continued to refuse to work the boat.

Efforts of Wehner to bring the warring sides together failed yesterday whereupon Matt Meehan, Seattle, coast secretary of the longshore union, demanded in the name of the coast union that Morse intervene.

Meehan blames Asen. Meehan's message to Morse said the port had been closed because local employers' association claims right to break off contractual relations with longshore local, to suspend all work and to refuse to arbitrate under agreement unless local union accepts conditions not imposed by agreement.

"Internationals' Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union district 1 claims this emergency issue involves basic interpretation of coast-wide contract and requests you to hear the matter in Portland immediately."

Employers would not comment (Continued on page 6)

PRIZEFIGHT WINS RADIO FOR SHERIFF

FORT COLLINS, Colo., May 13.—(AP)—Sheriff Ted Schaffer, who was willing to take a beating to get money to buy short wave radio equipment for his office, had \$1,399 for that purpose today.

Moreover, the 33-year-old Larimer county sheriff gave instead of took the beating when he tangled last night in a "radio benefit" match with "Big Bill" Mayfield, 202, heavyweight champion of the Fort Warren, Wyo., army post.

Schaffer knocked the 20-year-old Mayfield to the mat three times in the second round of their scheduled six rounder, the third time for a 10-count. The round had gone one minute 40 seconds.

Two thousand fans saw the fight. Undersecretary W. M. Jackson said the radio would cost about \$1,200.

CRICKETS RAIDING BAKER FARM AREA

BAKER, Ore., May 13.—(AP)—Mormon crickets in the eastern part of Baker county, now infesting six townships, are swarming off the forest reserve and public domain onto 15,000 acres of rich soil land in Pine and Eagle valleys.

The situation in Pine valley is most serious inasmuch as crickets entirely surround the valley, which contains 20,000 acres of some of the most productive irrigated land in the country. Already several hundred acres of crop land has been damaged for the crickets' buffet which are marching toward the center of the valley.

Ten employees of the U. S. bureau of entomology, 100 volunteer farmers and 20 CCC crews are engaged in the fight against the crickets.

Noted U. S. Naval Officer Passes On



WASHINGTON, May 13.—(AP)—Rear Admiral Mark L. Bristol, 71, retired, former high command of the United States to Turkey, died at Naval hospital today, following an operation performed three weeks ago. His widow survives him.

For eight years in eastern Mediterranean waters, from 1919 to 1927, he acted for both the navy and state departments, laying the foundation for America's subsequent harmonious relations with Turkey, a former enemy country.

As a lieutenant aboard the Texas in 1898 he took part in the battle of Santiago, which destroyed Spain's naval power. In the World War Admiral Bristol commanded the U. S. naval base at Plymouth, England, where he helped coordinate the American and British sea forces.

BRITISH LOANS TO TURKEY FORESEEN

Soviet Entry Into Lineup Impends; Danzig Stirs Poland by Ban.

(By the Associated Press) The British-French bloc sought closer ties today with its new ally, Turkey, as a Polish protest to the Danzig senate sharpened the issue between Germany and Poland over the Free City.

In London, following yesterday's announcement by Prime Minister Chamberlain that Turkey and Britain would aid each other in the event of "aggression leading to war in the Mediterranean area," political commentators predicted Turkey would gain important British trade and munitions loans.

The French government approved the British-Turkey accord and French leaders hinted France expected to reach a similar agreement soon. Informed sources in Paris hailed the addition of Turkey to the British-French lineup as a sign-loyal Russia also intends to join, and as an attraction to Bulgaria and Yugoslavia.

A Danzig senate order forbidding a memorial service last night for the Polish hero, Marshal Joseph Pilsudski, on grounds it might cause disorder brought a Polish protest and charge the Danzig government could not "guarantee peace."

Polish newspapers declared Polish troops should be sent to Danzig to assure order there if the Free City's senate cannot accept responsibility for it.

In Vienna, Catholic church authorities interpreted a Nazi order that prevented change in the clergy must have party sanction as meaning Nazis would control appointments of new vicars, pastors and other church dignitaries.

Informed sources expressed belief Vienna church authorities would ask the Vatican's advice and that plan depended on how strikingly the new crisis was applied.

INDICTMENT HITS DEATH CAR DRIVER

ALBANY, Ore., May 13.—(AP)—A collision at work ago which caused the death of Donald Koykendall, 29, of Portland, an Oregon State college student, resulted today in the indictment of Robert R. Odell, 21, Heilena, on a charge of involuntary manslaughter. Odell was driving a machine involved in a collision with that driven by Robert Brauch, Portland.

Handicraft Of 4-H Clubs Shown Here

Fair at Roseburg Armory Draws Big Attendance; Dress Revue, Music on Program.

Exceeding all expectations for the number of entries and attendance, the 4-H club fair, third and last of a series for Douglas county, opened at the Roseburg armory this afternoon. Exhibits, totalling more than 700, were placed by boys and girls in the five divisions of clothing clubs, dress divisions in cookery, homemaking, camp cookery, room-improvement, forestry, hobby, art and bachelor sewing.

Clubs from South Deer creek, Garden Valley, Glile, Edenburg, Willbur, Millwood, Elgarose, Winston, Tenmile, Sutherland, Dillard, Oakland, Green, Glenbury and Hanson and Pullerton schools of Roseburg participated. The Roseburg fair is for schools in central Douglas county. Similar displays were made at Days Creek for schools in the southern district, and at Drain for northern area schools.

Art Display Outstanding One of the outstanding features of today's showing at the armory was the art display from the Glile school. Nearly 200 pieces of art work, oil, crayon, pencil, pen and ink, water color, etc., all done by students of the 7th and 8th grades, under the instruction and supervision of James J. Metz, instructor in the Glile schools, were a center of attraction for visitors. This exhibit recently won high praise when shown at the College of Education at Ashland, formerly known as the Southern Oregon Normal school.

Much interest was shown also in the fine displays by members of sewing clubs, who exhibited dresses and coats, aprons and other garments, together with many other items demonstrating unusual sewing ability.

Dress Revue Listed One of the features of the public program to be presented tonight will be a dress revue in which the makers of the dresses will model them, while spectators are given information on the type of material, costs and other pertinent facts.

The displays were opened to the general public this afternoon and will be continued this evening and at 8 o'clock there will be presented a program of entertainment to which all interested people are invited free of charge.

Music on Program The program will feature music (Continued on page 6)

Taken for "Ride" Because of Book



Because his house published a book aimed at Adolf Hitler, the Nazi Fuehrer, George P. Putnam, Hollywood publisher, was kidnaped by two German-speaking strangers last night and warned to cease production of the book. He was freed, uninjured, after refusing to divulge the source of German contributions to the publication.

UNION SHOP GRANTED BY 15 COAL ASSNS.

Six Southern Groups Spurn Proposal; 300,000 Men to Resume Work.

NEW YORK, May 13.—(AP)—Fifteen of the 21 bituminous coal associations in the Appalachian joint conference today slanted a union shop contract with John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers of America (UMW) making possible the return to work of 300,000 miners on Monday.

Six southern groups of operators withdrew from the conference which covers an eight-state area, but several companies within the southern area went along with the operators who signed.

The dissenting groups, whose spokesman was L. O. Gunter, employ about 45,000 miners and produce about 45,000,000 tons a year. Gunter declined to say whether miners would try to open on a non-union basis.

The approval of the union-shop contract for which Lewis had fought through eight weeks of deadlock and growing national emergency wiped away the last trace of fear that there would be a coal shortage.

The contract replaces one which expired March 31 and will run for a 2-year period. Says for the union-shop clause which had proved the principal barrier there are no changes of note in the contract. It provides for basic pay of \$6.90 a day for a 35-day, 35-hour week in the north and \$5.60 in the south.

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STATE INSURANCE SWINDLING BARED

NEW YORK, May 13.—(AP)—District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey, sided by information provided by a state insurance fund auditor who pleaded guilty to accepting illegal fees, said today he had uncovered a ring of auditors who had been accused of defrauding the state of more than \$5,000,000 in the last five years.

Dewey said the group of auditors were responsible for cheating the state (workers' compensation) insurance fund out of millions of dollars by arranging bribes running from \$20 to \$700 to approve spurious payroll reports submitted by employers seeking to dodge the full tax.

Bernard Botwin, special counsel to the insurance fund, who was appointed more than a year ago by Gov. Lehman to investigate irregularities in employer payments to the fund, said 19 auditors have been indicted in connection with the frauds. One hundred employers have been convicted.

"As a result of this fraud," Botwin said, "honest employers are taxed with higher insurance rates disproportionate to their claim insurance."

"I estimate that the state insurance fund and private insurance companies are defrauded of \$1,000,000 annually in New York state as a result of these practices."

Anti-Hitler Book Brings Night 'Ride'

Putnam Not Hurt But Warned 'Healthier' If He Stopped Publication.

German-Speaking Captors Fail to Learn Name of Book's Contributor From Abroad.

BAKERSFIELD, Calif., May 13.—(AP)—Bound and gagged, George Palmer Putnam, 52, Hollywood publisher and husband of the late Amelia Earhart, was found in an incomplete house here today, a few hours after he was kidnaped from his North Hollywood home.

Putnam, who said the kidnapers demanded the name of the author of the anonymous book "The Man Who Killed Hitler" and suggested it would be "hostile" if he ceased printing it.

A statewide search for the pair and for Putnam's car, in which they brought him here, was ordered by sheriff's deputies.

Two department of justice agents from Los Angeles sped here to question the publisher, but declined to discuss the case. "They were very decent to me," Putnam declared. "They didn't touch me at all."

Past Warnings Ignored The publisher said he refused their demands and recalled, roughly, by that he had "thought the other warnings were threats." Receipt of a bullet-riddled copy of the book, two letters and a telephone call threatening his life were reported to Los Angeles police within the past month and on one occasion he fired two shots at a man who was climbing a tree near his bedroom window.

"I'm a little upset but I'm not hurt," Putnam said as he sat in the sheriff's office here.

Then he described the events of last night. "About five o'clock," he recalled, "my secretary, (Miss Josephine Berger) received a telephone call supposed to have come from Rex Cole (Hollywood actor's agent and close friend of Putnam)."

"The caller said Cole had an important matter to discuss and wanted me to come to his house." (Continued on page 6)

SUIT HITS SCHOOL PLUMBING CONTRACT

DELIANOHAM, May 13.—(AP)—An information charging conspiracy and collusion in the bidding for plumbing, heating and sheet metal contract for the new Bellingham senior high school was filed in superior court here yesterday at the request of the state attorney general's office.

Defendants named were A. G. Ruslight, of the A. G. Ruslight and Co., Portland, Ore., and C. C. Hall, attorney for the same company; D. A. Lord and J. M. Lorenza, of the firm of Lord and Lorenza, also a Portland plumbing concern; Arthur J. Bythe, steward of the Bythe Plumbing and Heating Co., Bellingham, and C. B. Tegawidoff, Bellingham plumber.

The information contains two counts, one for conspiracy, the other for collusion. Both charge the defendant with "unlawfully designing and intending" to defraud competitive bidding for the contract and in 1937. As a result, the complainant charged, the school district paid a price in excess of the true value of the work.

The contracts had been awarded to the Bythe company.

FATHER INDICTED FOR BEATING SON

MEMPHISVILLE, May 13.—(AP)—The Yamhill county grand jury yesterday indicted Fred R. Pierce, 49, Newberg WPA worker, on a charge of assault and battery for the alleged whipping of his 14-year-old son Roy with a water-soaked rope.

Sheriff Manning said Pierce admitted lashing the boy and threatened him as saying "I would do it again."

By L. S. Goerke, director of the Yamhill county health department, said the boy's back and left arm, covered with welts and bruises, showed the impressions of the looped rope.

GRABS AT CHICKEN, WRECKS HIS AUTO

ALBANY, Ore., May 13.—(AP)—Kennedy Ramsey escaped from an automobile wreck last night but two chickens he was taking from Cottare Grove to his Portland home didn't.

One of the chickens got out of a box and Ramsey, reaching down to capture it, lost control of his machine. It plunged down a bank into a creek and was demolished. Ramsey wasn't hurt but he wrecked the chickens' respective necks.