

THE WEATHER

Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 33%
Highest temperature yesterday 81
Lowest temperature last night 54
Precipitation last 24 hours .06
Precip. since first of month .06
Precip. since Sept. 1, 1939 .32-11
Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1939 .61
Cloudy

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BLITZKRIEG

Hitler's threat to destroy England continues to be hardly more than a series of ineffectual air raids designed to unsettle the morale of Britons. Will a major smash materialize? Watch NEWS-REVIEW news for the answer.

BRITISH REPULSE NAZIS' 80-PLANE RAID



In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AT Hart Mountain, in Lake county, there is a great antelope reserve—some 270,000 acres of it. Over in the corner of Nevada, roughly 100 miles away, there is another antelope reserve—the Sheldon. Over in Harney county, a great bird sanctuary is being restored and built up.

These large-scale wild life protection projects retain or PUT BACK land and other physical property in the hands of the federal government and REMOVE them from local taxation.

That raises a question of considerable economic importance: Are they good OR BAD for the communities in or near which they are located?

DR. HIBBARD, of Burns, an intelligent, thoughtful and TOILET citizen, long interested in wild life, a former member of the Oregon game commission, said to this writer the other day:

"The Malheur bird sanctuary, which has already absorbed one of our great ranches and is absorbing another, is putting back into our country MANY dollars for each dollar of local taxation it is depriving us of."

So far, he explained, the dollars that have been put back are CAPITAL dollars—that is, money expended for the building and development of physical plant. Later on, the income dollars will begin to roll in.

The income dollars will be largely the money spent by tourists, hunters, etc.

ALREADY, with the aid of the CCC, a highway to make these projects available to the general public has been begun. It will cross the immense Hart Mountain reserve and pass the

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Johnson Quits As Assistant Secy. of War

White House Aide in Defense Program May Be Next Job; Successor Is Republican Selected by Stimson.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—(AP)—The White House announced today the resignation of Louis Johnson as assistant secretary of war and the nomination of Robert Patterson of New York, director of the second United States circuit court of appeals, as his successor.

Stephen Early, presidential secretary, told reporters that "since time immemorial, a cabinet officer has had the right to select his assistant secretary and that Henry L. Stimson, new secretary of war, had asked the chief executive to name Patterson."

There were indications that Johnson might become a presidential administrative assistant—filling the last of six such jobs at the White House.

Johnson, one time national commander of the American Legion, has been associated intimately with the developing defense program. "If Louis accepts the administrative assistant's job—and we hope he will," Early said, "it is the president's intention to have him, as an official member of the White House family, become his eyes and ears, his progress reporter on the entire question of national defense."

Judge Also War Veteran
Glenn Patterson, 49, is a native of Glens Falls, N. Y., and, like Stimson, a Republican. After graduation from Union college and Harvard law school he was admitted

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British Air Force Bombs Nazi Blitzkrieg Bases

LONDON, July 25.—(AP)—The royal air force, despite thunderstorms and chill winds which leech the wings of bombers, continued last night to hammer at Germany's blitzkrieg bases. The air ministry said all the attacks returned.

The docks at Emden, Wilhelmshaven and Hamburg, the aircraft factories at Wismar and Wenzendorf and the seaplane bases on the German island of Borkum and the island of Texel, off the Dutch coast, were bombed, the announcement said.

Wins Roseburg Soap Box Derby



News-Review Photo and Engraving

Raymond Solnicka, 13, of Coos Junction, pictured above, was the first place winner in the Chevrolet soap derby held on Winchester street hill in Roseburg Wednesday evening. Solnicka is pictured above as his car, "My Pal," crossed the finish line and as he received congratulations from the Rev. A. J. Schocke on his victory.

Second place was won by Robert Strohecker of Roseburg. The first and second place winners will be sent to Portland, where they will compete in the state finals, from which the winner will go to zone races. The eliminations will finally lead to the national match.

In addition to the two local boys who will compete in the state contest, a junior driver will be given a trip to Portland to witness the races, but will not be eligible to compete. The third place rests with Robert Horn, Kenneth Payne and Jerry Vedder, heat winners in the junior division, who will compete late today in the run-off.

Numerous Prizes Posted
The derby was sponsored by the Hansen Chevrolet company and the Rev. Mr. Schocke, with numerous prizes contributed by various business firms of the city.

The derby is conducted for boys from the ages of 11 to 15 years, and all coaster wagons used in the contest must be built according to rigid specifications. A local junior division, however, was provided for boys from 8 to 15 years, with no specifications waived, but competitors in that division were not eligible for advancement to the state finals, but were awarded local prizes.

Sixteen boys competed last night, each driving his home-made car and furnishing much interest for a large audience.

U. S. Moves Heavy Imports of Gold

WASHINGTON, July 25.—(AP)—The treasury started packing about \$5,000,000 worth of gold at New York today for "mailing" to Fort Knox, Ky. An army of guards is being mobilized to accompany the metal. Technically, Postmaster General Farley will be in charge, because the gold will go as "registered mail." The treasury will pay the postoffice about \$1,000,000 in postage.

Gold has been coming from Europe to New York so fast—so much as \$100,000,000 in one week—that vaults in the city are crowded.

The treasury accordingly obtained a \$1,500,000 appropriation to ship some of it to the south-point depository located on the army's mechanized cavalry center at Fort Knox.

As soon as packing is completed and other arrangements are concluded, special trains will carry the metal in about \$100,000,000 lots but the schedule will not be disclosed in advance. Each train will be escorted by guards and guns, and will be equipped with special lights to detect curious strangers at any night stops.

Radio Silence Saves Forest Patrolman's Life
GOLD BEACH, Ore., July 25.—(AP)—An interruption in the faithful, hourly radio reports to forest fire patrol headquarters probably saved the life of Patrolman Lloyd Hickok at Johnson Butte.

He complained of severe pains and failed to call in on his next scheduled report. Investigators found him ill at his station and brought him here for an emergency appendectomy operation.

U. S. Pledges Airplanes To Help Britain

3,000 Craft Monthly for Two Years Involved in Deal; U. S. Embargo Widened to Include Oil, Scrap Iron.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—(AP)—Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau said today the United States had pledged "every facility" to enable the British to buy 3,000 military airplanes a month in this country, in addition to huge orders previously placed.

Confirming an announcement in London by Lord Beaverbrook, the treasury head said that the new arrangement was in addition to all previous orders, and would require construction of new factories.

The British have promised to pay for the erection of the new factories as well as to buy their output, Morgenthau added.

He said the new factories involved in the program would give the United States capacity to build "far in excess" of 50,000 planes a year, set by President Roosevelt as a goal in his May 16 defense message.

Specifically, Morgenthau explained, the British proposed immediate action so that they could get delivery on 3,000 airplanes during each month of 1941 and 1942.

Lord Beaverbrook declared in a broadcast from London last night that Britain had purchased 12,115 airplane engines from the United States since his ministry was formed May 14.

Embargo Expanded
Morgenthau Roosevelt today added petroleum and petroleum products, scrap iron and other scrap metal to the list of commodities subject to possible embargo.

He signed an order subjecting these to a system of export licensing, should it be deemed necessary, soon after Secretary Morgenthau's announcement.

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Argentina Still Congress Enigma

HAVANA, July 25.—(AP)—Argentina, the last question mark of the pan-American conference on hemisphere defense, indicated today a desire to retain the spirit of inter-American solidarity.

Leopoldo Melo, head of the Argentine delegation, said his country was ready to present four projects on the following subjects:

1. Foreign possessions.
2. Inter-American neutrality and security zone.
3. Protection of children.
4. Coordination of defense measures.

The proposals, he said, are couched in language showing Argentina wishes to maintain the present status of a unified hemisphere.

A new United States proposal dealing with the menace of "fifth column" activities in the Americas was also discussed as the conference awaited the text of the Argentine project.

This proposal, a companion to an earlier proposal aimed at diplomatic and consular officials, was described as more sweeping in character and designed to form a solid American front against foreign attempts to subvert domestic activities, foment disorder or set up a non-American system of government in any American area.

Under the proposed resolution, the Americans would make suppression of such activities a common concern, warn each other of any foreign threats and consult fully on all measures.

Oregon Murderer Will Pay Penalty Tomorrow

SALEM, Ore., July 25.—(AP)—With less than 24 hours before he dies in Oregon's state prison, Charles Edward Cline, 45-year-old fossil prospector, was bearing up well today.

Cline was baptized a Lutheran a few days ago by the prison chaplain.

The 1937 legislature substituted lethal gas for hanging, and the first execution by the new method was Jan. 26, 1939, when Leroy Herschel McCarthy, 26, died for the murder of Floyd Fuesler, Portland service station attendant shot during a holdup.

Cline was convicted at Fossil June 15 for the murder of George W. Chetty, 35, his mining partner. Cline has two children in Nebraska but he is divorced from his wife.

Two Senators Swat Plan Of Conscription

Norris, Wheeler See Attempt to Copy Hitler's System; Approval of Proposal by Congress is Predicted.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—(AP)—Senator Norris (Ind., Neb.) raised his voice today against compulsory military training, saying that it would gradually transform the United States into an "international bully" bent on the destruction of other nations.

The only present member of the senate who voted against the country's entry into the world war, Norris pointed to the third reich of Adolf Hitler as an object lesson of what, in his opinion, would happen to American ideals under peacetime conscription.

"If our young men are to be compelled to spend a goodly portion of every year in a military camp," he said, "it would have an effect upon their natures."

"If such a program were carried on for 50 years, the rising generation would know no other ideal except that of military force."

Despite the addition of Norris to a slowly forming opposition bloc, Senator Minton (D., Ind.), democratic whip, predicted that congress would enact a compulsory service program. Minton is a member of the senate military committee which is working on details of the pending Burke-Wadsworth legislation in hopes of having it ready for debate next week.

Wheeler Also Opposed
Senator Wheeler (D., Mont.) came out in an interview against compulsory military training in peacetime, declaring conscription was the system used by Hitler, Mussolini and Stalin.

Referring to the Burke-Wadsworth bill, he declared in congress want to drive a nail into their coffin a good way to do it is to pass this bill. The author of this bill, Senator Burke (D., Ind.), has already been defeated.

"Objectors," Assured
Chairman Sheppard (D., Tex.) said yesterday that the senate military committee had virtually agreed to exempt "conscientious

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Plywood Plants Face Strike Threat

TACOMA, July 25.—(AP)—Approximately 3,000 plywood and door workers in Oregon and Washington will go out on strike Monday unless their demand for a 74 cent per hour wage increase is met, Earl Hartley, northwest business agent for the Lumber and Sawmill Workers' union (AFL), said today.

The Northwest Lumber company plant in Tacoma was closed today after some 500 workmen agreed to strike on grounds the company was attempting to "set the stock off the floor" before the negotiation deadline, Hartley said.

The union seeks a minimum wage for common labor of 70 cents an hour. Hartley said the employers had agreed to a "supplementary wage of 24 cents an hour until October 31."

Approximately 2,000 workers in six Tacoma plants will be affected, Hartley explained. Two other Tacoma firms will continue to operate because of "certain provisions in their contracts which we won't abrogate," Hartley added. The M. and M. company of Longview and the Portland Plywood company also hold special agreements and will not go out.

The Everett mills that will be affected are the Robinson and Walton plants, Hartley said. They employ some 1,200 men.

Also to be affected is the Smith Woods Products company of Coquille, Ore., employing about 400 men.

The Elliott Bay Plywood company of Seattle has not the union's terms and will not be involved, the business agent said.

Iron Lungs Rushed to Combat Polio Spread

TACOMA, Wash., July 25.—(AP)—The state patrol rushed "iron lungs" to Yakima and Kelso last night to take care of new cases in the wave of infantile paralysis which has spread from this city.

Seven patients are in respirators in the Pierce county hospital but Dr. N. E. Magnusson, county health officer, said the disease is waning here. One new case was reported in Seattle yesterday.

Easing of Heat Wave Started; Death List 338

By the Associated Press
The prolonged heat wave showed signs of cracking today as a mass of cool air advanced from the northwest.

Thundershowers promised temporary relief today for most of the middlewest and much of the east. Temperatures, however, remained abnormally high from the Rockies to the Atlantic.

At least 338 deaths were attributed directly or indirectly to the torrid spell, more than a week old in some sections. There were 131 heat fatalities and 207 drownings in addition more than a half dozen persons were killed by lightning.

Most of the heat deaths were recorded in the middle west. Illinois had 24, Minnesota and Pennsylvania 16 each, Michigan 15, Ohio and Wisconsin 12 each.

Temperatures above 100 were common in the middlewest yesterday, the mercury climbed to the dizzy height of 116 degrees at Detroit, Kans., and Long Pine, Neb.

A 68-year record for July 24 was smashed in Denver when the temperature reached 99. Chicago's 101 was the highest in four years and a six-year high of 105 was recorded in La Porte, Ind.

Lightning stunned 12 men at the Matthews (N. Y.) military camp and four boys at Detroit.

Jefferson Fire Destroys Pool Hall and Warehouse

JEFFERSON, Ore., July 25.—(AP)—Fire starting from a pool hall refrigerating plant destroyed two buildings here early today with losses estimated by the owners at \$10,000.

The Jack Tyson pool hall and an adjoining freight warehouse were burned. Mr. and Mrs. Tyson, sleeping in an apartment at the rear of their buildings, escaped but were unable to save any belongings.

Albany and Jefferson firemen prevented further spread of the flames, although the nearby city hall was scorched and windows were broken by the heat.

"Paper Sack" Holdups In Portland Expanding

PORTLAND, July 25.—(AP)—Two men who dropped their loot into a paper sack gave Portland police a recurrence of some old trouble today.

The robbers took an undetermined amount of cash from a westside chain store. It was the second "paper sack" hold up in the last few days. Authorities captured the original paper sack robber several months ago. His methods, they decided, have been adopted by other operators.

Suicide Indicated in Coos Bay Woman's Death

MARSHFIELD, Ore., July 25.—(AP)—The body of Mrs. Ula Jean Hills, 24, was recovered from Coos Bay by the coast guard yesterday. Drugging started after a suicide note was found.

Surviving are the widower, O. Hill, a marine fireman, and a small daughter, in Los Angeles.

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Convoy Saved, 4 of Attacking Craft Downed

German Torpedo Boat Blasts Ship Taking Repatriated French Officers Back to France, Killing 300 Men.

LONDON, July 25.—(AP)—About 80 German planes swarmed down on a merchant convoy off the southeast coast today, but their bombs missed and the attackers were driven off by fierce anti-aircraft fire and fighter planes which chased them back across the English channel.

The raiders headed back for France after planting a half-mile long string of bombs near the vessels which escaped damage.

The air ministry announced ground defenses and RAF fighters shot down four German planes eastward and, in another attack off the southwest coast, a fifth craft was downed by defenders off northeast Scotland.

At the same time, it was announced that Britain's home defenses had destroyed 262 enemy planes, 188 of them over and around the coasts, since June 18 for an average of about five a day.

Nazi Blunder Kills 300
A German motor torpedo boat which darted close to England's great naval base sank the French ship Meknes, last night with the probable loss of 300 of the 1,300 French naval officers and men being repatriated to France.

First Lord of the Admiralty Alexander told the house of commons the German craft disregarded the French flag flying at the Meknes' mast and the French colors painted on her decks and sides.

British warships picked up 1,000 survivors after "fair deliberate and cautious attack," Alexander said. "Passengers and crews were given five minutes to take to the boats but each time she tried to signal her name she was again fired on and sank in four or five minutes."

He asserted the Meknes was one of a number of ships used in accordance with the terms of the French government's representatives had been informed in advance of the British intention to repatriate the men in French ships.

One of the greatest sea losses of the war was reported meanwhile in London dispatches which told of the sinking of the troop-jammed British Cunard liner Lancastria during the evacuation of British Tommies from France in mid-June.

There were only 2,477 known survivors of the 5,300 aboard. Hit by German bombs, the 16,245-ton liner sank within 30 minutes.

German Tragedy Seen

A naval bomber crashed in a field in southwest England after taking part in the unsuccessful attack today.

Eye witnesses said British fighters chased the big craft inshore, smoke pouring from its still-dragging engines while the pilot strove desperately but in vain for a safe landing.

"It seemed to me and my mate

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Oldest Woman College Graduate



Almost 96 years "young," Mrs. Rufus J. Burglehouse of Sumner, Wash., is heralded as the oldest living woman college graduate in the United States. When she was Frances Woolson she graduated in 1865 from Iowa Wesleyan, first college in the nation to confer college degrees upon women.

SAW

By Paul Jenkins



F. L. CRITTENDER, Roseburg telephone manager, as he sat under an overhanging rock ledge below Umpqua, razing interestedly at some purported Indian markings painted on the wall.

Crit told me some time ago he'd heard they were there, but we had quite a time locating them. Finally drove up the mountain to Marion Emmitt's ranch. "They're just below Rock creek," Mrs. Emmitt informed us, "near a big spread of laurel—not far from the road."

So we located the laurel and, after a scramble up a steep, brushy slope, the ledge. Looked like a good place for rattlesnakes, too, but we didn't see any.

The ledge, perpendicular, was overhanging and hollowed out by the plying hand of time into many shallow caves and cavities. The rock, light in color, I took to be sandstone, although considering my superb lack of knowledge in that direction it might just as easily have been marble.

The writings or signs, done with some kind of reddish paint, were of the stork, protected from the heat of storms by the over-