

THE WEATHER

Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 28% Highest temperature yesterday 84 Lowest temperature last night 53 Precipitation last 24 hours 0 Precip. since first of month 0 Precip. since Sept. 1, 1939 32.18 Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1939 .54 Fair and Warmer.

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ENGLAND

Her air force is hitting hard at German cities, according to her claims, indicating that her proclaimed offensive is on in earnest. Follow NEWS-REVIEW news daily for big war smashes.

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BRITISH AIR FORCE BLASTS GERMAN CITIES



By FRANK JENKINS ITALY is reported to be rushing in "token" forces to help in the battle of Britain. (A token force is one just large enough to show that you're in on the doing.)

One of the first laws of gangsterdom is that if you're not in on the doing you can't be in on the GETTING.

EIGHT of the nation's 25 largest cities lost population in the past ten years. The automobile, making it possible to live in the suburbs and work in the city, is of course responsible.

Thirty years ago, when the automobile first began to be a real factor in American life, there were predictions that this would be the case, but it is only in the past ten years that they have begun to materialize.

Big shifts in people's living habits take time.

AL SMITH and Samuel Seabury, big shot democrats, announce that they are for Wilkie and may even campaign for him.

With due deference to Smith and Seabury, who have a liberal background in politics, it isn't the big shot democrats whose description of the third term gets the headlines that will count.

If Wilkie is elected, it will be the votes of everybody, run-of-the-mill independent thinkers that will turn the trick.

HENRY FORD reached his 77th birthday on Tuesday—in excellent physical condition and more optimistic than ever about the future.

"I was never more confident than I am today," he told an interviewer, "that the future will bring happiness, contentment and prosperity to our people."

Good for Henry. If there was ever a time in our history when a little genuine optimism was needed, it is NOW.

There are too many pessimists around.

(MAYBE we'd better define the kind of optimists we need. We DON'T WANT those who sit.

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Plan to Limit Conscription To 900,000 Men Rejected

Enlistment Amendment Also Spurned

Committee Retains Original Bill for Senate Verdict; Selective Training U. S. Need, Roosevelt Asserts.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—(AP)—Shortly after President Roosevelt declared that a system of selective training was "essential to adequate national defense," the senate military committee rejected today a proposal to limit compulsory service at this time to 900,000 men.

The committee voted down, 7 to 2, an amendment to the Burke-Wardsworth bill, offered by Senator Lee (D., Okla.) which would have limited the number of men to be drafted between October 1 and April 1, 1941, to 400,000 and between April 1 and October 1, 1941, to 500,000.

This action and rejection of an amendment by Lee for a 50-day period of voluntary enlistments seemed to have cleared the way for a final committee vote on the legislation next Monday.

Mr. Roosevelt's views on the question of compulsory training were expressed at a press conference at which he said:

"I am distinctly in favor of a selective service training bill and I consider it essential to adequate national defense."

The president made the statement after a reporter said a report was going around that the chief executive was "not so hot about conscription."

The president stated that it all depended on which paper you read. He also announced that he and democratic tax leaders in congress were agreed that an excess profits tax should be enacted without delay.

All manufacturers working on (Continued on page 6)

First Woman In Top Flier Rating



First woman in the United States to qualify, Evelyn Kilflore, above, has received from the Ryan School of Aeronautics an advanced flying instructor's rating. She owns her own airport in San Diego.

Roseburg Unit Ready to Join O. N. G. Trek

Local Guard Company to Leave Sunday for Ft. Lewis, Wash., Where 40,000 Troops Will Train for Three Weeks.

Company D, 162nd Infantry, Roseburg's unit of the Oregon national guard, will be mobilized Sunday, Aug. 4, for three weeks of intensive training. The company will participate in the Fourth Army maneuvers to be held at Fort Lewis, where 40,000 men from the regular army and national guard will participate in the largest military concentration ever held in the Pacific northwest.

The Roseburg company will assemble at 9 a. m. Sunday. Following an inspection of packs and personal equipment, bedding rolls and stacks will be prepared and the company's baggage will be loaded on cars which will be spotted on the local railway tracks.

The company, which numbers 82 enlisted men and four officers, will be in camp at Eureka, Cal., from Aug. 4 to 24. Local officers also will be notified that the units will be trained under a plan of simulated warfare in which they will go through actual battle practice. Only one parade formation, it is stated, has been scheduled for the entire three-week period.

The 600 men of the 249th coast artillery regiment have already had their field training for this year.

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Homes Threatened By Burning Grass

Garden Valley Flames Subdued After Destroying Barn, Hay, Shed and Chickens.

A grass fire, which burned over about 300 acres along the Garden Valley road yesterday afternoon, created much excitement when it threatened numerous farm homes and dairy barns. The blaze, however, was brought under control before any great amount of damage was caused.

A barn belonging to H. P. and Jay Conn, located on the Kenney place, which the Conn brothers recently purchased, was burned. The barn contained about seven tons of alfalfa hay belonging to John William Robertson and Jerry Horn. A turkey shed on the same property also was burned, but the fire was turned away from a sheep barn and grain shed.

A chicken house and a number of chickens belonging to E. A. Gardiner were destroyed on the C. E. Marks dairy farm.

The fire started in tall grass adjoining the roadway at the school house at the intersection of the Curry road with the Garden valley road. On several of the fields adjoining recently had been completed and the fire raced through the loose straw with great rapidity, being fanned by a stiff breeze.

Residents of the entire area joined in fighting the flames and were aided by volunteers from Roseburg and by a crew from the Douglas Forest Protective association. Numerous homes were threatened, but concentration of fire fighters saved all buildings except for a few sheds.

200 Portland Teamsters Strike for Wage Boost

PORTLAND, Aug. 2.—(AP)—Two hundred A.P.L. teamsters struck at four General Transfer companies today after collapse of contract negotiations with the Portland Draymen's association.

Pension Boost for Aged of Oregon to Be Asked

SALEM, Aug. 2.—(AP)—The Oregon pension federation will ask the 1941 legislature to increase old age pensions, the bill to include all public employees, the federation said today.

Campus 'Reds' Get Divided Decision

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 2.—(AP)—Communists were permitted use of a Berkeley school building but denied permission to meet in the civic auditorium here in respective rulings by the Berkeley board of education and the San Francisco superior court.

Over vigorous protests of the East Bay Veterans' organization, the school board voted 3-1 in favor of granting the campus branch of the young Communist league a permit to meet Friday night in a bungalow unit of the Berkeley high school.

Superior Judge Alfred J. Fritz of San Francisco ruled in a suit against city officials by Anita Whittney, state secretary of the communist party, that authorities had the right to deny use of the civic auditorium to the communists.

U. S. Jury Indicts Jap For Narcotics Smuggling

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 2.—(AP)—The Japanese seaman caught with 5½ pounds of contraband narcotics—worth approximately \$300,000—in a raid July 20 on the Japanese freighter Nanman Maru, was under indictment today for violating the federal narcotics laws.

The indictment, returned yesterday by a federal grand jury, accused Yoshimoto Wada of importing, concealing and facilitating transportation of the narcotics. His bond was fixed at \$10,000.

Issues Above Party Lines, Wilkie Says

Nominee Thinks 'Independents' Will Decide Presidential Race; Shipstead's Return to G. O. P. Pleases M'Nary.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Aug. 2.—(AP)—Wendell L. Wilkie thinks the coming election will be decided on issues rather than party lines.

Wilkie made that clear in a joint press conference with William Allen White, the Emporia, Kas., editor.

White expressed a similar view, telling reporters that independent voters would aid Wilkie in the November election.

"The general drift is toward us. I think it is in the stars," White added.

McNary Glad of Return of Shipstead to GOP

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—(AP)—Senator C. L. McNary, republican vice-presidential nominee, said today the return of Senator Shipstead to the republican party would help strengthen the party in the northwest.

In a statement commenting on Shipstead's action in filing as a candidate for the republican senatorial nomination, the Oregon senator said he congratulated him and the GOP. Shipstead has represented Minnesota in the senate for 18 years as a farmer-laborer.

"I am glad Senator Shipstead has returned to the republican party where he may continue his work among the liberal elements of the party," McNary declared.

Swatiska Waves Over British Soil



The red, white and black German war flag flying over first bit of British soil to fall to German hands. Nazi-censored photo shows airport control tower on Channel Isle of Guernsey, which, with Isle of Jersey, German air units recently occupied, unopposed.

Army Driver in Tragedy to Face Court-Martial

James Berkeley, colored driver of a 20th Infantry transport truck which collided near Sutherland Wednesday with a logging truck, resulting in the death of William Dale Wither, 16-year-old Sutherland youth, was today scheduled to stand army court-martial on a charge of involuntary manslaughter.

Agreement was reached between District Attorney J. V. Long and Major E. M. Sutherland of the U. S. army, that Berkeley should be taken before army court-martial, where disposition of his case will be handled within a week, Long said he was informed.

In the event the court-martial fails to result in conviction it still will be possible, the district attorney said, to press the charge through the circuit court, if the grand jury should return an indictment.

Nazi Agent Forced to Yield Driver's License

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—(AP)—Dr. Gerhard Alois Westrick, special commercial agent for the German government, was instructed to give up his driver's license today pending hearing on charges that he falsified his application.

Multnomah Democrats Have Registration Lead

PORTLAND, Aug. 2.—(AP)—Democrats lead republicans by 3252 registrations in Multnomah county, Registrar Gleason announced today.

Train-Truck Collision Brings Death to 6 Men

CANAAN, N. H., Aug. 2.—(AP)—Six men were killed today when a truck and a Boston and Maine train collided at a grade crossing in West Canaan.

Changes Suicide Plan After Leap Into River

PORTLAND, Aug. 2.—(AP)—After leaping from the Burnside bridge into the Willamette river, a 29-year-old neatly dressed woman changed her mind about suicide yesterday. She was rescued by harbor patrolmen while swimming toward shore.

Hamburg Reported Almost All in Ruins; Bremen Docks, Airplane Plants Damaged

Fliers Also Rain Tons of Bombs on Cologne and Scores of Other Localities, London Says; Give and Take Warfare Continues Over British Channel and Islands; Italians Claim Hits on British Ships.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—(AP)—Crippling blows from British bombers on vital German centers were reported authoritatively today as give-and-take air warfare still surged over the English channel.

British fliers, raining tons of steel and explosives on more than 100 German cities and towns, an authoritative British source said, have laid the port of Hamburg almost entirely in ruins and have scored heavily on the docks and airplane factories of Bremen and the communications nerve center at Cologne in the past three months.

Death Decried As He Fights On



Gen. Charles de Gaulle

The RAF has struck night and day in the industrial Ruhr which corresponds somewhat to the Pittsburgh area of the United States, it was said.

Mrs. Anna Marks Dies Suddenly

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Oregon Bandit Gets Away in Gun Fight

CANYON CITY, Ore., Aug. 2.—(AP)—A lone bandit who robbed Mrs. Mamie Taylor, operator of the Miller service station on the Dixie mountain road, between John Day and Baker last night and escaped in the brush with \$400 cash loot and some checks after a running gun fight with Mrs. Taylor's husband and Don Isen, was sought today by the state police and sheriff's officers of eastern Oregon counties.

Sheriff I. B. Hazeltine, who sped to the scene soon after the holdup, said the man, of middle age, about 150 pounds and dressed in dark shirt and dark trousers, entered the station about 8 o'clock, held a revolver on Mrs. Taylor and commanded her to open the cash drawer, which she did.

Four loggers from an Oregon Lumber company came in and the bandit, bidding his weapon, told Mrs. Taylor he would kill her if loggers soon left.

As the bandit was cleaning out the till, Mrs. Taylor ran to the Taylor home across the road. Mr. Taylor and Isen, grabbing rifles, met the bandit as he was leaving the station and said "hands up." A burst of revolver fire met them, as the holdup fled.

They fired several shots with their rifles and gave chase but the bandit escaped in the brush.

I SAW



HARRY WELDON, above, retired newspaper reporter now living in Glendale, "I have lived here for the past four years," he informed me, "and you couldn't drive me away with a club. I like the people, I like the scenery and I like the climate."

As near as I could judge the people down there like him, too.