

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau
Showers tonight and Sunday.
Cooler tonight.
See Page 3 for statistics.

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SHOWDOWN

Hitler is sending his forces toward Greece and Turkey. Will he encounter resistance by those two nations, together with British aid? If the answer is to be "yes," a bloody struggle will be added to the pages of history. Keep posted through NEWS-REVIEW service.

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BULGARIA BOWS TO HITLER, GOES INTO AXIS

Gales Lash Tu U. S. Coasts; 17 Die

Snow Upsets Water, Land, Air Traffic

Highways in California Awash, Buildings Torn Power Lines Downed

(By the Associated Press)
Straddling the United States, two storms of gale intensity swept up the east and west coasts yesterday.
On the Atlantic seaboard, swirling snow reached a depth of 14 inches. In New Jersey, took at least 17 lives in traffic and other accidents, and tied up much shipping and air travel.
In California, squalls and sudden snow pelted parts of the coast, and buildings, uprooted hundreds of trees and blew down power lines.
The gale swept off the Pacific on a front of several hundred miles, reaching velocity ranging as high as 90 miles an hour at one or two points.
The eastern blizzard caused seven deaths in automobile accidents in Pennsylvania; three more each in Virginia and New Jersey, and two more in Maryland. Sub-freezing temperatures prevailed.
California Battles Floods.
California today counted its injured and set to work repairing damage done by the worst gale in years.
Rains which accompanied it drenched farm lands already saturated after the wettest season in recent times, and swelled streams and rivers. The Sacramento was over its banks at Dunsmuir, flooding the nearby highway, while sandbag crews worked feverishly to hold back the water in the town.
In the San Fernando valley
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First Surviving Teams of Series Here Established

Powers, Coos River, Reedsport, Yoncalla Vanquish Rivals in B Leaguers' Tournament

Results Yesterday
Powers 47, Drain 32.
Yoncalla 33, Gold Beach 24.
Coos River 45, Lapine 24.
Reedsport 55, Ophir 27.
Games This Morning
9:00 Powers vs. Yoncalla.
10:15 Coos River vs. Reedsport.
Tonight
7:30 Roseburg B vs. Douglas All-Stars.
8:45 Championship game.

Reedsport and Powers will meet here tonight for the district 5-B basketball championship. Reedsport won 38 to 35 in an overtime period from Coos River while Powers won from Yoncalla, 37 to 32 to advance to the finals.
Both Reedsport and Powers came from behind to win the semi-final games played this morning. Powers was down 26 to 32 as the game went into the last period, while Reedsport was trailing 22 to 26 in the last frame of the game with Coos River, but managed to tie the score at 33-all and went out in front during the three-minute overtime play.

By "HAP" APPLIGATE
Four power-laden quintets moved into the semi-final round of the District B-5 basketball tournament on the Roseburg senior high court yesterday by posting convincing wins over their foes. These survivors were Powers, Yoncalla, Coos River and Reedsport.
Powers, Coos county champs, opened the festivities by handing Drain its worst beating of the year, 47 to 32. Yoncalla's howitzer shots enabled them to win from Gold Beach, 33 to 24. In the evening games, Coos River shelacked Lapine 45 to 24, and Reedsport coasted through Ophir 55 to 27.

Although the original tournament schedule placed Port Orford as the first place team from Curry county, no definite report had been received from it, and it was not learned until late yesterday that Gold Beach and Ophir had tied for first position from that county, with Port Orford not even in the running. Gold Beach came in first place by a cut of the cards.

Powers 47, Drain 32
A hard-driving bunch of Powers Cruisers opened the tournament yesterday with a convincing 47 to 32 win over Drain. Although Drain was purely off form, the Powers lads outthought them from the start, gradually increasing their lead as the game progressed.

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Roseburg Indians Battle For Basketball Title in Playoff With Medford, Victor at Ashland, 26-24

The Roseburg high school Indians were prepared today to battle Medford high for the District No. 4 basketball championship and the right to play in the state tournament at Salem as a result of Medford's narrow victory, 26 to 24, at Ashland last night. Ashland was eliminated from the title playoff, leaving Roseburg and Medford tied for first place, each with a season's record of eight wins and four losses.
Although honors for the season stand even in games between the two teams, the Indians have a slight edge in points. The teams have played four games and each won the two games on its home floor. Roseburg scored a total of 115 points against Medford, while Medford totalled 109 points in the four games.
The first game, played at Roseburg to open the conference season, resulted in a 52-to-35 victory for the Indians. Playing at Med-

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ford Feb. 1, Roseburg was beaten 17 to 30. Back in Roseburg on Feb. 8, the Indians won a close contest, 26 to 22. The last meeting, a game played at Medford and without the services of mumps-stricken Earl Ward, resulted in a 22-to-20 victory for Medford.
The Medford team has made a brilliant finish after having apparently been virtually eliminated from titular chances. The Pear Pickers, however, faced with the necessity of winning their last four games, did exactly that and as a result are now contenders for the district crown.
Arrangements will be made the first of the week for the championship playoff, which probably will be held on the neutral court at Grants Pass. Whether a one-game elimination or a two-out-of-three game series will be required has not yet been determined.

John S. Blanton Dies in Roseburg at Age of 76

John Sumpter Blanton, 76, a native of Lane county, Oregon, died here Friday following a long period of ill health. He was born on College Crest, July 17, 1864, and spent the greater part of his life in or near Eugene and Elmira. He had been in Roseburg only a short time.
Surviving is a sister, Alice Blanton, Eugene.
Funeral services are to be held at the Veatch chapel in Eugene at 2 p. m. Monday.

Dr. C. G. Patterson Again Named Medical Examiner

SALEM, March 1.—(AP)—Governor Sprague today reappointed Dr. Carl G. Patterson of Baker to the state board of medical examiners for a five-year term effective yesterday. Dr. Patterson represents the eclectic branch of the profession.

House Votes To Equalize School Taxes

Statewide Basis Plan to Be Given Voters; Douglas Would Lose \$10,000

By PAUL W. HARVEY, Jr.
SALEM, March 1.—(AP)—The house passed and sent to the senate today by a 35 to 23 vote the bill to equalize school taxes on a statewide basis.
The measure, one of the cardinal points of Governor Sprague's program, would appear on the 1942 general election ballot.
Under the bill, the state would levy a tax averaging 5.9 mills to substitute for the local 2-mill school levy. The state, which would provide \$20 a year for each school child by the proposed tax, would distribute the money to counties, thus equalizing the amounts available for school districts. It would raise no more money over the state as a whole.
Fifteen of the 36 counties would pay more taxes than would get back. Thirteen of these 15 counties are in eastern Oregon.
Douglas Would Lose.
(Counties which would pay in more than they get back, with the amounts which would be paid and received, include Douglas, \$150,316 and \$140,585.)
A similar measure, but which would have equalized school taxes within counties instead of on a statewide basis, was defeated in the house last session.
Speaker Farrell and Representative Lonergan introduced a bill today to establish a 40-mill property tax limit, which would be considered if the legislature approves measures to raise revenue from other sources, such as taxes on utility revenues or on retail sales.

The senate voted to permit the introduction of the bill to permit trucks up to 60,000 pounds to enter Oregon as far as certain ports of entry. The question had been
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2-Fleet Link Held Aid Bill Possibility

Senators Cite Roosevelt Authority to Unite U. S. Warships With British

WASHINGTON, March 1.—(AP)—Senators Taft (R-Ohio) and Wheeler (D-Mont.) asserted in the senate today that the pending British aid bill would give President Roosevelt power to consolidate the American fleet with that of Great Britain in both Mediterranean and far eastern waters.
During an address by Wheeler, Taft interrupted to assert that "if this bill is passed, there is no reason why the president would not be justified in sending the fleet either to Gibraltar or Singapore and consolidate it with the British fleet."
"It might not be actively engaged in shooting, but when the British lost a ship, they could take one from the American fleet to replace it," the Ohioan declared. Wheeler assented.

Peace Move Advocated
Earlier, Wheeler had told the senate that the time was "not far distant" when the president should use his high office in an attempt to bring about peace in Europe.
The Montanan interrupted an attack he had launched on the administration's British aid bill to assert that the president "still is in a position where he could exercise the powers he has to bring about a just peace, dictated by the United States."
Wheeler, at the opening of the twelfth day of debate on the bill, complained that he and other op-

U. S. Charges Hit Alien Fishermen

HONOLULU, March 1.—(AP)—Federal officials armed with grand jury indictments today put the alien ownership of fishing sampans in this important United States naval center under the legal microscope.
The federal grand jury yesterday indicted 80 persons, most of them Japanese, and three fishing companies, accusing them of conspiracy to violate laws governing the registration of the sampans.

The jury acted under naval and army officers voiced suspicion concerning operators of some of the sampans which fish offshore in areas frequented by the United States fleet on maneuvers.
The officers have said that many of these operators were aliens, and that many sworn owners of the fishing vessels were laborers, clerks and housewives who had no connection with the fishing industry.
Seizure of 40 sampans involved in the alleged conspiracy followed the issuance of the indictments.

United States Attorney Angus Taylor said those named in the indictments included United States citizens who were registered as owners of the fishing boats. Others named, he said, were aliens accused of being the real owners of the sampans.

J. R. Dean, Former Riddle Resident, Passes Away

RIDDLE, Mar. 1.—J. R. (Reed) Dean, a former resident of Riddle, died Friday, February 28 at Riverside, Calif., where he had been residing for the last fifteen years at the Neighbors of Woodcraft home. Mr. Dean was born in Riddle valley December 9, 1866, and made his home here for many years. He is survived by two brothers, I. A. and N. O. Dean of Riddle. A sister, Mrs. Sarah Jennings, died several years ago. Funeral services will be held Monday at Riverside and interment will be at the Neighbors of Woodcraft home cemetery.

Lawmaker Dies In Plane Crash



Congressman William D. Byron, above, of Maryland, was one of the seven persons killed in the crash of an airplane this week near Atlanta, Ga.

School Ousts Pupils Who Refused to Salute Flag

EUGENE, Mar. 1.—(AP)—Seven grade school students have been expelled from the grade school at Lowell, Lane county, for refusing to salute the American flag. School Board Chairman J. W. Veatch said today.
A WPA cook who works in the school cafeteria was also discharged, as two of her children were among those who refused to salute.
The students are all from families who are members of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Nazis Fine Amsterdam \$8,000,000 for Outbreak

AMSTERDAM, (Via Berlin), March 1.—(AP)—The German military authorities fined the city of Amsterdam 15,000,000 guilders (nominally, nearly \$8,000,000) today as a penalty for recent disorders against the Nazi occupation.

Originator of Honey Dew Melon Passes On at 80

PASADENA, Calif., March 1.—(AP)—The man who developed the honey dew melon is dead at the age of 80. Ira Dodge Hale, who took the honey dew melon and the cantaloupe from Rocky Ford, Colo., to the Imperial valley in 1901 to start the industry there, died at his home here yesterday.

Nazi Troops Pour Into Sofia In March To Greece, Turkey Despite British Ultimatum

SOFIA, Bulgaria, March 1.—(AP)—Germany poured her army into Bulgaria by panzer division and transport plane today, occupying this capital en masse almost before the ink was dry on the Bulgarian signature to the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo alliance.
Britain's minister, George Rendel, made a final appointment with King Boris to tell him that Britain has no choice but to break off relations with Bulgaria.
A British declaration of war on Bulgaria and RAF bombs on German communications lines within the country already has been predicted by the minister—in the event of just such an occurrence as today.

Earthquake Rocks Northern Greece; Toll Feared Heavy

ATHENS, March 1.—(AP)—Northern Greece was shaken by a destructive earthquake today and early reports indicated that casualties would prove heavy.
Buildings collapsed in Larisa, a town with about 30,000 inhabitants. The panicky population fled their homes, many in night clothes, when the shocks were felt at 5:55 a. m.
Larisa authorities telegraphed for tents for 15,000 homeless persons. Troops were engaged in removing victims trapped by debris.

Utility Firms Accused of Political Expenditures

WASHINGTON, March 1.—(AP)—The federal power commission declared in a statement yesterday that five utility firms operating in the Pacific northwest spent upwards of \$1,000,000 for political purposes.
Further, the statement asserted, about half of the expenditures were charged to the cost of consumer service.

The commission declared some of the money was spent for "financing of employees political committees, doorbell ringing campaigns, card indexes of voters," putting former utility opponents on payrolls, and paying "prominent citizens for secret political services."
It named the five concerns as the Northwestern Electric company, the Pacific Power and Light company, the Portland General Electric company, the Puget Sound Power and Light company and the Washington Water Power company.

By the Associated Press
Bulgaria, which was the first of the central powers to sue for peace in the world war, formally signed up with the axis as the fourth minor partner to the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo pact today.
Adolf Hitler met Premier Philoff of Bulgaria and other diplomats in Vienna for the ceremony which aligned 6,000,000 Bulgars and 40,000 square miles of territory with the axis and may open the way for a German march against Turkey or embattled Greece.

Hungary, Rumania and Slovakia had preceded Bulgaria as signatories of protocols to the treaty of mutual aid which Germany, Italy and Japan drew up five months ago, Sept. 27, 1940.

Grain-growing valleys and timbered hills of Bulgaria may make a contribution to the economy of fascist and Nazi-dominated areas of Europe.

British Threat Hovers
It may, however, mean bombing attacks from Britain. Unconfirmed reports in Sofia, Bulgarian capital, said the British government had delivered an ultimatum calling upon Bulgaria to forego by midnight tonight any intention of giving German troops a right-of-way or otherwise consider herself at war with Britain.

Virginio Gayda, authoritative fascist editor, declared that the
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Bulgarian Assets in U. S. Will Be Tied Up

WASHINGTON, March 1.—(AP)—Secretary Hull indicated today that Bulgarian assets in the United States would be "frozen" if German troops occupied that country.
Hull said that the state department was watching closely the situation developing in the Balkans and that, if and when, Bulgaria joined the axis and German troops occupied the country the question of freezing Bulgarian funds here would immediately arise.

Captured Italian General Staff In Desert Warfare



Real victory smiles are these, for a few minutes before this contingent of Aussie troops had stormed a heavily defended fort in Bardia, where the Italian general staff was directing operations. This section, alone, had the distinction of capturing three Italian generals and their staffs. "Well, we thought it was a general assault," was their humorous comment.