

Heat Wave Threatens Forests, Heavy Crop Losses

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The Weather
Fair and continued warm today and Thursday.
Sunset today 7:55 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 4:32 a. m.

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New England, Pacific Coast Areas Periled

Soaking Rains Needed To End Long Drouths; Texas Flood Kills 11

(By The Associated Press)
A mid-June heat wave and drought threatened crops and fanned fears of serious forest fires in the northeastern states today.
Meanwhile, as the death toll in the New England heat belt mounted to 15 in the last three days, the flash floods and storms in north Texas took the lives of 11 persons.
In the Pacific Northwest, there also appeared danger of forest fires because of lack of rain for weeks. Fire hazards are reported in the forests of Northwest Washington and Northern Idaho as well as in the Cascade Mountains and the coastal forests of Washington and Oregon.
But over much of the Middle West, showers and thunderstorms have brought needed moisture to farmers, brightening an already favorable crop outlook. The rains were general yesterday over the North Central States, with heavy falls in parts of Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Iowa and Missouri.
No immediate relief from the hot and humid weather appeared in sight for the New England area and a close watch was being kept on the dry forests. Temperatures are in the 80s on the coast and in the 90s inland.
N. Jersey Crops Menaced
Forest fire hazards are at the peak in New Jersey, now in the 24th day of a drouth, and with no rain forecast before late Thursday. Truck farmers face serious damage to the crops. In Fair Lawn, N. J., police declared a state of emergency because of the low water supply. The only bright spot in the dry picture was the possibility of a good hay crop.
New Jersey State Department of Agriculture officials said truck farmers faced a "serious damage" to their crops. They said a \$5,100,000 sweet corn and potato crop in Burlington County was endangered unless there is a heavy rainfall soon.
Soaking rains are needed to (Continued on Page Two)

WHO DOES WHAT By Paul Jenkins



ANN RADIGEN, representing Beta Sigma Phi, is receiving an ignition key from D. W. Wade, owner of Hartwood Lumber and Fuel Company, which fits one of the company trucks.
What do you suppose Ann and Beta Sigma Phi want with a truck, even such a bright and shiny one as Mr. Wade's? I dunno either. But judging from Ann's costume I wouldn't be surprised if it had something to do with the Rodeo. Be in the parade, maybe.

Western Style Parade To Usher In Annual Rodeo

Roseburg Set For Gaiety Of Annual Event

Several Cowboy Stars Already On Hand; Bill Includes Army Dances

Spirit of the Old West, as heralded by the gay costumes of Roseburg citizens, will take over the city Friday for the opening of the fifth annual Douglas County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo. A western dress-up parade at 10:30 that morning will usher in the day's activities.
Friday's parade will be made up of horsemen who will participate in the Rodeo here Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The parade will assemble at the triangle on N. Jackson St. and proceed through the downtown district. Participants will be given free admission to the Fairgrounds.
Grand entry into the arena will be at 1:30 p. m. all three days of the Rodeo. Several cowboy stars have already arrived and are camping in their trailer houses at the Fairgrounds. Two world champions here are Gene Pruett and Jerry Amblor.
Saturday morning at 10:30 will be the regular Rodeo parade, with floats, horses, marching units, bands and drill teams. Both the Roseburg High School Band and the Knights of Pythias Girls Drum Corps will participate.
Saturday night at 10:30 will be the "Bigger and Better" parade. The parade this year, the committee promises, will be "bigger and better" than in previous years. The Beta Sigma Phi sorority was named as one organization which has been working since January preparing its float for this parade.
The Saturday parade will also assemble at the triangle on N. Jackson St. and proceed through the downtown district on Jackson and Cass Sts. Floats in the parade will be judged by a committee of the Roseburg Retail Merchants' Association.

Motorist's Death Called Suicide Case

Norris Spencer Weatherly, 38, Route 1, box 232, Roseburg, was found dead in his car at 4:52 a. m. today. The car was parked in the center of the road in front of the Myrtle Thomas place in the Roberts Creek vicinity.
State police and Deputy Coroner M. B. Emmett called the death a suicide. Officer Marvin Fredricks, along with Emmett, investigated.
The officers reported a garden hose had been attached to the car exhaust pipe and had been brought into the car through the window. Weatherly is believed to have been dead about an hour by the time he was found by Otis Seaverson, a resident of the area who was passing by.
Weatherly had been a resident of the Elkton area for many years, moving only recently to his last address. Most of his relatives live near Elkton.
The body, removed to Long and Orr Mortuary, will be taken today to Stearns Mortuary at Oakland.

Senate Nears Vote On Labor Bill Changes

Four Amendments Wait Decision; Taft Expects All Will Be Adopted

WASHINGTON, June 15.—(AP)—The Senate added a Taft-Hartley law feature to the Truman administration's labor bill today by voting to require unions to bargain with employers.
The action came on a voice vote.
The bill already contained a requirement that employers must bargain with unions. The effect of the amendment would be to make it an unfair labor practice—as in the Taft-Hartley act—for either side "to refuse to bargain collectively" with each other in good faith.
Its passage was the first definite action taken by the Senate in its week-long debate over changing the Taft-Hartley act.
WASHINGTON, June 15.—(AP)—The Senate neared the voting stage in its labor debate today after five days of speech-making.
Democratic Leader Lucius of Illinois said an amendment to require unions to bargain in good faith would be taken up first.
It is one of four bipartisan amendments to the administration's labor bill, which would repeal the Taft-Hartley act and replace it with an enlarged version of the original Wagner act.
Approval of the four amendments was expected without much opposition.
The changes, which would make the administration bill somewhat more like the Taft-Hartley act, would:
1. Require unions to bargain on request. The administration bill would apply this only to employers.
2. Require union and company leaders to sign non-Communist and non-Fascist affidavits—unless the union of the company itself effectively bans Communists and Fascists from its leadership.
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NEW JAYCEE PRESIDENT—Clifford Cooper of Alhambra, Calif., is hoisted aloft by supporters after his election as president of the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce in Colorado Springs, Colo. Holding the Texas-born president in the air are Tom Allen, Fresno, Calif., (left) and "Moose" Dunstan of Oakland, Calif. (AP Wirephoto)

FIRE DEMON TAKES TOLL

Vancouver, B. C., Counts \$1 Million Loss; Oregon Cities Hit; Boy Is Accused

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 15.—(CP)—Thirteen persons were injured early today in a four-alarm fire which raged uncontrolled for nearly two hours through a main industrial section of east-central Vancouver.
An early estimate of damage by Fire Chief R. M. MacDonald was "easily more than \$1,000,000."
The fire raged or partially destroyed:
Two fuel companies, a refractory plant, an asbestos plant, two paper stock companies, two lumber yards, a cafe, a war salvage firm, a stone-cutting plant, a welding shop, a pier, an unknown number of small boats and a private home.
Three of the 13 fire casualties are in the hospital.
They are:
John Erickson, 63, who suffered multiple burns and other injuries when he was trapped in his flaming houseboat, one of 14 moored in the fire area.
George Ingram, 24, ambulance driver, recovering from shock suffered when he dove into the waters of False Creek to rescue Erickson.
Capt. C. Madison, who suffered a punctured foot while fighting the blaze.
In addition, 10 firemen are reported suffering from minor injuries.
Idle Lumber Mill at Eugene Destroyed; Loss Near \$75,000
EUGENE, June 15.—(AP)—A lumber mill was destroyed and several larger plywood and lumber plants threatened yesterday (Continued on Page Two)

WHITE WAR VETERAN FLOGGED

Third Victim Of Robbed Gang In Alabama Within Week Mum On His Case

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., June 15.—(AP)—A robbed and hooded group flogged a World War II veteran last midnight after dragging him from his home.
Billy Guy Stovall, 31, said he was lashed 20 times by a band of white-sheeted and hooded men. They came to his home in three cars.
The flogging was the third incident involving robbed bands in the Birmingham area within a week. Friday night Mrs. Hugh McDanal was dragged from her house and made to witness a cross burning. The same night a cross was burned at a small restaurant.
All three incidents involved white people.
Stovall declined to discuss the case today. Mrs. Stovall and the two children, Billy, 10, and Elaine, 8, gave this account:
A robbed man came to the door about 11 p. m. and said "this is Stuart. I want to see you."
When Stovall went to the door, he was grabbed and pulled outside.
Deputy Sheriff Earl Cooper quoted Stovall as saying the men drove to a wooded area on the outskirts of Birmingham. He was held by two men while another whipped him with a leather belt, striking him just above the neck. He gave no reason for the attack.
There was no Klan comment.
In adjoining Georgia, the Ku Klux Klan burned a cross atop Stone Mountain near Atlanta and initiated new members to (Continued on Page Two)

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
N Paris, the big power foreign ministers have been chewing over the cud of what to do with Germany. They have been getting nowhere—because it is obvious that all Russia wants to do is to stall. The other night our Secretary Acheson (America's foreign minister) abandoned four-jointed diplomatic words and got down to bluff tacks language. Looking Vishinsky in the eye, he described the latest Russian proposal for a German peace treaty as follows:
"It is as full of propaganda as a dog is of fleas. In fact, I think it is all fleas and no dog."
WHEN men abandon high-flown speech and get down to language of the street, it is often a sign that they are beginning to get somewhere.
(If we get anywhere with Russia) (Continued on Page Four)

Bank Bandit Nabbed

PRINCETON, Ky., June 15.—(AP)—William D. Messamore, accused bank robber who slugged two deputy jailers and escaped the McCracken county jail at Paducah early Tuesday, was captured here today.
WAR HERO REMEMBERED
On display as a backdrop to the flag ceremony was a large flag presented to the local Elks by the father of Grant Wilcox, hero of World War I. Wilcox's body was shipped to this country wrapped in the flag.
Young Wilcox was company commander of a group that liberated a French town. After the war, he remained there as a member of the occupation forces. (Continued on Page Two)

HONOR PAID TO 'OLD GLORY'

Roseburg Lodge Of Elks Holds Annual Ceremony On Balcony Of Its Temple

Roseburg Elks, aided by Lady Elks, honored the American flag in an impressive Flag Day ceremony held on the Elks Temple balcony Tuesday night.
As Past Exalted Grand Ruler Bud Ellison gave the eulogy, Lady Elks presented the various flags under which Americans lived and fought during the history of the nation.
Mayor Albert G. Flegel, who gave the principal address, sketched the history of the United States, and the part of the flag played in its making.
Hal Ayotte, exalted ruler and chairman of the ceremony; Harry Finniger, acting chaplain; the Elks Band and the Knights of Pythias Drum and Bugle Corps took part in the annual affair, adopted at the Elks national convention at Portland in 1925.
Taking part in the display of flags were Mrs. Finniger, Mrs. Norman Hess, Mrs. W. D. Fritts, Mrs. Frank Wickham, Mrs. Paul K. Ryan, Mrs. Ayotte, Mrs. Otis Huddleston, Mrs. Cecil L. Hays and Mrs. Verdun Boucock.
Presented was the flag bearing the Red Cross of King Henry VIII, the White Cross of St. Andrew flag, the crimson flag with both crosses in the upper corner, the pine tree flag on a white field, the South colonies (Continued on Page Two)

Logging Mishap Sends Two Men To Hospital

A logging accident Monday sent two Camas Valley men to the hospital.
A rolling log caused injury to Art Cunningham and another man named Jones. The extent of their injuries is not known. However, Jones is believed to have suffered a broken shoulder.
The men were employed by Miles Stanley.
EUGENE, June 15.—(AP)—Logger Robert Price, 42, Notl, suffered a broken neck and died almost instantly yesterday when struck by a broken cable at the Swanson Lumber Company operation near here.
The widow and a daughter survive.

Polk County Area Joins Municipality Of Salem

SALEM, June 15.—(AP)—The 37-acre Kingwood area, located in Polk county adjoining West Salem, became a part of Salem today.
It is the first instance in which an Oregon city extended its boundaries into another county. Salem is in Marion county.
The merger was approved at an election several months ago, and a Circuit Court upheld the merger. The merger became official today with the passage of the deadline for appealing the Circuit Court decision.

Municipal Band Dates First Summer Concert

First summer concert of the Roseburg Municipal Band will be held at 8 o'clock Thursday in the Library Park on S. Rose St., it was announced this morning by Lem Bitner, conductor.
Bitner said the block in front of the library, between W. Cass and W. Lane Sts., would be blocked to permit double parking by those attending the concert.

Auto Knocks Over Truck; Driver Thought Asleep

PENDLETON, June 15.—(AP)—William Smothers, 20, Stanfield, was in a hospital here today after his car knocked over a truck on highway 30, then burst into flames.
Police said Smothers, who leaped from his burning car, and the two occupants of the truck, were then endangered by the explosion of a box of rifle shells in the wrecked automobile.
Enroute to Portland in the truck from Nampa, Idaho, were Leslie Black, Nampa, and Russell Saunders, Portland. Both were splashed with gasoline when their truck was tipped on its side, but neither was hurt.
Police surmised Smothers had fallen asleep at the wheel. He suffered severe shock and internal injuries.

Dynamiting Confession False, Boy Now States

EUGENE, June 15.—(AP)—Clifford Floyd Smith, 15, Creswell boy accused of dynamiting a home here May 14, was made a ward of the juvenile court yesterday. He has been assigned to the care of a Portland family.
The lad appeared before Circuit Judge William G. East. After admitting June 3 that he had blown up the nearly completed home of Marion De Vault, the boy later said he had fabricated the confession because the evidence pointed at him.
He told the court that police did not use force in questioning him and that he had no particular reason for making up the story.

700,000 French Workers Strike For Higher Wages

PARIS, June 15.—(AP)—About 700,000 French civil servants went out today in a 24-hour "warning" strike for higher wages. Another 300,000 stayed on their jobs, the French ministry of labor reported.
The only place the strike really pinched was in air transport. Ground crews, control tower operators, land radio operators and customs officers walked off their jobs almost 100 per cent.
About 80 per cent of the workers in Paris' famed sewers were out on strike. About 30 per cent of the primary schools and 40 per cent of the secondary schools remained open, with older pupils in some instances replacing the teachers.

Gates & Co. Gets Contract On Detroit Dam Project

E. L. Gates & Co. of Roseburg have received a contract for clearing 175 acres in the Detroit dam reservoir area on a bid of \$128,230. The award was announced by Col. O. E. Walsh, U. S. engineer of Portland. Approximately 1,180,000 board feet of timber is involved in the clearing project.

Grand Jury Exonerates Two Alleged Lynchers

IRWINGTON, Ga., June 15.—(AP)—Georgia added No. 26 today to an unbroken string of unsolved Negro lynchings.
A special Wilkinson County grand jury probed for six hours yesterday into the lynch-murder of Caleb Hill Jr. Then the jury ruled there was not enough evidence to bring anyone to trial.
The decision brought immediate release to two white men, accused by the Negro's widow as the murderers of her husband.
Dennis Lamar Purvis, 37-year-old well-to-do business man, and Malcolm Vivian Pierce, an electrician 27 years old, had been held for ten days in the same jail from which the Negro was kidnapped May 30 and killed.
Apparently it is now up to the federal government to decide whether to tackle the case. Federal bureau of investigation agents have been looking into the incident to see if they can support a charge of a violation of civil rights.

Allied Murderer Denied Writ Of Habeas Corpus

YREKA, Calif., June 15.—(AP)—A writ of habeas corpus was denied Tuesday to Leonard Evans, Pilot Rock, Ore., held here on burglary and murder charges. Preliminary hearing will be held at Tulelake, Calif., Friday.
Evans was arrested June 4 on a charge of participating in the \$13,000 burglary at the El Rancho Hotel and the killing of the roadhouse watchman, crippled Charles Twigg, Nov. 4, 1946. District Attorney Fred Burtin said two other arrests were expected.

Fire Finishes Razing Old Mill At Camas Valley

A fire of undetermined origin broke out Monday on the site of the old C. & D. mill near Bradford Station in Camas Valley.
The fire completed the destruction of the old mill framework and all the plank roads. The fire started in the sawdust pile. A tractor had to be brought off the mountain to bring the blaze under control.
The mill that was originally on this spot was nearly destroyed by fire.

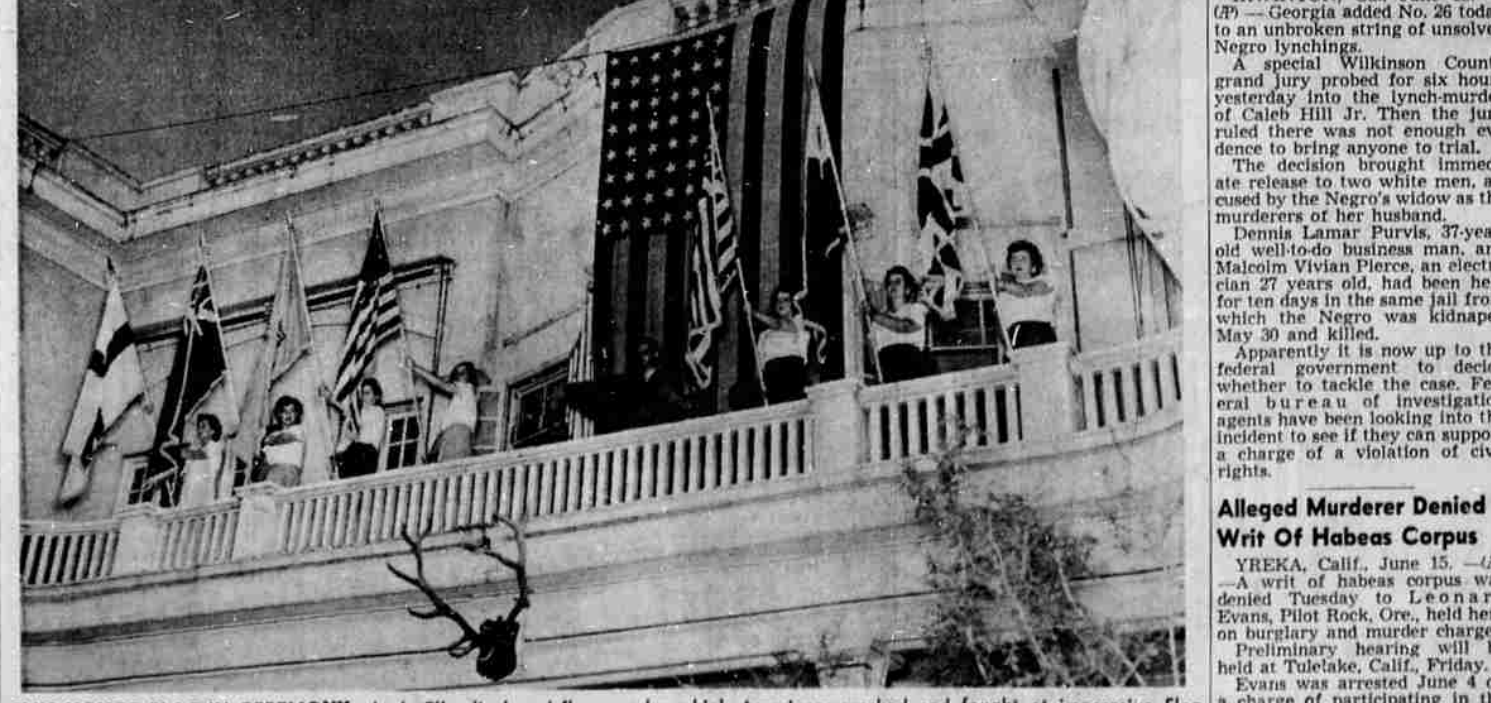
N. Roseburg Sanitary Dist. Plan To Be Talked

Problems of the North Roseburg Sanitary District will be discussed in a meeting scheduled at 7:30 Tuesday, June 21, in the Circuit Court room at the Courthouse. It was announced by Clarence Landis, chairman of the district. James C. Howland, engineer, will be present to answer questions.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

We're gonna have fun, Spend lots of 'em, Western tags we've donned; But don't be rash, Reserve some cash For Opportunity bonds.



ELKS HONOR FLAG IN CEREMONY—Lady Elks displayed flags under which Americans worked and fought at impressive Flag Day ceremonies held on the Elks Temple balcony Tuesday night. Exalted Ruler Hal Ayotte, Past Exalted Grand Ruler Bud Ellison, Acting Chaplain Harry Finniger and Mayor Albert G. Flegel participated. Lady Elks participating included, above left to right, Mrs. Finniger, Mrs. Norma Hess, Mrs. W. D. Fritts, Mrs. Frank Wickham, Mrs. Paul K. Ryan, Mrs. Ayotte and Mrs. Otis Huddleston. Not present in the picture were participating Lady Elks Mrs. Cecil L. Hays and Mrs. Verdun Boucock. Ellison stands in the middle. (Paul Jenkins Picture)