

FIRE AT HEPPNER DEALS \$800,000 DAMAGE

City's 2 Grain Elevators In Flames' Toll

Two Warehouses, Flour Mill, 8 Boxcars, Coal, Lumber Yards Escalated

HEPPNER, Ore., July 19.—(AP) This wheatland town's grain elevators and warehouses were destroyed last night in a fire that caused more than \$800,000 damage.

It was the most destructive blaze in Morrow county's history. Two grain elevators, a flour mill, two large warehouses, eight railroad boxcars and two lumber and coal yards were destroyed before the flames were under control.

About 190,000 bushels of wheat were lost. Most of the damage was insured.

During the height of the wind-blown blaze there was danger that three gasoline and oil storage tanks would blow and that burning grain showered across the sky would set fire to homes and other business buildings.

Grass fires peppered the neighborhood and one tract of several acres burned before it was trailed by bulldozers.

Leveled by flames were two elevators, the mill and warehouse of the Morrow County Grain Growers' co-op, the county's largest grain facility; the plant of Interior Warehouses, Inc.; the Tum-A-Lum Lumber company yard; a coal shed owned by Ed Breslin and several smaller structures.

Fire Chief Charles Ruggies reported the flames were detected at the top of the co-op elevator and within 12 minutes the structure had toppled across a railroad spur, ignited the boxcars and spreading to the Interior warehouse. He said it was believed an electric short-circuit in the elevator machinery set off the blaze.

Damages Estimated

Co-op manager Ted Smith valued the growers' plant at \$250,000 and said the two elevators held 150,000 bushels of grain. Interior manager Corbett Green estimated his plant's value at \$130,000 and said there were 40,000 bushels of wheat and \$50,000 of miscellaneous stock in the warehouse. The damage to the lumber and coal yards was set at \$25,000 and value of the boxcars was estimated at \$100,000.

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\$200,000 Fire Hits Longview

LONGVIEW, July 19.—(AP) A fire described as the most costly in Longview's 25-year history caused a loss last night estimated at more than \$200,000.

The fire broke out shortly before 10 p.m. in a back portion of the Helen Davis, Inc., store in the main part of the business district. Before it was controlled an hour and a half later the store was gutted the interior of the store.

The adjoining store of Judd's, Inc., suffered a complete loss also, according to an early morning examination. Most of the damage in Judd's which is a stationery and office supply store, was from smoke and water.

Two other stores in the same building also suffered heavy smoke and water damage. One was the Price fur shop, the other the offices of Dr. H. L. Mahne, optometrist.

Firemen and insurance men gave the unofficial loss estimate. The building housing the stores is owned by Val Quoldbach of Longview.

Cause of the blaze has not been determined. Firemen have one report it first was seen in a store room at the back of the Helen Davis store, which closed Monday for remodeling. It is one of a chain operated by Helen Davis of Tacoma.

Whites, Negroes Battle In London District

LONDON, July 19.—(AP)—Fists, iron bars, chairs, bottles, crockery and even live coals flew in London's east end last night in what long-time residents described as the city's worst race riot in many years.

Two Negroes suffered severe injuries and three bobbies were slightly hurt in the melee. Eight white men and an equal number of Negroes were arrested. Some were charged with assault, others with insulting behavior.

Reports differed as to the cause of the fight. A by-stander said the white men were aroused when a Negro put his arm around a white girl. Another onlooker reported the trouble began when a Negro ignored a bobbee who told him to move along.

Lavity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein
Astonishing news is coming soon from the U. S. capital, something that the American public never dreamed of: The next white paper, a dispatch says, will reveal that Soviet funds are aiding the Chinese communists.

The News-Review

The Weather
Partly cloudy today and Wednesday. Little change in temperature.
Sunset today 7:48 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 4:50 a.m.

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High Court Justice Murphy Dies

Illness Ends Noted Career At Age Of 59

Ex-Michigan Governor, Former Atty. General Of United States

DETROIT, July 19.—(AP)—Supreme court Justice Frank Murphy died today.

Doctors at Henry Ford hospital said the 59-year-old jurist died of coronary occlusions, a heart affliction.

Murphy was appointed in 1940 to the supreme court by the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Prior to that, he had served one two-year term as governor of Michigan. He was defeated for re-election.

Before running for governor, Murphy served as the last governor-general of the Philippines. He was also attorney general of the United States.

The justice never married. For many years he was regarded as one of Washington's most eligible bachelors.

It was as governor of Michigan that Murphy first came into the national limelight. That was in the 1930s when the first big s-down strikes occurred. He was vigorously attacked by some for not using force to oust the sit-downers from automobile plants.

Murphy said that if the people of Michigan wanted their governor "to shoot the workers out of the factories and thus end sit-down strikes once and for all," they would have to get another governor to do it.

"If the American workmen are wrong," he declared, "I believe they can be taught the right way without writing the lesson in blood." He said later that he believed sit-down strikes were wrong.

During the strike crisis President Franklin D. Roosevelt described him as "a profoundly religious, able and law-abiding governor."

Beaten For Re-election
Governor Murphy was defeated for reelection. The defeat hurt

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Noise Annoys Rep. Ellsworth Again Urges Adjournment

WASHINGTON, July 19.—(AP)—Rep. Ellsworth (R.-Ore.) said today a "boiler factory in full production would be a nice quiet place" compared with the temporary quarters of the House of Representatives.

He repeated his assertion of two weeks ago that Congress should adjourn. "The first few days after the House of Representatives moved into its new quarters in the ways and means committee room in the new House office building, I thought the temporary setup would work out well," he told a reporter.

"I have changed my mind. The sessions are little short of bedlam. In spite of every effort on the part of the presiding officer, the noise and confusion are terrible."

"As a result of the general high noise level on the floor" he added. "The loud speaker system used by those who address the House is operated at what seems to be full volume—with six amplifier units blaring down at us from along the walls."

Ellsworth said that after watching the House operate under these conditions for nearly two weeks he is convinced "that no more than the vitally necessary bills should be considered now. "And then adjourn."

2 Cars Wrecked; 4 Persons Hurt

Four persons were injured, one of them seriously, when a car went out of control while being towed about 12 miles north of Oakland Monday afternoon.

All four were taken to Mercy hospital but two were later released. The injured, according to State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell, included Jack Oscar Larsen, Phoenix, Ariz., fractured skull, and Robert Elmer Bauch, Wick-enburg, Ariz., who sustained an ankle injury. Both are hospitalized. The other two, released after treatment for cuts and bruises, are Ralph Leroy Rush and Wilbur Lynn, both of Phoenix.

Sgt. Harrell reported that Rush was operator of the car which was towing the other car, operated by Lynn. The towed car went out of control, forcing both cars into a ditch. The car being towed was a total wreck. Bauch was a passenger with Rush, and Larson was a passenger with Lynn.

Housing Project Sale Considered

With the 40-unit federal housing project at Scottsburg showing vacancies of 25 per cent, the Housing Authority of Douglas county is considering whether the project should be deeded surplus and the rental units sold.

Such inquiries are being made by Douglas county in the lower Umpqua area and the City of Reedsport, said H. L. Scofield, executive director.

If the housing authority should decide to dispose of the Scottsburg project, the cabins would be appraised as to value and sold, said Scofield. First chance to purchase the cabins would be given the present occupants. The buildings would have to be removed from the property.

The Scottsburg project was established five years ago as an emergency war measure by the federal government. The project, together with others at Roseburg, Crater Creek and Sutherlin, has been operated by the Housing Authority of Douglas county.

After this year, to continue in operation, the projects must show their necessity and receive special permission from Congress, said Scofield.

Groom, 91, Bride, 80, On Their Honeymoon

LOS ANGELES, July 19.—(AP) A 91-year-old great-great-grandfather is honeymooning today with his 80-year-old bride.

"I've been wanting to marry her for a long time," said Albert R. Hummel, "but she didn't know. Finally she says yes. So yesterday I says, 'well, we might as well get it over with.' We did."

The couple rode a streetcar to city hall where they were wed. Asked how she liked being married the former Elizabeth R. Euddeke patted Hummel's cheek and said: "I love him. He's mine. I wouldn't trade him for anything in the world."

World Calendar Change Opposed By Adventists

GLADSTONE, July 19.—(AP)—The Oregon Seventh-Day Adventist church conference has voted to oppose a proposed change in the world calendar that would establish months with an equal number of days.

The camp session also heard Roy L. Benton, a North Pacific conference secretary, assail municipal ordinances interfering with distribution of religious literature.

Franchise For Disposal Of Garbage Due

Necessary Ordinance Is Ordered By City Council; Rent Decontrol Sought

WHAT THE COUNCIL DID
Ordered ordinance granting Garbage company new franchise. Appointed committee to study rent decontrol.

Referred to police committee petition asking ban of intoxicating liquor sale on Sunday.

Referred to police committee petition to prohibit sound trucks. Purchased new police car and motorcycle.

Ordered courtesy cards for out-of-state parking violators. Approved new employee appointments.

Deferred Ford street paving request.

Dropped South Hamilton street improvement request.

A five-year franchise will be offered the Roseburg Garbage Disposal Co. The city council last night passed a motion directing that an ordinance be drafted by the city attorney incorporating recommended changes contained in a report of the city manager.

Effective Oct. 1, weekly, instead of twice-weekly, garbage pickup service will be offered the residential area of Roseburg. Residential rates would be reduced from \$1.25 to \$1.00 monthly. Also, an adjustment would be made from the existing \$4.50 hourly rate to \$6.00 per hour for large pickup services.

The Roseburg Garbage Co. would pay the city a flat \$45 monthly fee for the franchise. The council accepted the flat fee in preference to an alternate one and one-half per cent of gross profits.

The company would purchase new equipment, consisting of a new tractor for covering dumps, additional property costing \$150, and construct a road with culverts costing \$400 for purpose of providing and maintaining a dumping ground in much better condition than in the past. All garbage would be covered with earth rather than burned as at present, thus eliminating the objectionable odors from burning.

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Gallows Faced By Human Vampire

LEWES, Eng., July 19.—(AP)—John George Haigh, self-confessed vampire slayer of nine, was condemned tonight to death on the gallows.

A jury of 11 men and a woman deliberated only 15 minutes before convicting the handsome, 39-year-old businessman of killing wealthy Mrs. Olive Durand-Deacon last Feb. 18, drinking a glass of her blood and destroying her body in a barrel of acid.

Haigh had pleaded for "a special verdict in the form of guilty of the acts charged but insane at the time they were committed."

Called as a defense witness Dr. Henry Yellowlegs, noted London and Glasgow psychiatrist, testified that Haigh was suffering from paranoid insanity.

In two statements read in court yesterday Haigh was quoted as telling police he had killed eight others beside Mrs. Durand-Deacon in the past five years, had drunk a glass of the blood of each and then destroyed their bodies in cauldrons of acid.

"Lions International City" On 375-Acre Illinois Tract Plan Of Civic Organization

NEW YORK, July 19.—(AP)—Plans for the construction of "Lions International City" on land on the Lincoln highway, south of Chicago, were outlined to the 32nd annual convention of Lions International today.

Eugene S. Briggs, of Enid, Okla., international president, announced that the International board has authorized the plan.

He explained that Lions International City will be located near Matteson, Ill. Approximately 375 acres of land already have been purchased and \$42,000 has been spent on the development, he said. It is expected to be expanded later.

Some of the ideas for the development of "Lions International City" submitted by various Lions clubs at the convention "for your reactions and consideration," included: "To provide a permanent home of June 30. During the fiscal year for Lions International, building year ended that date, 757 new and other equipment necessary clubs were formed.



FRANK MURPHY
Death ends noted public career

Ashland Rent Decontrol Gets Governor's Nod; Requests Of Eugene And Salem Pondered

SALEM, July 19.—(AP)—Governor Douglas McKay approved today the removal of rent controls in the city of Ashland.

And at the same time, he gave a strong hint he would approve rent decontrol in Eugene and Salem.

It was the first time that the governor had acted under the new federal rent control law, which allows governors to decide whether rent controls should be removed in any local area.

The governor's recommendation goes to the Federal Housing Authority, but that is considered only a formality.

Governor McKay said the Ashland rent situation was not controversial. The only communication he got from Ashland was the recommendation of that city's council asking for rent decontrol.

But he now faces two tough ones. They are the requests by the Eugene and Salem city councils for rent decontrol in those cities.

The governor said he has received more than 75 letters and telegrams from Eugene, with those wanting decontrol being in a slight majority.

Labor and veterans organizations in Eugene want rent controls, while landlords want decontrol, he said.

Surveys Suggested
The governor said he ordinarily would be guided by recommendations of city councils, but he said he wished cities would take advantage of state funds for housing surveys before they ask for

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Washington Balks At Bridge Tax Payments

OLYMPIA, July 19.—(AP)—Whether Washington can legally refuse to pay some \$34,000 in taxes which Oregon wants to collect on the state-owned toll bridge across the Columbia river at Longview, was the question put to Atty. Gen. Smith Troy today.

The question was asked by the toll bridge authority which proposes to refuse payment of the Oregon request.

Shriners Parade Prior To Hearing Truman

CHICAGO, July 19.—(AP)—The Shriners paraded down Michigan avenue today to a Soldier field for a speech by President Truman.

A crowd of 100,000 was expected at the Soldier field stadium where Mr. Truman, speaking as president of the United States, was to speak two hours later on foreign affairs.

Before his speech, tradition was to be shattered by public instead of previously secret installation of a new imperial potentate.

He is Harold Lloyd of Beverly Hills, Calif., famous movie comedian. He succeeds Galloway Calhoun of Tyler, Tex.

WHO DOES WHAT By Paul Jenkins



MAXINE STRODE is bookkeeper at Grimm's grocery at the corner of North Jackson street and East Second Avenue North. She has been with this firm for several years. Everyone there stood about and coached her while this picture was being taken. All their ideas were different, too.

Maxine and her husband, Larry Strode, live at 751 Fleser street and have been in Roseburg nine years. They came here from Carlton, Oregon.

Florida Mob Burns Down Homes Of Negroes Following Theft-Kidnaping-Rape Case

GROVELAND, Fla., July 19.—(AP)—A mob of armed white men burned down three Negro homes last night in an outbreak of racial violence that terrorized this central Florida farming section.

Feeling had been running high since Saturday when two Negroes were arrested on charges of raping a 17-year-old white woman and beating her husband. A third Negro was taken in custody Sunday and a fourth is being sought.

As far as could be determined no one was in the buildings when the angry band set fire to them. Their occupants had moved out before nightfall.

Earlier, Lake County Sheriff W. V. McCall hurled a tear gas bomb into the midst of a heavily armed mob of about 50 men who roared through Stuckey's Still, a Negro community about five miles west of Groveland, firing shotguns and pistols.

The three Negroes under arrest have been charged with rape, kidnaping and causing bodily harm in connection with the Saturday offense. McCall said they

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U. S., Canadian Lumber Slated For England

WASHINGTON, July 19.—(AP) The Economic Cooperation administration said today it has agreed to finance the purchase of \$12,930,000 worth of Canadian and United States lumber for recovery use in the United Kingdom.

The agency said contracts covering \$10,000,000 already have been issued. Of the total, \$4,000,000 will go to U. S. suppliers and \$6,000,000 will be sent to Canada.

ECA stated that the contracts are the first to be let under a new competitive bidding requirement governing all Marshall Plan purchases of lumber. The American products to be bought will be Douglas fir from the west coast.

Bill Evans New Chairman Of County Red Cross Chapter; Activities' Reports Given

Bill Evans, transportation superintendent of the Roseburg Lumber Co., was elected chairman of the Douglas County chapter of the American Red Cross last night, following the chapter's annual membership meeting at the armory. He succeeds L. L. (Jim) Powers.

Guest speaker at the meeting was Joseph M. Mjolsness, Salem, state relations officer for Oregon of the American National Red Cross. He told of the organization's responsibility to give aid during times of disaster and emergency, as set forth in its charter.

Following Mjolsness' talk, chairmen of various chapter services gave their respective reports. The meeting also included election of 16 persons to the board of directors for one, two, and three-year terms. The board convened following the chapter meeting to elect new officers.

Mrs. Vera McClintock Jones was elected vice chairman, while Mrs. Lois Kent and Don Reed were re-elected secretary and treasurer, respectively.

New directors include Robert Kidder, W. M. Campbell, William A. Oerding, M. M. Nelson, and Mrs. Kent, one-year term; V. V.

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BILL EVANS
Head Red Cross Chapter