

Record Year Is Reported Here By Weather Man

Roseburg's weather "came mighty close" to breaking records, one of which has stood for many years, Thomas Hill, head weatherman, said today.

Last night's storm put an end to the second longest dry spell in the city's history, with a total of well over an inch of rain reported by 9 a.m. today.

Hill revealed that a check through old records established June, July and August of 1883 as the driest three-month period known, with .05 of an inch recorded.

According to Hill, Thursday and Friday had the first thunder storms in this area since June of last year. With the single thunder clap recorded Thursday and yesterday's big thunder and lightning display, the average for thunder storms for one year has been reached, Hill said.

The storm, which moved in on Roseburg and Douglas county from the south and southwest, has moved on through the state and is now being felt in eastern Washington and northern Idaho, he said.

SALESMAN PASSES
SALEM, Sept. 8 (AP)—William H. Crawford, 72, prominent city judge since 1946, died Wednesday of a heart attack.

He was director of the state economic council under former Gov. Charles A. Sprague, giving up his job in 1942.

Crawford sold the first air brakes used on San Francisco street cars, and 25 years ago, he went across the country to attract new industries to the new city of Longview, Wash.

Gardiner Masons Meet To Have Deputy Visit

Regular meeting of Aurora lodge No. 59, A. F. and A. M., of Gardiner, will be held in the Masonic hall there Saturday evening.

Kenneth Spencer of Florence, district deputy grand master, will make his official visit at that time.

This district includes lodges at Mapleton, Florence, Gardiner, North Bend and Coos Bay.

Plans are being made for the annual past masters' night meeting, to be held Oct. 8, at which time a M. M. degree will be conferred by past masters. This annual event, one of the large meetings of the year, will be in charge of Past Masters Bender of Gardiner and LeVins of Reedsport.

Herman Husen of Reedsport, worshipful master of Aurora lodge, attended the annual Malheur lodge meeting near Burns, Ore., Sept. 10.

This meeting is held underground, in a large, natural cave, and is proving a wonderful drawing card, with members coming from great distances to attend, and eat the buckaroo meals served in conjunction with the lodge meeting.

Missouri Railroad Strike Set For Today

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crease package, covering a 12 1/2 cent pay hike, 6.27 cents for insurance and 11.23 for pensions.

There were strike threats against four other railroads. A walkout set for today against the Wheeling and Lake Erie line was postponed pending attempts by a government mediator to settle 34 grievances between the carrier and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

The Union railroad and the Monongahela connecting railroads which serve scores of steel plants in the Pittsburgh district are threatened by early strikes.

A walkout is set for 3 p.m. tomorrow against the Monongahela and for 6:30 a.m. Tuesday against the Union railroad. Some 30,000 steelworkers' rules but a presidential fact-finding board has urged further negotiations.

Gov. Douglas McKay Plans To Run Again

SALEM, Sept. 9 (AP)—Governor Douglas McKay will begin his reelection campaign in a few months, his secretary, Lawson McCall, told the Salem Lions club yesterday.

McCall said the race for governor would be most important to the country because "Oregon is the last bastion of the Republican party in the West."

There are believed to be less than 35 whooping cranes left in the world.

Illinois Gang Leader's Nephew Shot To Death

FAIRFIELD, Ill., Sept. 9 (AP)—A barrage of bullets poured from ambush early today into "Little" Earl Shelton, 33-year-old nephew of the gang leaders who had terrorized southern Illinois for years.

Police Chief Elmo Murgage said "Little" Earl was fired on as he drove up to the front of his home here shortly after midnight.

Murgage said he was patrolling in the area and heard the salvo of several shots, all fired within a few seconds. He sped to the Shelton home where, he said, he found "Little" Earl in his house moaning and bleeding badly.

Shelton was still conscious, the chief said, and related that the gunmen fired from a car which was parked across the street from the Shelton home when the victim drove up.

At an Evansville, Ind., hospital, Dr. John W. Fisher said Shelton will recover in spite of his many wounds. He said Shelton had "a large number of wounds" in the upper legs and thighs, but a rib deflected one slug and another merely creased his forehead.

Unemployment Picture Improves, Report Says

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which has prevailed since last Fall.

Secretary of Commerce Sawyer agreed, in guarded language; he saw evidence of a "leveling-off" and declared: "We are in a fundamentally sound condition for continuing our economic advance."

Democratic and Republican spokesmen in the Senate disagreed with each other. Senator Lucas (D-Ill), the majority leader, proclaimed there is "now no reason to fear a further recession." The GOP floor leader, Senator Wherry (Neb), felt that the 400,000 drop in unemployment was "too small to be regarded as a reliable index."

"I think the general situation remains about the same," Wherry told a reporter.

Government Pay Helps
"There probably has been some slight improvement as a result of government expenditures. But I don't think anyone can tell yet whether it will last."

Lucas had no reservations. "The great consumer buying power of the country again is making its way forward," he said.

It was learned, meanwhile, that Dr. Edwin G. Nourse, chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, told President Truman yesterday that the business outlook will be clearer a month from now.

While Nourse found the August report reassuring, he is understood to have reported that the pending negotiation of fourth-round wage demands may have high importance in the economic outlook.

Steel can be made strong enough to withstand a pull of 500,000 pounds per square inch.

Mrs. Dorothy Flink Will Teach At Glide

Mrs. Dorothy Flink, Oregon College of Education, has accepted a contract to teach one section of the Glide first grade.

Mrs. Flink will replace Mrs. Maxine Mignot, who was fatally injured Aug. 26 when her car was said to have been struck by a double-decked sheep truck near Prineville. The tragedy occurred within two miles of the spot where her teen-aged son had met death in an automobile wreck two years ago.

Mrs. Flink, her husband and two children are located at the Ball cottages near Glide.

Severe Lightning Storm Sets Many Forest Fires

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of damage caused by the storm were light.

Power Hit
H. C. Wells, Copco manager, said power outages were reported "in every direction" with the heaviest hit areas located in a north and south direction, the path followed by the storm.

Although many outlying districts are still without electric service, Wells said every available line and serviceman was working "around the clock" trying to restore service. The men are mostly concerned with replacing fuses, knocked out by lightning strikes.

Only one transformer was believed damaged, located near the Riverside Lumber company. Douglas Co-op service was restored by 7 o'clock last night.

Radio station KRNR engineers reported "at least seven" interruptions in transmitting, when proximity of the lightning put them off the air. Sparks were reported flying off the radio tower, atop the Umpqua hotel, but it was not believed to have been seriously damaged.

Wire crews and linemen were busily restoring service to subscribers of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, with many lines still out of operation at late morning reports.

Oregon's Cascade Area Menaced After Storm

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Severe lightning storms touched off 150 fires in Oregon's Cascade mountain forests last night, knocked out power service in the Klamath basin and ended 100 rainless days at Medford.

Smoke plumed up, mostly from isolated snags, from Mount Hood south into California in the wake of the season's worst electric storm.

Rain washed out many of the fires. Only one, covering 150 acres in the Siskiyou National forest southwest of Glendale, was known to have reached any size.

Guy B. Johnson, forest service fire patrol dispatcher, said its control today was in prospect.

He added that the great number of fires—58 were reported in the Willamette National forest to 10 p.m. last night—prevented suppression crews from getting on all of them fast. That, he said, might lead to trouble.

The storm, unusual for this late in the season, moved westward into the Coast range this morning. The lightning there was accompanied by heavy rain.

The bolts cut both power lines running from the California Oregon Power company dam in northern California to Klamath Falls. The service went out in mid-afternoon and stayed off all last night.

Merrill, Malin, Tulelake, Dorris and other towns south of Klamath Falls were blacked out.

In Klamath Falls only a ten-block area in the downtown section had lights. The power for these came from two small generators operated by Copco in Klamath Falls.

At Medford a violent storm struck at 5 p.m. Power failed for five minutes. Bolts struck in the forests, but fire danger was minimized as sheets of rain swept in. It measured .06 of an inch in less than a half-hour at Medford.

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World War III Seed Said Sown

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 9 (AP)—The peace terms of World War II, even though the treaties have not been signed, already have sown the seeds of another world war, the American Bar association was told yesterday.

The speaker was one of the judges at the Nuernberg war crimes trials, Robert F. McGuire, a Portland, Ore. attorney.

"The Yalta, Moscow and Potsdam conferences already have done untold damage," McGuire declared. "Much of Europe now writhes under unjust discriminations, seizures of land and power at the expense of the helpless."

"Until these are removed, there can be no lasting peace," he asserted.

"Provisions of the treaty of Versailles after World War I gave rise to the resentment and discontent which made the ground fertile for Hitler to plant his doctrine of authoritarian government," the speaker said.

Cripps Says Britain Must Sell More Goods

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crises in the dollar-sterling relationship."

Out of the talks assured have come indications of limited American help to Britain in meeting its current dollar crisis. Long-range aid, however, may be slow in developing. Congressional action likely will be required on several major proposals.

On the long-term problem of boosting Britain's sales to this country to a point where the island nation can become self-sufficient there is, however, considerably less certainty. It is possible the conference may end next week without decisive agreement on specific steps to be taken in this field.

On specific measures of early aid to Britain, American negotiators in the conference have indicated full cooperation with the British in several ways: In trying to approve the marketing appeal of their goods in this country, in doing all possible to speed government purchasing of strategic materials, in helping British exporters iron out their difficulties with American customs, and in recognizing Britain's need to buy as much as she can in areas where dollars are not necessary.

Barbershop Quartet Charter Night Saturday

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able assembly for enjoyment of the last remaining vestige of human liberty." O. C. Cash is the attorney's name—a name destined for fame, or infamy, depending upon the view taken toward this type of singing.

Of special interest to local citizens is the policy of Spib members to provide their unique form of entertainment as an aid for worthy community projects. This includes gratis performances for service clubs, church and school organizations and other groups.

As a strictly amateur, non-profit organization, the society cannot refuse to sing because of some group's inability to pay high prices for live talent. In most cases, all the Spibs ask is that they be given at least a week's notice before being called upon to perform. They're pretty particular about the caliber of music they render in public and one of their first "musts" is that they perform a song before performing.

DEATH BY GUNSHOT

GRANTS PASS, Sept. 9 (AP)—Paul Russell Cooper, 13, was killed yesterday by a .22 caliber bullet from the rifle of a 12-year-old companion on a rabbit-hunting trip.

Cooper was the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Cooper of Selma.

The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office
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Mostly cloudy with showers to day, becoming widely scattered Saturday.

Highest temp. for any Sept. 104
Lowest temp. for any Sept. 29
Highest temp. yesterday 86
Lowest temp. last 24 hrs. 60
Precipitation last 24 hrs. .46
Precipitation since Sept. 1. .46
Excess since Sept. 1. .16

Legal Matters Argued In Trial Of Vicky

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said she observed that Ralph treated Victoria with "straight contempt," but her attitude toward him was "about the same as usual." He again said that he would "have to kick her out."

Under questioning of the district attorney, she added that when Ralph had lived in his own house at Venice, Calif., Victoria had moved in "bag and baggage." Mrs. Gleason did not know how long she lived there.

Geddes asked that the court record show his continuing objection to the district attorney's line of questioning. He made a number of objections before this request, on grounds that the questions called for Mrs. Gleason's conclusions and that they were leading questions.

As the questioning continued, Mrs. Gleason recalled her brother told her that Victoria "doesn't even earn her own grub." Finally he "got rid of her, packed her up, bag and baggage, and took her to a hotel in Ocean Park."

In cross-examination, Geddes asked Mrs. Gleason if she knew since she had testified her brother was very clean—that he had indecent tattooing on his body, the result of seven years in the navy. She said she didn't.

She said Ralph was 31 years old in 1945, and that Victoria had said she was 21. "As a matter of fact, she'll be 22 next month, won't she?" Geddes asked the witness. Mrs. Gleason said she did not know when Geddes pressed the point that Victoria was 17 when she met Ralph, Mrs. Gleason said she "looked older than 17."

Mrs. Gleason also said she did not know her brother was making "moonshine liquor" in Oregon, but she admitted sending him 200 pounds of sugar in package marked "glass." Geddes accused her of purchasing the sugar on the black market, which she denied.

Geddes also asked her who did various household tasks when she (Mrs. Gleason) visited in the Mojonner household. Geddes asked her if Vicky had peeled the fence poles, taken care of the chickens, prepared the meals, carried the water from Hardscrabble creek, even when she had given birth

Southern Pacific Men Are Injured In Crash

CORVALLIS, Sept. 9 (AP)—Twelve of 28 men riding two Southern Pacific section gang speeders were injured Wednesday when the two cars collided on a blind curve east of Blodgett, about 20 miles west of here.

All were brought to a local hospital but none was reported seriously injured. The most damage was suffered by Juan Botello, Portland, who sustained a broken collar bone and multiple bruises.

Some of the men were hurt when they jumped before the crash.

One speeder, towing two trailers with a total of 25 men aboard, was driven by Foreman A. E. Swenson, the other with three occupants by Earl Southern, Summit. Southern's speeder was demolished.

A mixup in line clearance apparently caused the head on crash. During the night a train became stalled on the mountain grade and each of the speeders

was headed for the "wreck." Unknown to them, the train had been started and returned to Corvallis.

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to a baby two weeks before. Mrs. Gleason said she had seen her brother doing these things. (Additional details on Page 12)

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