

# HURRICANE SMASHES INTO AREA OF TEXAS

## Wind, Rains Lash Houston, Other Cities

### Rice Crop Damage Goes Into Millions; Cotton Production Also Hurt

HOUSTON, Oct. 4.—(AP)—A hurricane which came screeching out of the Gulf smashed into this Texas metropolis early today and surprised everyone by doing little damage.

A few plate-glass store windows were broken as the wind swept in behind torrential rains which flooded streets and underpasses.

Debris was whipped down streets and trees bent horizontal as 90-mile-an-hour winds whipped the city, whose 500,000 and more residents make it Texas' largest.

The hurricane churned in from the Gulf late last night, striking first the industry-rich coast between Matagorda and Freeport, Tex., about 60 miles south of here.

One person was missing, much of a rich rice crop destroyed, and cotton heavily damaged as the hurricane twisted inland. Rains up to 7.21 inches at Port Arthur fell throughout the coastal area.

Official estimates were that the damage to the rice crop would run into the millions. In Jefferson county alone only 13 per cent of 75,000 rice acres had been harvested. Almost nine inches of rain fell at the coastal city of Beaumont.

Galveston, island resort city about 50 miles southwest of here, caught the edge of the storm. But its high seawalls saved it from great damage.

Its force diminishing, the hurricane headed toward the Pales-tine-buffkin area of East Texas, where it is expected to hit early this afternoon. A vast oil field in that area but little damage was expected.

The New Orleans weather bureau indicated the hurricane already had lost much of its punch when it hit Houston about 1:30 a.m. today.

The bureau said it had lost (Continued on Page Two)

## Federal Buy Of Prunes For School Lunches Planned

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—(AP)—The agriculture department announced Monday it will help support grower prices of dried prunes by buying 3,800 tons for its National school lunch and Institutional Feeding programs.

About 1,000 tons will be bought in Oregon and Washington and the remainder in California.

The department also will offer export subsidies on prunes shipped to European countries and their dependent areas eligible to receive aid under the Economic Cooperation administration program.

The export payments will range from 25 to 40 per cent of the sales price, freight aboard ship, at U. S. ports. The payments will be 30 per cent of the price of prunes of sizes 30-40 to 50-60, inclusive; 40 per cent for size 60-70 to 100-120, inclusive, and 25 per cent for prunes in cartons of two pounds net weight or less.

The department said growers will get 4.25 cents a pound for fruit diverted from regular commercial outlets in these counties.

Pending receipts of such payment, growers may get government loans of three cents a pound on their surplus supplies through an administrative committee set up to regulate the marketing of the dried fruit.

## Deer Hi-Jackers Take Hunter's 4-Point Buck

BEND, Oct. 4.—(AP)—John Thomas of Bend shot a four-point buck and ran into hi-jackers, losing his deer, his profit and his temper.

He headed back for the woods yesterday, in a bitter frame of mind, after reporting: "Just after he bagged his four-pointer, three men came up with their rifles leveled on him. One fired a bullet into the deer's hind quarters, announced that the deer had his bullet in it and was his."

At gunpoint Thomas was ordered to get gone.

## Court Denies Red Motion To Oust Commies' Case

NEW YORK, Oct. 4.—(AP)—Federal Judge Harold R. Medina today dismissed a series of motions through which the defense sought to throw the communist conspiracy case out of court.

The motions, made last Thursday and taken under advisement by the court, included requests for a directed verdict of acquittal, dismissal of the indictment and one for a mistrial in the case against 11 top communist leaders.

## Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reismanstein

After today when you ask "What's the score?" explain whether you refer to the Yankees vs. the Dodgers or deer vs. hunters.

# The News-Review

## The Weather

Mostly cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Wednesday, with a few light showers starting to-night.

Sunset today 5:50 p. m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 6:14 a. m.

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## Gunfire, Death Shatter Calm In Coal Miners' Strike

### 3 Men Shot, Two Missing In Tennessee

#### Steel Strike Situation Quiet With Neither Side Making Move For Peace

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 4.—(AP)—Gunfire and death broke the brief calm in the strike-scarred mine fields as the twin strikes of 900,000 steel and coal workers ground on today at a staggering cost of more than \$30,000,000 a day.

Violence flared in Tennessee. A Virginia miner was killed in a rock fall. Pickets wrecked machinery at a Pennsylvania bituminous pit.

America's economy staggered and cranked in the wake of the two-prolonged pensions shutdown.

The United Mine Workers and southern operators gathered for new contract talks but nobody was doing anything official as yet to stop the four-day-old steel strike.

John L. Lewis' 400,000 soft coal diggers who work in the bowels of the earth east of the Mississippi have been strike-idle since Sept. 19. That's 16 payless days.

And 500,000 of Philip Murray's CIO steelworkers struck 95 per cent of the nation's steel mills and iron ore mines last Saturday.

Pensions are involved in both disputes.

#### Steel Strike Quiet

Steel picketing is orderly and (Continued on Page Two)

## Grand Jury Will Probe Barge Raid

THE DALLES, Ore., Oct. 4.—(AP)—A grand jury will consider indictments against raiders of the municipal dock here during last week's fracas over a barge-load of pineapple from Hawaii.

Circuit Judge Malcolm W. Wilkinson signed an order yesterday calling the grand jury into session Thursday.

Hawaiian Pineapple company representatives here said they were studying pictures of the attack for possible identification of participants.

Two AFL truck drivers were injured, trucks damaged, a crane was disabled and some of the canned pineapple cases were dumped into the Columbia river.

The Hawaiian company already has sued the CIO Longshoremen's union for \$40,000 for damage to the cargo and equipment.

## Klamath Railway Tie-Up Ended By Mediation

KLAMATH FALLS, Oct. 4.—(AP)—A mediation period truce has ended the month-long tie up of the Oregon, California and Eastern railroad, the little railway with a big name.

The 65-mile-long railroad within Klamath county has 13 employees. The dispute involves overtime pay claims, pay for an injured worker and rest periods between shifts.

G. W. Lange, spokesman for the Order of Railway Conductors, said the truce had been arranged with M. C. Anderson, Assistant Vice President of the Great Northern railroad. The small line is jointly owned by the Great Northern and the Southern Pacific.

The parent firms take turns operating the line between Bend and this city. Cargo is principally lumber and livestock.

The Ketchikan Chronicle said the court ruling is expected to cost the territory an estimated \$1,300,000 in revenue this year.

## Truman To Ask Doubling Of Atom Bomb Output

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Oct. 4.—(AP)—President Truman will ask Congress to double the nation's atom bomb production program as an answer to Russia's possession of that weapon, the Nashville Tennessean reported today.

Mr. Truman, at the request of the Atomic Energy commission, will ask for emergency funds before Congress adjourns, the paper said in a copyrighted Washington dispatch.

## OBEYS LORD'S EDICT

### 35-Year-Old Grid Loan Repaid

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oct. 4.—(AP)—An oldtimer came up with a new twist to the modern college routine of "athletic scholarships" here.

When Dr. C. C. Smith, president of Oklahoma City university, opened his mail yesterday, a postal money order for \$65 fell from the first envelope.

The accompanying note said: "I got a loan of \$60 to play football 35 years ago. I was talked into it. I got my shoulder broken. I didn't feel like I owed the money. But the Lord, said, 'Send \$65.' I have preached the gospel many years and do want to make heaven my home."

## W. Roseburg Sanitary Unit Vote Slated

West Roseburg residents face two choices—that of creating a sanitary district, or choosing an annexation to the City of Roseburg.

Thursday, Oct. 6, the election for the proposed sanitary district will be held at the Free Methodist church, corner of Harvard and Umpqua avenues, between the hours of 8 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Boundaries of the proposed sanitary district are similar to, but do not correspond exactly with those of the area proposed for annexation to the city.

Rowe, chairman of the unofficial West Roseburg Sanitary committee, today urged all West Roseburg residents to participate in Thursday's election. To ballot, all persons must be registered voters, he reminded.

If a sanitary district is formed, Rowe said, the committee hopes to cooperate with the North Roseburg Sanitary district, which has a tentative agreement with the Roseburg Veterans hospital to construct a sewage treatment plant on the hospital grounds. The West Roseburg district, if it is formed, would pay the proportionate share of operational costs.

#### Necessary Tax Available

Rowe said a recent survey conducted by James Howland, consulting engineer of Corvallis, shows that a sanitary district is "feasible"—that is property valuations in West Roseburg could stand the necessary tax levies to pay for sanitary improvements.

The next election scheduled for the West Roseburg area is the annexation election, dated Nov. 1 by the city council. An annexation election will also be held that day in Miller's addition and Sleepy Hollow tract, at the south end of the city.

If suburban residents approve annexation in the Nov. 1 election, an election will be dated later in the city to act on the administration of the suburban areas.

## Alaska's Fish Trap Tax Knocked Out By Court

JUNEAU, Alaska, Oct. 4.—(AP)—Federal Judge George W. Foltz threw out the new fish trap tax yesterday on grounds that it "infringed" on the operators' right to share equally in the Alaska fishery.

The tax, passed by the 1949 territorial legislature, was attacked by the P. E. Harris company, operators of three canneries, and 25 pile and floating traps in southeast and southwest Alaska, and by the Mutual Trap company, which operates three traps.

The Ketchikan Chronicle said the court ruling is expected to cost the territory an estimated \$1,300,000 in revenue this year.

## Hunter's Mistake In Shooting Costs Him \$300

DELAKE, Oct. 4.—(AP)—Mistaking a hunter for a deer cost Lyman Gaucher of Grand Ronde \$300 cash—an additional \$200 fine and a 60-day jail sentence were suspended.

Gaucher was charged with wounding W. C. Mair, Portland hunter, in the leg on the deer season's opening day. Justice A. E. McIntire levied the fine.

## Charges Will Confront Four In Jail Break

Escaping, Assault To Be Counts Filed By State; Two Men Still Uncaught

Charges of escaping from jail and assault will be filed against the four prisoners captured after their daring break from the county jail Friday night, District Attorney Robert G. Davis said.

Although Circuit Judge William G. East of Eugene will be here Friday, Davis said probably the arraignment of the prisoners will be delayed until Judge Carl E. Wimberly returns from a hunting trip.

Police are still looking for Larry Leslie Kerstine, 18, of Roseburg, and Chester William Clark, 30, of Stockton, Calif., who, with the four who were subsequently captured, beat and kicked Jailer Walter Wilson; found his keys and used the courthouse elevator to go down to the ground floor from the fourth-floor jail.

Wilson was released from Mercy hospital Monday. His condition was described by the hospital as "improved." He had suffered severe contusions of his abdomen and lacerations of his face and ears.

Captured Friday night, soon after their escape from the jail, were Carol Welton Hughes, 19, (Continued on Page Two)

## Sheriff Elliott Recall Vote Set

PORTLAND, Oct. 4.—(AP)—Multnomah County Sheriff Marion Elliott will have his political fate decided Oct. 21 in a special recall election.

A deadline provided the recall law for a voluntary resignation expired last night. The young Democratic official had said earlier that he had no intention of giving up his office without a fight against what he termed persecution by newspapers and political motives.

County Registrar of Elections James W. Gleason, who set the election date, said an unofficial check of the voter rolls indicated 108,923 democrats and 99,618 republicans were eligible for the balloting. Registration of new voters since Sept. 15, when it appeared almost certain Elliott faced a recall ballot, was led by Democrats. The majority party added 720 to the rolls; the Republicans 382.

The recall movement stemmed from disclosure that Elliott had misrepresented his qualifications for office when he campaigned last November. Dismissal of a Veteran's Crime bureau officer was the spark that set it off.

## Credit Corporation Here Announces Field Agent

Ralph Arensmeier, recently of Eugene, has accepted the position of field representative here for the Southern Oregon Production Credit corporation. Arensmeier was an accountant with Wallis's market at Eugene, and prior to that was with the Farm Security administration.

Mrs. Jessie Crenshaw, office manager of the Southern Oregon Production Credit corporation here, in announcing Arensmeier's appointment, said he is a Veteran and before the war was in the credit department of Meier and Frank's Portland. He is married and has two sons.

## Heavy Industry Unions OK Existing Pay Scales

PORTLAND, Oct. 4.—(AP)—Contractors and heavy industry AFL unions of Oregon and southwest Washington have agreed to extend existing pay scales through 1953. The present contract expires Dec. 31.

E. F. Harland, secretary of the AFL Allied Heavy and Highway Construction Crafts union, and A. H. Harding, manager of the Portland chapter, Associated General Contractors, jointly announced the agreement. They said minor adjustments in conditions were made, but declined to elaborate.

Some 10,000 workers and 120 contractors are parties to the contract.

## AIRPORT COSTS DETAILED

### Roseburg Must Put Up \$148,600 To Match Govt. Donations, Council Advised

Roseburg's municipal airport could be improved to meet minimum Civil Aeronautics administration requirements at a cost of \$320,741.87.

The preliminary estimate was contained in a report submitted by Engineer Ben B. Irving, along with a general map of the proposed airport, to the city council Monday. The proposed improvements, necessary to make the field available for scheduled airline service, are those suggested by the state regional representatives of the Civil Aeronautics administration.

Tentative CAA allocations for airport improvement in Oregon include \$121,000 for a new runway at Roseburg. However, according to information received by the city council, it is believed the CAA would provide proportionately larger matching funds. This would be on a basis of 56 percent by the CAA and 44 percent by the city of Roseburg for construction and legal and finance costs, and 25 percent by the CAA and 75 percent by the city on real estate.

On this basis the city of Roseburg would have to raise an estimated \$148,599.60 for the total proposed improvements, while the CAA would provide \$172,142.27.

The city council deferred action upon the report, since two councilmen were absent, but Mayor Albert G. Flegel said he would call a special meeting, possibly this week, for the purpose of determining whether or not to submit to the voters a bond issue proposal to finance the city's share of the cost.

#### Suggested Improvements

The improvements suggested include: Acquisition of property north of the present airport; improving the runway and landing strip by realigning the present runway; extending the length to (Continued on Page Two)

## Deer Hunter Dies Of Heart Attack

Louie Vernon Smith, 59, of Sutherlin, died of a heart attack while hunting in the Olalla district, reported Coroner Harry C. Stearns.

Smith had left his car and started up a long hill. When he got to the top he stopped to rest, but suffered an attack at this point, said Stearns.

Smith, a resident of the Sutherlin vicinity the last 50 years, was employed by the Ford Lumber company of Roseburg as a road builder. He worked in the Olalla area.

He was born at Hopewell, Ore., March 24, 1890. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Fay Smith; three sons and a daughter, Paul V. Smith of Portland, Lilly Jean, Louie V. and Timothy Smith, all of Sutherlin; three brothers, Sherman T. of Sutherlin and Ralph of Klamath Falls; and two sisters, Mrs. Melissa Pound, Oakland, and Mrs. Jessie Kaves, Eagle Rock.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p. m. at the Sutherlin Methodist church, with Rev. H. P. Scone officiating. Vault interment will be in the Fair Oaks cemetery. Stearns Mortuary, Oakland, is in charge.

## Strike Of Metal Miners In Idaho Region Upped

WALLACE, Idaho, Oct. 4.—(AP)—Two hundred more members of the CIO International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers union walked out in this metal mining area today.

Approximately 1,500 men have gone out on strike in the area in recent months. An additional 1,200 have been idled by shutdowns or curtailments due to low metals prices.

The men who quit today were employed at the Tamarack, Sherman Lead and Hercules properties of Daymines, Inc.

The union demanded a health and welfare plan, to be negotiated on a district wide basis. Operators offered to negotiate a plan on a plant basis.

## Truman Views Mock War Of Air, Ground Forces

FORT BRAGG, N. C., Oct. 4.—(AP)—Twenty thousand troops of the Fifth corps passed in review for President Truman and high army officials today. A mass drop of airborne infantry and light artillery ready for instant battle action was followed.

The President arrived by plane from Washington to witness a day-long program of airborne operations demonstrating the latest tricks in moving fully-equipped ground forces by air to capture an "airhead."

A main purpose of the demonstration was to give the President his first view of operations planned from lessons learned in the last war. The army made extensive preparations to impress the commander-in-chief, whose personal experience as an artillery officer dates back 31 years.

## Apple Growers Urge U. S. Haste To Bolster Market

PORTLAND, Oct. 4.—(AP)—Apple growers of six western states have appealed to the Federal government to start buying their fruit to bolster a sagging market.

Spokesmen for the growers asked Department of Agriculture aides yesterday to set up the program to buy at one price, regardless of size, grade or variety, so long as the fruit meets minimums of size 116 or larger, or 2 1/4 inch diameter and state fancy or U. S. No. 1 grade.



## IN SPY CHARGE—Joseph W. Weinberg (top), University of Minnesota professor was named as "Scientist X" and accused by the House Un-American Activities committee of passing wartime A-bomb secrets to a communist agent. Steve Nelson (below) was named by the committee as the communist agent "engaged in securing information regarding the atom bomb from 'Scientist X.'"

## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE steel industry is down (half a million men idle). The coal industry is down (four hundred-odd thousand men idle).

Coal is vital to the making of steel. Steel is vital to the making of nearly everything we use.

Without coal and steel, our modern civilization would collapse.

BECAUSE we have been taught to think that way, we think of the steel industry as owned by a few bloated plutocrats. I imagine a lot of us actually picture them unconsciously as wearing Prince Albert coats, plug hats and covering their ample tummies with loud checkered waistcoats.

That is the way the cartoonists have been picturing them for us for years, and these pictures stick in our minds.

REALLY, it isn't that way. The steel industry is owned by many, many people who have pooled their savings to provide the astronomical sums necessary to finance an industry as vast as (Continued on Page Four)

## State Employees May Sign Recall Petitions

SALEM, Oct. 4.—(AP)—State employees may sign recall petitions.

But, ruled Attorney General George Neuner, they can't circulate the petitions, nor circulate initiative or referendum petitions, nor actively engage in political campaigns.

The question was asked by the State Liquor commission.

## Timely Topics Discussed By Speakers At District Session In Roseburg Of B. P. W. Clubs

Sparkling observance of National Business Women's week, the Southern Oregon District Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs met at Roseburg Oct. 2 for their annual fall conference.

With Loraine Quillen of Klamath Falls as chairman, the meeting convened promptly at 9:30 a. m. in the auditorium of the Roseburg junior high school. Speakers included Charlene Edwards, president of the State Federation; Florence Barton, state program co-ordinator; Harriet Dasch, state public affairs chairman; Irene Taylor, of the Portland club; Laura York, state music and arts chairman; and Fern Trull, state international relations chairman.

"Business a and Professional Women's clubs are an action group, not a social group. We can stand for a lot if we stand on our own feet and voice our opinions," stated President Charlene Edwards in outlining plans for observance of National Business Women's week.

Emphasizing the necessity for alertness to national board decisions, she read correspondence between the Oregon State Federation and the National Federation relating to the official position in regard to socialized medicine.

Speaking on the theme for the 1949-50 B. P. W. C. program, "Boost Your Hometown; It Boosts You," Florence Barton outlined the work of the various committees in carrying out this theme.



STRIKERS PICKET CLOSED STEEL PLANT—Striking workers picketed the main gate of U. S. Steel's Homestead Works in Pittsburgh Pa. They carry signs stating their demands for pensions and insurance. Throughout the nation a half million CIO United Steelworkers were on strike. (AP Wirephoto).