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Heat Wave Scourges East

Death Toll 11, Prostrations Mount To 100

Date Records Broken In Scores Of Cities; Fringe Region Eased

By The Associated Press

A blanket of high-bracket heat covered half of the U. S. Thursday, but it was trimmed a bit along its western edge.

The torrid weather has resulted in 11 deaths in two days.

Records for the date were broken Wednesday in scores of cities. Many of them prepared for a repeat performance Thursday.

President Truman cancelled his news conference in Washington because of the heat. The meeting with newsmen has been set for 3 p. m. EST., but the temperature was expected to be around 99 at that time.

A record-breaking 98—maybe 100—was predicted for Baltimore, where about 100 cases of heat prostration or collapse were treated Wednesday.

The weather forecaster in New York City predicted the mercury would get close to 100. It was 92 at 10 a. m.

Relief For Chicago
Chicagoans had the promise of a break. A wind shift to the north, and a low of 66 Thursday night, were forecast.

Thermometers were about 10 degrees lower than on Wednesday in Iowa as the cool front advanced across the state.

Millions were limp from the hot and sticky weather. Night time brought little relief and it was difficult to sleep. Business slowed with a natural let-down by workers in the oppressive daytime heat.

The spell of hot dry weather threatened crops in some southern states, including Virginia and Arkansas. There has been less than one inch of rain in Richmond, Va., in June, which threatens to become the driest June in the city's history.

Celebrating Youth Gets Hot Reception

YOUNGSTOWN, O. — Two-year-old Ronald Galla of Youngstown has a blistered bottom Thursday, but not for the usual reason.

The youngster was celebrating his birthday in Wednesday's 104-degree heat with a dip in a wash-tub in his birthday suit.

When he got out of the tub, the pavement in the driveway was so hot it blistered the soles of his feet, so he sat down. His bottom got blistered too.

Cap Pistol Maneuver Brings Death To Boy

PORTLAND — Leon George Veenker, 12, rode in a truck Wednesday morning with 28 other children, planning a day of berry picking.

Near N. E. 158th Ave. and Sandy Boulevard, he took aim, with a cap pistol, at a bird. To get a better sight, he unhooked the door.

Four hours later, in Providence hospital, he died.

New Methodist Church Pastor In Roseburg Has Notable Record Of Religious, Community Service

Rev. Meredith A. Groves, new minister at the First Methodist Church of Roseburg, will preach his first sermon next Sunday. At the morning service the topic will be "Our Top Priority" and at the evening service, "Jabez Prayer."

For the past five years the Rev. Mr. Groves has been the minister at the First Methodist Church, Medford. During that time more than 1100 people have united with the church, and the membership has grown from 1102 to 1665. The church school is the largest in the Portland area of the Methodist Church. The enrollment is more than 1400 and the attendance averages 555. The church at Medford is completing a new addition to the church school temple, costing about \$125,000.

Before going to Medford, the Rev. Mr. Groves was minister at Seaside for seven years, when the new church there was built. He is active in the work of the Oregon Conference, having served the past four years as chairman of the board of education. He is a member of the District Church Location Committee, the Conference Relations Committee, the Board of Missions, and the Board of Trustees of Willamette University. He also takes an active interest in inter-church work. He is past president of the Medford Ministerial Association, a member of the Medford Board of Christian Education, and of the board of directors, Oregon Council of Churches. Active likewise in community work, he is a Rotarian, a former Kiwanian, a Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner, a member of the Eastern Star, the IOOF and the Grange.

The Groves has three children—Eugene, a senior in high school next year, and two married sons, Vernon Groves, a senior at Willamette University next year, and Meredith R. Groves, assistant minister at the First Methodist Church, Boise, Ida.

Mrs. Groves is also very active in the women's societies and interested in the work of the church. Mr. Groves is a cousin of Herbert Groves of Roseburg.



HELD IN FATAL AUTO PURSUIT — Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey, Hawkins of Dunsmuir, Calif., who are held at the county jail at Yreka, Calif., in connection with the fatal shooting of Clyde Jordan, also of Dunsmuir. Police found Jordan's bullet-riddled car two miles north of Weed. Sheriff Al Cottor said that Hawkins, a trucker, admitted chasing the car containing Jordan and Mrs. Hawkins and firing 14 shots at it. (AP Wirephoto).

Divorcee - Plotter Of Redfield Safe Theft Faces Penitentiary; Bedroom Bargain Plea Rejected

CARSON CITY, Nev. — The French divorcee who pleaded that she made a bedroom bargain with Millionaire La Vere Redfield to steal his \$1,500,000 safe, faces five to 10 years in prison for directing that fantastic burglary.

Briton Held For Giving Official Secrets To Red

LONDON — A magistrate's court Thursday committed William Martin Marshall, 24, a radio operator for the British Foreign Office, to trial on charges of slipping official secrets to a Russian Diplomat.

This is the same court, where Klaus Fuchs was convicted of betraying top atomic secrets to the Russians.

Fuchs is serving 14 years in prison. Marshall was denied bail and ordered held in jail until his trial.

Marshall once worked in Britain's Moscow embassy, where he described himself as a "misfit" and disgruntled with his work.

He was picked up in suburban Wandsworth Park with Pavel Kuznetsov, second secretary of the Soviet embassy in London. The Soviet diplomat was released on grounds of diplomatic immunity.

Execution Date Given Truman's Assailant

WASHINGTON — Aug. 1 was set Thursday as the execution date for Oscar Collazo, Puerto Rican who tried to kill President Truman nearly 20 months ago.

Collazo, unsuccessful in appeals from conviction of murder of a White House guard, was brought into U. S. district court and told of the time fixed for him to die in the electric chair.

Leo A. Rover, court-appointed chief counsel for Collazo, asked "for a little more time," but Judge Letts denied the plea.

Rover said friends of Collazo want to appeal to President Truman for clemency.

Widow Of Driver Loses Suit For Insurance

EUGENE — A Lane County jury Wednesday decided that the widow of a driver killed in an accident June 19, 1951, was not entitled to \$15,000 damages requested in a suit against the City of Eugene and a contractor.

The plaintiff, Elva Davidson, widow of John P. Davidson, had charged in her suit that the city and contractor W. H. Shields were negligent in providing barricades across a street where a bridge was being erected. Davidson was killed when his auto crashed into the bed of Amazon Creek.

While finding both the city and the Shields Construction Co. guilty of negligence, the jury declared that negligence on the part of Davidson ruled out the plaintiff's right to recover damages.

Attorneys for the defendants argued that Davidson was driving too fast and was under the influence of alcohol.

Grand Jury Of Douglas To Convene Next Week

The seven - person Douglas County Grand Jury was selected Wednesday and will probably convene next fall to consider criminal cases.

To serve on the Grand Jury are the following: Priscilla Darby, Argos Fisher, Bessie Campbell and Sasha Garrison, all of Roseburg; Edward Joyce, Camas Valley; Paul G. Athey, Sutherlin; and Stanley R. Nichols, Riddle.

Ike Going To Chicago To Direct Contest For GOP Nomination; Backer Claims 'Jig Up For Taft'

By The Associated Press

While one of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's aides said "the jig is up" for Sen. Robert A. Taft, another reported Thursday Eisenhower will go to the Republican convention to direct his campaign for presidential nomination.

The "jig is up" quote came from Eisenhower's campaign manager, Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., of Massachusetts, who flew to Denver for a conference with the retired five-star general.

It was quickly attacked by Taft's campaign manager, David Ingalls, who said bluntly: "It just isn't so."

Tennessee Sen. Estes Kefauver leads the Associated Press score-board of Democratic delegate strength with 246. Behind him are Sen. Richard Russell of Georgia with 116 and Mutual Security Administrator Averell Harriman with 95 1/2. It takes 616 to win.

Stevenson, ranked fourth with 31 1/2, came out of a Chicago hospital Wednesday after a minor operation and ran into a reporter's stock question: "Will you be available for a draft?" Instead of his usual I-am-running-only-for-governor, Stevenson said: "That remains to be seen."

Compensation Fixed For Condemned Land

A Circuit Court jury Wednesday fixed compensation of \$4,250 on 3.17 acres of property in the North Umpqua region, condemned by the County for highway relocation purposes.

Defendants in the suit, which came to trial this week, were Jacob and Gertrude Myers and Jack and Phyllis Myers. The property is located some six miles from Steamboat and condemned for relocation of the North Umpqua Highway.

The Myers had asked \$15,500 for the condemned land and \$10,000 damages to the remainder of the land.

Judge Carl E. Wimberly is expected to dismiss the jury of the May term of court following another condemnation suit today.

MORE AUTO SPEED

BRUGES, Belgium — A British designed jet engine automobile set a speed of 152.691 miles an hour in officially timed trials here Thursday. The experimental car burned a gallon of kerosene every six miles.

Police Officers, Troopers Unite In Hunt For Killer Of State Policeman Lowd

Police today were patrolling the Tiller-Trail area on the possibility an eccentric 67-year-old recluse may slip into Douglas County in evading a 50-man Jackson County search party.

The fugitive, George Dunkin, is being sought in connection with the ambush slaying of a state patrolman Tuesday.

The officer, Phil B. Lowd of Medford, attached to the game division, was shot in the head as he approached the man's cabin to investigate a disturbance. Another officer ducked behind a log to escape gunfire.

The shooting occurred near the head of Jackson County's Elk Creek, some six miles south of the Douglas County line.

State police said four officers were patrolling roads in Douglas County north of the Umpqua Divide and said there is a chance the fugitive may work north to escape the Jackson County manhunt.

The search fanned out today over a large area of the Umpqua Divide—boundary between Jackson and Douglas Counties—in the Rogue River National Forest.

Lt. Paul Morgan of the Medford State Patrol office, said some 50 men—state troopers, sheriff's deputies and others—were taking part in the search.

Dunkin is believed armed with a .30 caliber rifle and is considered dangerous.

Officers on the Douglas County side of the divide were advising residents of the area of the search.

Game Law Violator
Dunkin, a balding, diminutive rugged-looking miner who had lived alone in his cabin some 23 years, was wearing brown clothing with one sleeve of his shirt ripped off, officers said.

"He knows every trail and every foot of that country," Lt. Morgan said. Some five feet six inches tall, Dunkin has but two teeth left and weighs about 130 pounds.

He was arrested a year ago by the slain officer, and fined for illegal possession of venison.

He also had been questioned by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in connection with a series of incendiary fires in the region, police said.

Dunkin had been prospecting in the area for many years and had established several mining claims there.

Patrolman Lowd had been sent to arrest the recluse after Forest Service crews reported he had fired rifle shots over their heads following an argument.

An autopsy was being performed today at Medford on the dead officer.

MEDFORD — Armed men moved carefully through the timbered wilds 40 miles north of here Thursday in cautious search of a wily old prospector whose rifle killed a state patrolman Tuesday.

Civilian friends of the slain man, Patrolman Phil B. Lowd, 51, joined state police and sheriff's aides.

Tear gas was pumped into old mine tunnels.

The hunt of a prospector was George Dunkin, 67, a man known through the woods as an eccentric who was not to be crossed without expecting trouble.

"He has 'cabin fever,'" Police Capt. Paul Parson said. "He has lived in his cabin at the headwaters of Elk Creek 23 years." The expression "cabin fever" is sometimes used to describe those who are unbalanced after long periods of solitary life.

Move For Recall Election Revived

A five-person committee working for recall of Drain Justice Clarence Leonard, Wednesday began from scratch after a formal petition had been declared invalid.

The committee filed preliminary papers for the re-circulation of the petitions in the North Douglas District.

The filing was made by Dorothy Blomberg, Gladys M. Wickwire, Vernon N. Pouncey and George O. Meyer of Drain, and Edward F. Jones of Elkton.

The committee previously filed petitions bearing some 280 names, but the petitions had been found illegal because each name had not been notarized as to the circulator.

In the petition, the committee alleges that Justice Leonard "has not upheld the rights of his citizenry" and that he "has subjected the name of law and order to distasteful abuse among those living under police action."

A total of 265 signatures are necessary before the petitions can be certified and the recall readied. If and when the new petitions are certified, Leonard would be given five days to resign. If he refused the election would be held.

Levy Faint

By L. F. Reizenstein

In view of unpredictable weather, it might be wise for the Sheriff's posse, in planning rodeos, to also prepare an alternate program in the form of a regatta.

Critical Housing Designation Put On Roseburg Area To Spur Construction Of More Homes

The government acted today to ease the home shortage in Roseburg by declaring it a "critical housing area."

This move was expected to spur private home construction by easing loan restrictions and down payments for housing.

The designated critical area, including Roseburg itself, was set by the Defense Production Administration to include the following precincts:

Brown, Edenbower East 1 and 2, Edenbower West 1 and 2, Garden Valley, Green, Mill, Parrott and Wilbur.

Government officials indicated their main reason for the critical designation in this area was to try to boost plywood production.

They hoped additional low-cost housing would attract more skilled workers in this area so present plywood plants could increase their output.

Plywood is considered a critical defense material and efforts to boost its production have been studied by the DPA.

The agency considers plywood mill employees as defense workers and thus eligible for government help in obtaining adequate housing facilities.

Another Douglas County city, Reedsport, was declared a critical housing area last week.

Civic officials here were cautious in estimating the effects of the government action. Several indicated the government action may precede an attempt to place rent controls in force in Douglas County again. Controls were taken off two years ago.

Restrictions Waived To Up Timber Salvage

PORTLAND — The Bureau of Land Management will waive restrictions in an attempt to salvage more timber from Western Oregon forests this year.

The bureau estimates there is as much as a billion board feet of salvageable timber in the area, some of it blown down by winds of the past two years, some of it damaged by fire, and some killed by bark beetles.

The bureau puts the timber up for sale. There is a restriction normally for the buyers: They must mill it in the river district where the timber grew.

This year, however, the bureau said that if the timber is not sold within the marketing area it may be sold within 90 days without re-advertising to a company outside the marketing area.

Busted GI Assigned To Stenographer Job

MONTEREY, Calif. — That sergeant who was court-martialed and busted for writing Gen. Mark Clark an insolent letter soon will be writing letters for Clark's command.

C. Dean Chase, now a private first class, has his orders assigning him to the Far East theater as a stenographer.

After General Clark repudiated some promises made under duress to rioting Reds at Koje Island prison in Korea, Chase wrote the general his action was "repugnant and disgraceful."

The Salt Lake City soldier was convicted of disrespect for a superior officer.

Oregon Presbyterians Plan 5 New Churches

PORTLAND — The Oregon Presbyterian Synod was told Wednesday that at least five new churches for the state are planned from money to be raised in the Presbyterian building fund campaign.

The Rev. Paul Wright, chairman of the Oregon campaign, said \$91,051 of the state's \$199,058 quota had been pledged. The value of the churches will exceed the state's contribution, he said.

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He tells the reporters at a news conference that he sees no great difference in principle between him and the general on either foreign or domestic issues.

Thank you, senator. I think that is a fine gesture on your part, matching General Eisenhower's statement at Albion that he will support any candidate the Republican party is likely to nominate, assuming that the platform is one that he can go along with.

Personally, I don't take much stock in this "split" talk. It isn't improbable, of course, that some disgruntled politicians, failing to get what they want for themselves, will go home and sulk in their tents. But we must remember that while the professional politicians are big stuff up to and including the conventions they don't amount to much once the conventions are over and the chips are down.

The common, ordinary voters (Continued on page four)

Eugene Motorist Hurt As Auto Hits Ditch

Clarence Leroy Melton, Eugene, received serious head and chest injuries Wednesday when the car he was driving left the road a mile south of Winston on Pacific Highway and traveled 300 feet in a ditch, according to Oregon State Police.

Melton was reported in serious condition today at Myrtle Creek Hospital.

POINTERS NIPPED
ALBANY, N.Y. — Pointed story: A truck driver stopped at a downtown street corner to ask directions.

Samuel Williams raised his right hand to point.

A dog seated in the cab of the truck stuck his head out of the window and nipped Williams' index finger.

The Weather

Mostly sunny today and Friday except for morning cloudiness.
Highest temp. for any June 106
Lowest temp. for any June 35
Highest temp. last 24 hours 67
Lowest temp. last 24 hours 57
Precip. last 24 hours trace
Precip. from June 1 1.24
Precip. from Sept. 1 36.22
Excess 3.93
Sunset today, 8:57 p. m. DST
Sunrise tomorrow, 5:34 a. m. DST