

Armistice Chance Poorer Than Ever -- Van Fleet



PASSES 'HAM' TEST—Leonard Ross, 7, concentrates on his dots and dashes as he passed the Federal Communications Commission test for a radio operator's license at Los Angeles. He got the novice class permit with a score of 85, correctly answering such questions as "What is meant by a parasitic oscillation?" An examiner said Leonard is the youngest operator he's certified in 35 years with the commission. (AP WIREPHOTO)

NO MENACE TO U. S.

'Flying Saucers' So Far Investigated Pronounced Just Natural Phenomena

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force says it's still checking into flying saucer reports, but it's certain of one thing: The saucers — whatever they are — don't seem to be a menace to the United States. Most of the sightings traced to date have turned out to be natural phenomena.

Training Dated On Explosives

A two-day course for training of explosive reconnaissance agents in Douglas County in connection with civil defense will be held Aug. 18 and 19 at the County Courthouse, it was announced today.

Col. M. Crawford (ret.) director of Civil Defense activities for Roseburg, said representatives from all law enforcement agencies in the counties will be asked to attend. The volunteers will be trained in the location, verification, marking and reporting of incidents involving explosives.

Training will be limited primarily to city, county and state police officers and representatives of state and federal forestry organizations.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

General Eisenhower will go to Los Angeles next Tuesday to address the national encampment of Veterans of Foreign Wars. His campaign aides say his speech will be brief — and entirely non-political.

I suppose by "non-political" they mean he won't laud the Republicans and berate the Democrats. Anyway, I hope so. I know that is the accepted pattern, but I feel in my bones that this is a different kind of campaign.

The time, I think, the people of this country will be sizing up General Eisenhower and Governor Stevenson and saying to themselves: "Which of these men will be most likely to give us the kind of government that will be BEST FOR THE MOST OF US in the difficult days that lie ahead of our country?"

Maybe I'm wrong, but that is the thought that seems to be uppermost in the minds of most of the people I talk to.

"But," you may say, "what of the PLATFORMS? Don't they lay down the POLICIES? Isn't it the job of each candidate to convince us that the policies of his party, as outlined in the platform, are RIGHT and the policies of the other party are WRONG? Isn't that the BIG thing?"

Tell me this:

Did you read the platform of either party? All the way through, I mean. Carefully enough to discover the difference between them?

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The Weather

Fair and warm today and Thursday. Highest temp. for any July 104. Lowest temp. for any July 40. Highest temp. last 24 hours 89. Lowest temp. last 24 hours 61. Precip. last 24 hours 0. Precip. from July 1 38.27. Excess from Sept. 1 5.55. Sunset today, 8:38 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow, 6:02 a.m. DST

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Labor Dispute Closes Plywood Plant

Conference Attempting Settlement

Fir Manufacturing Co., Myrtle Creek, Union In Split Over Contract

Officials of Fir Manufacturing Co. at Myrtle Creek and top union officials were negotiating there today to try to settle a labor dispute which has kept the company's plywood plant closed since last Thursday.

Members of Myrtle Creek local 217, Lumber and Sawmill Workers (AFL), have remained off the job pending settlement of their claim that a grievance clause in their contract has been violated.

The dispute involves about 350 workers in the big plywood plant.

A union spokesman called the shutdown a "lockout" and plant officials declare it is a "walkout."

The closure was touched off six days ago in a dispute over patch-cutting operations at the plant, but stems from a long series of differences between the union and management over working conditions, officials said.

Accord Predicted

J. D. McCann, executive vice president of Umpqua Plywood Corp., which operates the plant, and other company officials were in a session this morning with the shop committee of the local and international officers of the union.

Both sides indicated they believed "something constructive" will come from their meeting today. Negotiating for Local 217 were Thomas G. Bryant, financial agent of the union, Gerry Ausmus and William Gwynn. Assisting them were John Gambin, president of the Northwest Council of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union (AFL), Mark Bailey, Homer Haney and Victor Kraal. The latter group is all international officers of the union.

Firmco officials declared in a statement today that many labor "conditions in the plant were improved."

Log Trucker Escapes Injury In Load Upset

Fred Burchett, Glendale, had a narrow escape Tuesday afternoon when a log truck he drives for G. E. Newman logging operations overturned near the Glendale Junction Store.

The trailer tipped, throwing the entire truck and its load of logs over on its side. Burchett was shaken up, but uninjured.

Site of the accident was a "u" turn about an eighth of a mile north of the store on the old Highway 99.

Flagpole Sitter Naps As Thieves Peel Safe

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — The flagpole sitter slept peacefully on her perch 35 feet above, while thieves slogged away at a safe in the office of a drive-in theater.

Laverne Lamb, sitting as a promotion stunt, later shouted down to police that she hadn't heard the yeggs who hammered the safe open and escaped with \$2,372.

"I didn't hear a thing," she said. "I need my sleep, you know."

Eventful Two Days' Program Of Mel Venter And His Gang Will Spark Centennial Plans

"Mel Venter Day" in Roseburg will be touched off Friday morning with the arrival of Venter and his Breakfast Gang at the Rose Hotel about 10:30.

Friday has been proclaimed Venter Day by Mayor Albert G. Flegel.

The Breakfast Club group, which will include some 15 persons, will arrive in Eugene aboard the Cascade and then travel to Roseburg by chartered bus.

The gang will be welcomed at the Hotel Rose by Lyle Penner, publicity chairman of the Douglas County Centennial, and by LeRoy Hiatt, manager of station KNRN.

Later Friday, Venter and the gang will go to Junior High School to prepare for the Centennial broadcast show that afternoon at 2:30.

The place of the two Friday Venter events has been changed from the Senior to the Junior High School.

COMEBACK MADE

North Umpqua Run of Spring Chinook Noted

PORTLAND (AP) — The North Umpqua River's spring Chinook salmon run is making a comeback the State Game Commission reported Wednesday.

In 1947 the run at the Winchester Dam counting station totaled only 2,994. This year the spawn of that 1947 run came back to the river and through July 15 the tally had reached 4,409.

Last year, the commission reported, there was a 49 per cent increase over the parent run.

There is a big steelhead run on, the report indicated, with 2,650 counted at the Winchester station in mid-July, the biggest total on record.

Listing Of Bean Pickers Starts

Registrations are now being taken by the Oregon State Employment Service for bean pickers in the Roseburg-Myrtle Creek areas, reports Manager George Foster.

From 1000 to 1200 persons will be needed to pick some 100 acres of beans being produced by 12 to 15 growers.

Larger fields are located in the Dillard, Winston and Garden Valley areas, as well as some fields around Myrtle Creek.

Picking is scheduled to get underway soon after Aug. 1. Registrants, to the extent possible, will be assigned to the fields of their choice, according to Foster.

The farmers recently agreed upon a 25-cent per pound for picking with a quarter cent additional bonus for staying through the season.

Recent reports are that the crop is heavy but slightly later in maturing than last year. The beans are all under contract for shipment to Pauls Bros., Salem.

Two Youths Jailed For Scaring Motorists

State Police reported today two Pennsylvania youths who were frightening motorists by pretending they had a gun and backfiring their auto on Pacific Highway Tuesday night are being held in Douglas County jail on charges of disorderly conduct.

Officers said Harland Zettlemoyer, 20, New Tripoli, Pa., was driving the car when the muffler blew off. He discovered the auto would backfire when the switch was flipped on and off.

His companion, Benjamin Franklin Dietrich, 18, Kempton, Pa., pointed a small tube at passing cars, police said, while Zettlemoyer backfired the auto. Many motorists were frightened before the two were arrested at Drain, police reported.

GRASS FIRE CALL

The Rural Fire Department truck answered a call to a grass fire in the vicinity of Barcus Sales & Service at 11 a.m. today, when a trash fire got out of hand. There was no damage reported.

Two Grade Schools Given New Status

Winchester, Wilbur Classes Are Revised; Glide Pupils Get Nod

Winchester will become a lower and Wilbur an intermediate grade school this fall.

The Roseburg District 4 board of education approved a proposal from Superintendent M. C. Deller Monday night that will send first, second and third grade students from the two areas to Winchester, and fourth, fifth and sixth graders to Wilbur. Seventh and eighth grade pupils will travel to the Roseburg Junior High School.

Reasons given for the move are that it's more desirable from an educational standpoint to have only one grade in a room, and that physical educational facilities for older students are limited at Winchester.

Also moving will be three overflow classes from Riverside. A third grade group will go to Winchester; a fifth and sixth to Wilbur. These three will come from the Cloverdale area.

If both Winchester and Wilbur were to each carry six grades, the largest number in any one class, according to February figures, would be 16. The lowest would be 7. With the division into lower and intermediate schools, the least number of pupils will be 19, with 29 the highest.

Winchester has four classrooms. Wilbur five, with a cafeteria that could be used for a sixth.

The Edenbower School will continue to handle two fourth grade overflow classes from Riverside.

School Shop Plans Okayed

Plans for the new Senior High School shop building have been approved by the State Department of Education, the County Health Officer and the State Board of Health, according to a report from Deller. Specifications and drawings are complete. Bids open on Aug. 5.

Glide pupils will be admitted to Roseburg High schools this year only on special consideration of the board, members decided. Formerly, Glide students have paid tuition. Since the Glide high school

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Wind-Thrown Timber Bought

Umpqua Plywood Corp. bought 8,670,000 board feet of beetle-infested, wind-thrown timber on Cavitt Creek, near the South Myrtle Creek Road, for \$150,843.15 in four Umpqua National Forest timber sales Monday afternoon.

The highest price per thousand was reached in the fourth sale, with fir bringing \$25.30 and hemlock, \$5.10. This totaled \$26,862 for 1,540,000 board feet.

In the first sale Douglas fir brought \$24.40, hemlock and other species, \$3.25 on 4,360,000 board feet, making a total of \$72,967. In the second, 1,770,000 board feet sold for \$24.35 and \$4.15, totaling \$31,589.65. The third saw 1,000,000 board feet go for \$25.25 and \$4.10, bringing \$17,424.50.

Umpqua Plywood had no competition for the timber.

In addition to the stumpage collected on the sales, the Forest requires each operator to pay 25 to 35 cents per thousand for use in replanting the area after logging. This is a customary practice.

Directors For Pageant Episodes Announced

Directors of two of the five episodes of the Douglas County Centennial Pageant were announced today by Director Horace Robinson.

Georgene Shanklin, Roseburg, a University of Oregon music school graduate, will handle No. 2 — the "Indian Episode." Mrs. Harrie Booth, Roseburg, is director of Episode 5, which depicts modern Douglas County.

Penitentiary Terms Meted Two Youths

Two Roseburg youths were given two-year penitentiary sentences Tuesday by Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly on charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

One of them, Robert Kay Hansen, 18, 645 E. Commercial St., was placed on probation. The other is Richard Allen Connolly, 20.

Both had pleaded guilty on prior arraignment in Circuit Court.



'KANDY KID' — Lyle Lewis

(above), 23, described as the U.S. Marines "Kandy Bar Kid" who stalks Communists behind the lines in Korea, sometimes to a depth of two miles, takes along three candy bars as his rations while on missions lasting as long as 40 hours.

His father, L. D. Lewis of Tacoma, Wash., said as a youth he stalked deer in the woods and always carried a ration of candy bars. Lyle's wife and three children reside with his father. (AP Wirephoto)

Fire Situation In Various Spots Reported Eased

Douglas Forest Protective Association at latest report had brought under control a 25-acre fire in the southern part of the county.

The blaze started in the George E. Newman logging operations near Glendale at 5:18 p.m. Tuesday and spread rapidly in slash.

With the aid of loggers, the fire area was trailed, and, although it was spotted outside at one time during the night, the fighters were able to bring it under control at 5 a.m. today.

The fire which started in grass and brush in the north part of Roseburg Monday afternoon is still burning far to the north of the city and outside the Rural Fire District, reports, Fire Chief William E. Mills.

Tuesday the flames were again lapping within the city limits on Sixth Street and in the rural district near Youngs Bay Lumber Co., but trails and back fires were successful in preventing further spread of the flames in those directions.

The fire to the north apparently is causing no damage, as there is no timber to be burned nor homes being threatened. It will probably burn itself out in that area, predicts Mills.

While out of the jurisdiction of the Douglas Forest Protective Association, also, the fire is being closely watched in case it should spread beyond control. No estimate is available of the acreage the two-day-old blaze has covered, but it is considerable.

The Forest Protective office still has a considerable number of men on patrol duty near the west county line near the Williams River burn area. This fire in Coos County, at latest reports is under control but is being watched closely against possible sudden outbreaks.

General Grow Found Guilty In Diary Case

Censure, Suspension Penalty For Secrets Stolen By Soviet Spy

FT. MEADE, Md. (AP) — The American general who was reported by the Russians to have kept a diary advocating a hit-and-run war with the Soviet Union has been convicted of letting his diary fall into Communist hands.

Technically, Maj. Gen. Robert W. Grow was found guilty by a court martial Tuesday of two offenses: Jotting down military secrets in his personal diary and failing to safeguard classified data.

He was sentenced to a reprimand, which will count against future promotion, and suspension from command for six months.

Maximum penalty would have been five years confinement, discharge, and forfeiture of pay and allowances.

The hush-hush week-long trial before eight generals was so secret that even now the actual evidence against Grow, 57-year-old hero of two World Wars, has not been made public. Newsmen were even forbidden to contact those involved.

What his diary really contained also is veiled in secrecy.

But if propaganda Russia poured out last year to bolster war-mongering charges against the United States is correct, the diary said in part:

"War! As soon as possible! Now! . . . The time is ripe for a blow this year (1951) . . . We must learn that in this war it is fair to hit below the belt. We must understand that this war is total war and is fought with all weapons."

Early last year Grow was a military attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow. He went to Frankfurt, Germany, on official business.

While there, a Russian spy allegedly crept into his room during his absence, stole his diary, photographed it, and then returned it.

The Soviet agent turned photographic copies of the diary over to Richard Seidman, described as a British writer, who used them in a book entitled "On the Path to War."

Russia used the book as ammunition for a propaganda barrage, hammering home the Communist theme that the U.S. wanted war.

Drain Awards Contract For School Rooms Job

A \$35,911 contract has been awarded to Youel & Huffman, Eugene, for construction of three classrooms in two additions to the Drain elementary schools.

Construction will start immediately.

Other bidders for the contract were Industrial Building Co., Eugene, \$64,600, and E. A. Shannon, Roseburg, \$67,808.

Architects are Wilmsen & Enfield, Eugene.

Minor Blaze Sunday At Glendale Sawmill

The All-4 Lumber Co. mill north of Glendale on Highway 99 was the scene of a minor blaze Sunday afternoon.

The fire was reported to the Capitol Saw Shop by a passing motorist. Clyde Marriott, proprietor of the shop, reported the blaze to Fire Marshal Joe Grey, then rushed to the mill with a portable fire pump.

The fire was extinguished before serious damage was done.

North Korea Red Strength Said Million

Enemy Believes Allies Won't Attack To Force Truce, General States

By ROBERT B. TUCKMAN

SEOUL, Korea (AP) — Gen. James A. Van Fleet said Wednesday there is less chance for an armistice in Korea than ever before.

The U.S. Eighth Army commander told a news conference the prospect for an armistice is in direct proportion to the amount of military pressure put on the Communists and that the Communists believe the United Nations forces will not attack to force a truce.

He said the Reds "still have the capability of striking at any point with considerable surprise."

But he added they have been "thinning out their front line strength quite a bit over a period of many weeks" to the point where it is "thinner than ever before."

He said their reasons for doing so were:

1. Floods.

2. U.N. close air support of infantry attacks.

3. Pressure on the ground by the Eighth Army.

4. Lack of supplies in the Communist forward areas.

5. Threat of a U.N. amphibious offensive.

6. A Communist decision that the U.N. forces will not attack and that there will not be an armistice.

Reds Can Wait It Out

Armistice talks at Pannunjom are in recess until Sunday.

Van Fleet told newsmen that the Communists were "in a position of readiness to wait out a war."

"Whether this is connected with an armistice or not is anybody's guess," he said.

Van Fleet said although the Reds had "thinned out" their frontlines, they still had almost a million men in North Korea. He continued:

"The Reds 'needed and wanted' an armistice in June and again in November of last year when they were 'in bad shape' but after they got through the winter, they became 'bold' and a 'tough trader' at the armistice conference table."

"Recent trends indicate less of a chance for an armistice than ever before," Van Fleet asserted.

MUNSAN, Korea (AP) — The Communists Wednesday suggested a possibly significant change in the wording of the proposed Korean armistice document now under study by staff officers of both sides.

It dealt with a paragraph relating to war prisoners. The issue of

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Drain Schedules N. Douglas Fair

Plans are being formulated for the annual North Douglas County Fair, which will be held in Drain Friday and Saturday, Sept. 12 and 13.

President of the Fair Board is Harry Cool Sr. of Drain. Jake Wilson of Yoncalla is again secretary. Board members are Edna Miller of Hayhurst, Andy Anderson of Elkton, Anna Kruse of Yoncalla, and Mrs. Roy Johnson of Smith River.

The queen will be selected from Elkton this year, with princesses being chosen from the senior class of high schools in Drain and Yoncalla. The Yoncalla Lions Club and the Civic Club will sponsor the Yoncalla princess.

The finance committee was given \$500. However, \$332.97 was reported held over from last year. The Yoncalla Saddle Club will have charge of the parade and livestock show; North Douglas Farm Bureau, grain and seed; Umpqua Farm Bureau, vegetables and fruit; Sunnydale Grange, floral; Lar Club, sewing, arts and crafts; Scotts Valley Willing Workers Club, baked goods; Hayhurst Community Club, dairy products and home canning.

The Fair board will have booths: Drain Lions Club, sports; Bill Cool Jr., concessions; Mrs. M. Deavers, publicity; Veterans of Foreign Wars, Queen's Ball; Roy Jones, Speed, Holmes and Jim Bush, financial committee.

Local BLM District Adds Five New Aides

Five new forestry aides were recently employed by the Roseburg district of the Bureau of Land Management.

They are Jimmie Hart, Kenneth Mak and Richard Thompson, graduates of the University of California; Patrick Barden, from Montana State University, and David Olson, from Michigan State.

The district is expanding its staff to care for increased sales of salvage timber.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

This appears to be the season when prominent old-timers are either fading away or are being tossed into the discard, but a notable exception is ageless Satchel Paige, who is still firing 'em at the batters in major league baseball.