

LIGHTNING STARTS UMPQUA FOREST FIRES



PROTEST—Firmly biting his cigar, unidentified cripple who said he believes in a free America, rips sign from a picket's back in Akron, O. The picket, a member of the A.F.L. Vending Machine Service Employees Local 410, which is attempting to force music box operators to join the union, was picketing a cafe operating a non-union serviced juke box. (NEA Telephoto)

MONTH-LONG DROUGHT

Massachusetts, Connecticut
Farm Losses Reach Millions;
Dixie States On Disaster List

BOSTON (AP) — Gov. Paul A. Dever closed the woods in eight Eastern Massachusetts counties Thursday as a month-long New England drought continued.

The governor's action came as it appeared no appreciable rain was in sight.

Western Style
Greeting Awaits
Mel Venter Gang

When Mel Venter and his Roseburg Friday morning, indications are they'll be greeted in rip-roaring Western style.

Mayor Albert G. Fliegel has already proclaimed Friday "Mel Venter Day."

But rumors are rampant that additional "honors" are to be bestowed on the Breakfast Club group.

Much depends on whether the group appears in old-fashioned beards and pioneer dress, officials indicated. If they don't, there's no telling what might happen.

The Venter gang is slated to appear at three events this weekend starting with the special Centennial show Friday afternoon at 2:30 in the Junior High School.

Both Friday events have been moved to the Junior High School from the Senior High School.

Part of the Friday afternoon show will be taped for rebroadcast over the network Breakfast Club show Saturday morning. Several ladies will get orchids, while

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Politics: Senator Dirksen, of Illinois, and Senator Butler, of Nebraska, high brass supporters of Senator Taft in the pro-convention campaign, have come over into the Eisenhower camp and announce that they are ready to go to work.

Don't pay too much attention to the professionals in this political campaign — which is DIFFERENT. You'll be better pleased with yourself if you follow YOUR OWN hunches.

The professionals have to be consistent. They have to CONFORM. The first rule of professional politics is that you'll get further by sticking with your own crowd.

The professionals have to follow that rule. You don't. Be yourself this time and follow your instincts.

By the way, what is a "hunch"? The dictionary defines it as "a strong, intuitive impression." Many of our better psychologists urge us to PAY ATTENTION to our hunches—which, they say, are

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The Weather

Fair and warm today and Friday with some afternoon cloudiness.

Highest temp. for any July	104
Lowest temp. for any July	40
Highest temp. last 24 hours	92
Lowest temp. last 24 hours	61
Precip. last 24 hours	0
Precip. from July 1	0
Precip. from Sept. 1	38.27
Excess	5.55
Sunrise today, 8:36 a.m.	
Sunrise tomorrow, 8:03 a.m. DST	

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Six Swedish Red Aides Of Russia Penalized

Prison Terms
Range To Life
For LeadersDefense Secrets Turned
Over To Soviet Embassy
In Return For Money

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Six Swedish Communists were convicted Thursday of selling vital defense secrets to Russia and two were sentenced to life imprisonment at hard labor. A seventh was acquitted.

The Swedish government charged them with turning over to the Russians full details of their country's northern defenses against any Russian attack across neighboring Finland.

Fritiof Enbom, 33-year-old confessed mastermind of the Soviet spy ring, and his chief accomplice, Jugo G. Jersvold, both drew life terms at hard labor. The ring leader's younger brother, Martin Enbom, drew a seven-year sentence. Others convicted and sentenced were:

Arthur Karlsson, 42, a Communist member of the town council of Halmstad in South Sweden. Karlsson, who arranged the elder Enbom's contact with Soviet embassy officials, received one year and eight months imprisonment.

Fingal Larsson, 40, railway worker, whom the government accused of sending regular reports to Enbom on railway security measures. He drew five years at hard labor.

Girl Friend Included

Lillian Ceder, 31, Fritiof Enbom's girl friend, whom police charged operated a shortwave transmitter Enbom received from the Russians. She was given eight months but the court ruled the three months she has spent in custody since her arrest would count in this period.

The seventh accused member of the ring, acquitted for lack of proof, was Tage Rickstrom, 37, a clerk in the Army Fortification Construction Bureau.

The Enbom brothers and Gersvold confessed. The elder Enbom, an editor and agitator, said he had collected military and industrial information for the Russians for six years, turning it over to Soviet embassy officials in return for cash.

He admitted giving the Soviets data on Sweden's strongest modern fortress, near Boden, 75 miles from the Finnish border. Other information collected included maps of secret military roads, forests and field fortifications, locations of transformer stations, ammunition and fuel dumps, and up-to-date lists of armaments and military equipment.

Gen. MacArthur Takes
Remington Rand Post

NEW YORK (AP) — General of the Army Douglas MacArthur Thursday accepted the chairmanship of Remington Rand, Inc., manufacturers of business machines and electronics equipment.

His acceptance was announced by James H. Rand, president, who said the post had been offered MacArthur nearly three years ago.

The company made no mention of the general's salary as chairman, but it was previously reported unofficially he had been offered \$100,000 a year.

A company spokesman indicated the general will retain his Army rank, on an unpaid basis.

SEATTLE (AP) — Air Force chief of staff Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg says he doesn't believe there is such a thing as a flying saucer.

"They are not machines flown by men from Mars, nor from any foreign powers," Vandenberg told reporters Wednesday. "Nor does the Air Force or any U.S. Military agency have a flying saucer."

Vandenberg added the Air Force has investigated all reports received since the end of World War II "and never has found anything to substantiate existence of such things."

**\$50,000 Fire Destroys
Sawmill Near Yamhill**

YAMHILL (AP) — The Stiller Brothers sawmill near here was destroyed by fire Wednesday night. Charles Stillier, a partner, told firemen that the flames spread from a spark which touched off boards on the mill's oil-soaked floor.

He estimated the loss at \$50,000 but said it would cost \$80,000 to replace the all-electric mill which had a daily capacity of 25,000 board feet of lumber.

BOY SWIMMER DROWNS

PORTLAND (AP) — Carl Albert Krittenger, 14, of Sandy drowned in the Sandy River at Dodge Park Wednesday.

He was swimming with friends when he went under. One of them, Dennis Snelten, 15, also of Sandy, pulled him out. Resuscitation efforts were fruitless.

Negotiations
In Mill Strike
Make Progress

Officials of Myrtle Creek Lumber Co., 217, Lumber and Sawmill Workers (AFL), reported today they were "making progress" in negotiations with the management of Fir Manufacturing Co. to end the dispute which shutdown the plywood plant a week ago.

Top international officers of the mill workers and members of the local shop committee were holding a round table conference this morning to discuss the outcome of Wednesday's negotiating session with management.

The shutdown has idled 350 workers in the plywood plant. There were indications from both sides that the negotiations had reached a "crisis stage" in the dispute over working conditions.

Union officers were expected to offer new proposals at another meeting with mill executives today.

Bid For Harbor
Plywood Concern
Allowed To Drop

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — An offer on behalf of the Georgia-Pacific Plywood Co. to buy the Harbor Plywood Corp. of Aberdeen, Wash., has been withdrawn and will not be renewed, Owen Cheatham, Georgia-Pacific president, says in a report to stockholders.

All negotiations have been terminated "due to subsequent developments," the report said.

The purchase offer was made last month through Blyth & Co. Inc., Pacific Coast investment securities firm. Harbor's directors, however, rejected the proposal and voted not to submit it to stockholders.

Business sources at Seattle said the "subsequent developments" mentioned by Cheatham might be a decision by Georgia-Pacific to make a more economical use of the huge stand of timber it acquired through purchase of the C. D. Johnson Lumber Corp. in Oregon last year.

Such a move would call for construction of a new "green veneer" mill at Toledo, Ore., to process the Johnson tract timber for shipment to the firm's Olympia-area plant for finishing into plywood.

Rural Fire Department
Again Called By Blaze

The Rural Fire District truck was called out again Wednesday about 8 p.m. to the Cloverdale vicinity to check the spread of flames in that district from the grass and brush fire burning since Monday afternoon north of the city.

The fire started near W. First Street and spread rapidly eastward, threatening homes in the north part of the city, then swept up the hillside. It is still smoldering in sections over a wide expanse of grass and brush, but is causing no damage, according to the Roseburg Fire Department.

TWO FREED OF CHARGE

Charges of petty larceny involving alleged theft of gasoline against two men, James Wheelock and Ernest Fisher, have been dismissed in district court on recommendation of the district attorney's office.

Masons Buy
Building Next
To TempleLodge Plans Expansion
To Better Meet Needs
Of Fraternal Bodies

Masonic Laurel Lodge No. 13 of Roseburg has purchased the Parslow Building at 111 N. Jackson St., adjoining the Masonic Temple, to expand lodge facilities, it was announced today.

The second floor of the building will be remodeled to provide a large kitchen and dining room for the Masonic lodge and its affiliated bodies, lodge officials said.

Curtis Brothers Furniture Store (formerly Josse's) now occupies the lower floor of the building, which has 40 feet of frontage on Jackson street.

Ray B. Compton, chairman of the lodge building committee, said the store will continue to occupy the building until Dec. 31, when both the upper and lower floors will be remodeled.

In January, a concern doing a national business will take over the lower floor, Compton said.

"We hope ultimately to build a third floor on the building to provide a second lodge meeting room, Compton said.

Expansion Imperative

He said expansion of lodge facilities was necessary because of the recent rapid growth of the Roseburg Masonic body. Masonic and affiliated groups using Masonic Temple at present include three bodies of the York Rite, the Order of the Scottish Rites, the Order of Eastern Star, Amaranth, Order of DeMolay and Job's Daughters.

The Masonic Temple was occupied by the lodge in 1910. The contract price for the sale of the Parslow Building was reported to be \$75,000.

Members of the lodge building committee included Compton, M. C. Bowker, N. D. Johnson, John E. Runyan and A. A. Wilder.

Art Association
Exhibit Now Open

As an added feature of a jam-packed pre-Centennial weekend, the Roseburg Art Association's display of paintings having historical significance, opened today at the Library Park.

The exhibit, opening each day at 10 a.m., continues until 9 o'clock tonight and Friday, and closes Saturday at 5:30. There is no admission charge, and the public is invited to attend, the association announces.

The Centennial board of directors has endorsed the showing and is sponsoring a booth where celebration souvenirs may be purchased.

Lithographs, paintings, drawings, ceramics and weavings will be exhibited.

Glendale Residents Get
City Water Meters

Water meters are being installed in Glendale, reports Don Sayre, city council member.

The meters are intended as a device for more equitable distribution of city water expense. With the meters, the householder will pay only for the water he uses, not for his own and part of his neighbor's supply, Sayre says.

Woman Killed When
Plane Strikes Auto

BREMERTON, Wash. (AP) — A young housewife was fatally injured late Wednesday when a Navy training plane, forced down by engine trouble, struck the top of an automobile as it tried to make an emergency landing on a highway six miles west of here.

Mrs. Zelda M. Cartwright, 26, Puyallup, Wash., one of seven passengers in the car, died soon after she was admitted to a Bremerton hospital.

Joe Cartwright, the victim's husband, was slightly injured but others in the car and the three members of the plane's crew escaped with only minor hurts.

The program was launched before a Senior High School group last Oct. 17. Participating were the four organizers, former District Attorney Robert G. Davis, State Patrolman Joe Haystead, KRXL Announcer Del McKay, and Dr. George Halladay.

Visual Emphasis

They took a "typical" Douglas County accident and detailed it just as they saw it. They told of a four-year-old boy having his head crushed "like a hammer crushing an egg shell." A 7-year-old girl lost an eye, while two teenagers were dead and another girl was always walk with a limp.

The gruesome description was followed by photographs — some even more gruesome.

Next on the campaign was a "Death Row." Nov. 10 with 10 cars—all death vehicles—on display.

By public address system, committee members described how a soldier survived the Korea fighting only to meet untimely death in Douglas County, and how a man—going too fast in a newly purchased

Cost Of Living
To Hit New High,
Arnall Predicts

By WILLIAM O. VARN

WASHINGTON (AP) — Price Stabilizer Ellis Arnall predicts the new steel price boost will cost the average American family about \$100 a year in higher prices.

Arnall said in a television interview that the \$5.20 per ton price boost he signed reluctantly Wednesday would touch off a new round of inflation.

He made it clear the steel increase was not his own choice, but was ordered by Acting Defense Mobilizer John R. Steelman. Arnall said it was "a very, very bitter pill for me."

Earlier in the day price control officials had said the cost of living, already at a record high, is almost certain to climb even higher because of "inevitable increases" in some major industries.

OPS officials feel the \$5.20 increase granted to settle the 54-day strike will lead to a series of price rises and force up the cost of living. They said many of these increases undoubtedly will be felt at retail levels before long.

OPS now is confronted with the demand of the aluminum industry for a price boost ranging from 10 to 12 1/2 per cent. A high official said Thursday he doesn't see how aluminum can be denied an increase in the face of the steel decision.

Lane Group Eyes
County Home

The Douglas County Home Wednesday was visited by 12 men from Lane County on an inspection tour in preparation for building a Lane County home.

Guided by Douglas County officials, the group went through the hospital and ate lunch before continuing to Medford to view the Jackson County Home. Today they planned to inspect the Klamath County Home.

The Lane County committee included Ted Brown, chief of police; Ed Surfer, fire chief; Oluf Houglum, banker; Hugh Ford, contractor; Max Dudley, of the welfare office; Victor Morgan, sanitarian; Phil Bartholomew, insurance agent; Archie Shough, sanitarian; Dr. Tony Tirola, health officer; L. G. Raish and Bob McClay, county commissioners and Earl McNutt, state representative and contractor.

Lane County tentatively plans a 125-150 bed hospital and has filed money in its fiscal budget for a financial investigation of the proposed institution.

Liquor Licenses
At Two Roseburg
Places Suspended

Licenses of two Roseburg establishments were ordered suspended for seven days by the Oregon liquor control commission, following hearings on charges that visibly intoxicated persons were permitted to enter and remain upon licensed premises. Ordered suspended beginning August 1 are licenses of the Sky Room, operated by Clifford and Audrey Vang and Robert Thomas at 115 W. Washington street, and Bill's Tavern, 1945 N. Second street. License of Bill's Tavern is Pacific Chain Saws, Inc.

Service permit of Cora E. Stratford, employee of Bill's Tavern charged with allowing a visibly intoxicated person to enter and remain on premises and with giving beer to a visibly intoxicated person, was ordered suspended for 30 days.

In other recent actions, the commission approved Shalimar, Inc. as new licensee of the Rainbow Cafe, 120 S. Stephens street, and refused the application of Keith McDaniels and Herbert Lindner for a retail malt beverage Class "B" license. McDaniels and Lindner requested a license for a location at the junction of Melrose road and Umpqua road. The commission refused the application on the grounds that the outlet was not deemed by public interest or convenience.

Boy Hurt In Tumble
Off Pool Diving Board

An 11-year-old boy was injured at 6 p.m. Wednesday when he tumbled off the high diving board at the Roseburg Municipal Pool on S. Jackson St.

The boy, Robert Mayrand, who resides with Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Austin on Deer Creek road, suffered a gashed finger, a sprained ankle and severe bruises on his head and nose.

Mayrand had walked out on the end of the board for a dive when he noticed another small boy swimming under the 10-foot-high board. He took a few steps backward, lost his balance and plunged to the cement area around the pool.

Four stitches were taken in his finger at Mercy Hospital.

The boy, who resides in Spokane, is visiting with the Austins for the summer.

PEACHES FOR SCHOOLS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department said Thursday it may buy as much as a half million cases of canned peaches from this year's big crop for use in the school lunch program. The quantity to be bought will depend upon the quantities and prices offered for sale, the department said.

Diamond Lake
Region Scene
Of Several

South Umpqua, Little River Areas Also Hit; 'Smoke Jumpers' On Job

A severe lightning storm touched off nine forest fires in the Umpqua National Forest late Wednesday and "smoke jumpers" were parachuted into the Diamond Lake area today to try to stem the blazes.

The U.S. Forest Service office in Roseburg reported four fires were already under control and fire fighting crews and smoke jumpers were expected to reach the area of the other six blazes by noon.

A light rain followed the electrical storm and other "spot fires" were expected to start as the trees dry out.

George Felt, Roseburg pilot, was flying out of the Toketee Falls airstrip today with Bill Benecio, Forest Service timber man, to try to spot other blazes expected to start.

Two of the fires are in the upper district of the South Umpqua River drainage area. One of these is under control.

Robert Auderheide, district forester, said a small fire fighting crew is hiking into the other South Umpqua fire and expected to reach it by 10 a.m. today.

Two smoke jumpers were dropped into one fire in the Diamond Lake area and four others parachuted into the Rocky Ridge blazes on the South Umpqua.

Early Control Expected

"We've been pretty lucky considering the pounding we took from the storm," said Auderheide. "It looks like we may have them all under control by nightfall if too many more don't break out."

The lightning continued most of the afternoon and was general throughout the Cascade area. By late Wednesday the storm had ended.

Crews from the Douglas Forest Protective Association were fighting three fires today.

They were out on a small fire on Falls Creek in the Little River area, and another in Devil's Grave country in the north part of Douglas County. Another crew was still patrolling the Douglas County line to keep the Tioga Burn fire from spreading into this county.

Court Enjoins
Home Contracts
Foreclosures

Roseburg Homes, Inc. was ordered Wednesday to show cause why it should not be enjoined from foreclosing house sales contracts for refusal of buyers to make increased monthly payments.

In the order, Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly set Sept. 8, at 10 a.m. for a hearing.

The order was asked in a suit filed Wednesday by three purchasers of homes in Cloverdale Park. They are Mr. and Mrs. Lester A. Wightman, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Murphy and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred M. Howard.

The complaint alleges the management of the 180-home development recently requested increased monthly payments on houses purchased and, in addition, demanded certain lump-sum payments of the plaintiffs and others, under threat of foreclosure of the sale contracts.

The action by Roseburg Homes, Inc., the complaint contends, affects more than 100 home owners in Cloverdale Park and that the requirements of increased monthly payments are now depreciating and will in the future depreciate the value of the equity of the plaintiffs.

The plaintiffs further allege that Roseburg Homes, Inc. has no authority or legal right to demand increased payments or lump-sum payments and by such requirements "is depriving the plaintiffs of their property without due process of law in violation of the Constitution of the state of Oregon and the Constitution of the United States."

**Power Wire Burns
Man Following Blast**

A powderman working on a road construction job near Idlewild Park was burned seriously at 6 a.m. today when a high voltage power line struck him after a blast.

The victim, Ezra Stagg, 38, Idlewild Park, suffered severe burns on the head, the upper portion of his body and one hand. He was reported in fair condition at Community Hospital.

Stagg is an employee of the Thunderbird Construction Co. on the Lone Rock Bridge-to-Rock Creek road project.

Witnesses said an 11,000-volt wire tore loose in the blast and whipped across Stagg's body.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Old Man Earthquake, will you please stay away, When your rampage starts, don't head this way; If you cracked our city, we'd raise a squall, 'Twould be the end of Ye Olde Towne Hall.