

Deferred Class May Be Drafted

WASHINGTON (AP)—Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey says a resurvey of men deferred from military service because they have dependents may soon be necessary if the armed forces are to be kept at their present levels.

Hershey, the director of Selective Service, expressed this opinion Monday in an editorial in the publication, "Selective Service," which is sent to the 4,000 local draft boards over the nation.

Under the heading, "Pool Shrink-

ing, Resurvey Faced, States Director," Hershey says the manpower pool for the draft on July 1 totaled about 1,300,000 men.

The question which "must be faced in the not too distant future," he said, is the source of the manpower which will inevitably be needed.

The group of about 900,000 deferred in Class 3-A because of dependency, he added, "is one of the largest that can be made available to supplement the present

E. Oregon College Head Quits For Job In L.A.

ASHLAND (AP)—Dr. Roderick G. Langston, president of Eastern Oregon College of Education, has resigned to accept a teaching position at Los Angeles State College, Chancellor Charles D. Byrne announced Tuesday.

Dr. Langston, 37, has been president of the La Grande college since June, 1950.

supply of manpower available for military service.

"The future policy in relation to this group is of the utmost importance," he added.

FIRE DESTROYS SCHOOL

PORTLAND (AP)—Fire destroyed a six-room grade school in the Park Rose district in Suburban Portland Monday.

School officials estimated that it would take more than \$50,000 to replace the one-story structure.

The fire, which broke out shortly after janitors got the building ready for next month's school opening, was believed caused by electric wiring.

Personnel of the U.S. armed forces eat about 288 pounds of meat a year on the average compared with about 148 pounds for civilians.

Three-Way Storm Deals Heavy Damage To Oregon's Crops, Upsets Wire Service

By The Associated Press

While much of Oregon baked in a mid-summer heat wave Sunday, a cloudburst and hailstorm knocked out power and telephone service and brought widespread crop damage to Southern Oregon.

Accompanying lightning sent fire fighters to put out scores of forest fires over a wide area. None, fortunately, got out of hand, but the hazard was extremely high.

The temperature pushed above the 100-degree mark at points in nearly every section of the state except the Coast and the Weather Bureau forecast little relief Monday and Tuesday.

The storm took its heaviest toll in the Medford-Ashland area where the downpour flooded city streets and stalled traffic. Business houses threw up sandbags to keep the water out.

Although the city of Medford had only an official .47 of an inch of rain reported, nearby areas reported an inch of rain fell in less than half an hour. Two to three inches of water was reported on the floors of downtown buildings.

The temperature fell 32 degrees in a four-hour period from 101 to 69.

Hundreds of Phones Keyed

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company said the storm damage was the worst in the area in the recollection of its crews. Some 1,200 to 1,400 phones were out of service and at least 15 cables were disabled. The company brought in crews from as far away as Eugene, but service was not entirely restored at noon Monday.

Lightning put four California-Oregon Power Company transmission lines out of service, including some major feeder circuits. The last of these was repaired Monday morning, but isolated areas were still without lights.

Warehouse Roof Caves

The cave-in of the roof at the Woodbury and Company warehouse in Medford was attributed to the storm.

At nearby Ashland, the storm flooded out the annual Shakespearean festival which had to move from its outdoor theatre to an unused movie house.

Agricultural crop damage was being totaled up by the Jackson County agent.

To the east, in the Klamath Basin, some farmers reported crop losses as high as 50 per cent, principally barley.

Rancher Ed W. Brown in the Upper Langell Valley said the hailstones which heavily damaged his barley were as big as half dollars.

Potato vines also were damaged in the Upper Langell Valley and in the lower Klamath Lake area.

Lightning Sets Fires
Foresters in the Klamath area reported 37 fires set by lightning over the week end, but said all were under control. South and east of Medford, some 20 lightning fires were reported.

On the Willamette National Forest to the north, Superintendent J. R. Bruckart said some 60 fires had been set. Planes were sent out with supplies for some crews Monday. None was more than two acres. Sunday's off weather also brought a dust storm with 60-mile-an-hour winds to the Prineville area of Central Oregon.

The Willamette Valley, meantime, sweltered.
Salem had a high of 102 degrees, and the same high was recorded at Roseburg. Portland was one degree cooler with 101, while Eugene had an even 100.

Top Oregon temperature, though, was the 104 degrees at The Dalles. The coast was crowded with city dwellers who sought relief from the heat.

Beef did not become important in the American diet until after the Civil War, says the National Geographic Society.



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