

Hundreds Flee From Lava Approach



PROCLAMATION ISSUED—A copy of his proclamation designating March as Red Cross month in Oregon is presented by Gov. Paul L. Patterson to Brig. Gen. Curtis Beecher, one of 50 national vice chairmen for the 1955 Red Cross campaign for members and funds. Gen. Beecher is also a volunteer field consultant for the American Red Cross, serving a number of chapters in the state.

Roseburg's First Citizen Discusses Red Cross Effort In Talk To Chamber Here

Roseburg's first citizen, Brig. Gen. Curtis T. Beecher, personally thanked members of the Chamber of Commerce Monday for their bestowal of the "First Citizen" title upon him, then launched into the subject nearest his heart: The American Red Cross program.

Red Cross Drive Goal Announced At \$19,397

Gen. Beecher said Monday that the American Red Cross, Douglas County Chapter, will face the task of raising a total of \$19,397 for the fiscal year July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956.

"Without these funds, the Red Cross program will be withdrawn from Douglas County. We will no longer be able to participate in the blood program. Blood will cost those who need it about \$40 a pint. We will no longer have such programs as the water safety program. The National Red Cross program will continue, but Douglas County will be outside its program."

Beecher pointed out that the \$3,327 deficit now carried by the Douglas County Chapter, due to the failure of the United Fund last year, will be absorbed in this year's budget.

Slight Damage Results From House Fire Here

Slight damage resulted at the Jack Anderson residence, 133 Meadow Lane early today when fire broke out under the floor and in a wall. Roseburg Rural firemen report. Firemen were called at 1:25 a.m.

A fire at the Lawson Bell home, 3018 Johnson St., Monday afternoon burned out while firemen stood by. No damage occurred.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

This modern world note: In San Francisco Friday night, at the eerie hour of midnight, an air raid siren located high up on one of the numerous hills of the City of Saint Francis went off its pecker and for 41 minutes made night hideous over a wide area of the Bay region.

That wasn't all of it. By coincidence, two air liners came in over the city at the same time. Putting two and two together, thousands of people came to the conclusion that this was IT—that the Russians HAD GONE AND DONE IT!

In the newspaper offices, in the news rooms of the radio stations, in the fire departments—everywhere that people might be expected to be up and around at midnight—the telephones began to ring and those who answered the calls describe the voices as in some cases frantic and in others hysterical.

Well—That's modern life for you. It could have been the Russians. All this suggests a thought. Can we of the modern world—

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The Weather

Occasional showers tonight. Wednesday partly cloudy with scattered showers.

Highest temp. last 24 hours	48
Lowest temp. last 24 hours	42
Highest temp. any March	85
Lowest temp. any March	16
Precip. last 24 hours	.02
Precip. from March 1	.02
Precip. from Sept. 1	14.67
Deficiency from Sept. 1	7.29
Sunset tonight, 4:02 a.m.	
Sunrise tomorrow, 6:48 a.m.	

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Senate Continues Income Tax Debate

Vote Expected This Afternoon On Measure

WASHINGTON (AP) — Leon Keyserling, economic expert in the Truman administration, told the Senate Finance Committee Tuesday that personal income taxes should be cut because there is a serious lag in consumer buying power.

Keyserling, testifying on a House bill which would give a tax cut of \$20 a person starting next year, said it is "utterly indefensible" to contend that this reduction would be inflationary.

"The most rational criticism of this proposal (The House bill) would be that it is not large enough nor fast enough to respond adequately to the rising threat of unemployment and national economic deficit," he said.

Keyserling appeared at the invitation of some Democratic senators who are supporting the income tax cut. They asked that he be called in rebuttal to Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey, who vigorously opposed the House plan Monday and said it might touch off a new round of inflation.

The committee planned to vote on the bill Tuesday afternoon, with all indications that the tax cut would be stricken out. The House had hatched that section onto an administration-backed proposal for extension of high corporate and excise levies now due to drop April 1.

Atomic Scientist Discloses Work In Soviet Union

MOSCOW (AP) — Bruno Pontecorvo, the Italian-born British scientist who disappeared from the West in 1950, said in a letter to Soviet newsmen today he has been working on "peaceful" atomic projects in the Soviet Union since that time.

The letters accused Britain and the United States of "using atomic and nuclear weapons as a means of achieving world domination" and appealed to Western scientists to protest against the use of atomic energy for military purposes.

Pontecorvo took part in British-American work on the first atomic bomb. The U. S. Joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee in 1951 rated him as a "first-class scientific brain" and "a storehouse of knowledge about Anglo-American-Canadian atomic projects." It said he also had knowledge of later hydrogen bomb developments.

Pontecorvo's identical letters, the first definite word of him since his disappearance, appeared in Pravda and Izvestia, the Soviet Communist party and government newspapers. Without saying so specifically, they indicated he is working in Moscow.

Asserting he quit the West because preparations there for military use of atomic energy made him "ashamed of my profession," the letters said:

"The atomic threat hanging over the world forces me as a scientist having relations with atomic problems to make the present statement."

"The imperialists of such countries as the United States and Britain are subjugating the discoveries of atomic energy in preparation of a new war, using atomic and nuclear weapons as a means for achieving world domination."

Storm Breaking Up; Northwest Area Damaged

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A turbulent Alaska-born storm, which battered the Pacific Northwest with near-hurricane velocity winds Monday, was breaking up slowly over Eastern British Columbia Tuesday.

The Weather Bureau at Seattle, while noting that March quite frequently brings the Pacific Northwest its stormiest weather, said there were no specific storms in sight at the present time.

The cautious forecasters warned, however, that "something could blow up out of nowhere at any time."

Monday's storm, which struck from out of the Pacific in full fury late Sunday night and continued unabated through the early morning hours Monday, raised havoc with trees and utility poles and caused more than a few anxious moments for mariners.

West of Cape Lookout, on the Oregon coast, the 11-foot fishing boat Milmar experienced tense

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DR. V. J. ANDERSON
...elected by Jaycees

Anderson Named Jaycee President

Dr. V. J. Anderson Monday night was elected president of the Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce by its board of directors.

He succeeds Don Hagedorn, who resigned following his election last weekend to the vice presidency of district 3 of the Oregon Junior Chamber of Commerce. Anderson will serve as an interim officer, regular elections being scheduled in April. Installation of new officers will be in May.

Brig. Gen. Curtis T. Beecher and Walter Britzell spoke during the evening on the current Red Cross membership and fund-raising campaign. Jaycees members approved a resolution supporting the appeal.

Egypt Charges Israelis With Border Attack

CARIO (AP) — Egypt charged Israel Tuesday with unleashing the most violent attack along the Israel-Egyptian border since the 1949 Palestine armistice.

The Cairo government accused Israel forces of killing 38 Egyptians and wounding 31 others in a "sneak" attack Monday night on an army headquarters two miles inside Egypt's coastal Gaza strip.

A spokesman said Egypt has cabled a protest to the United Nations Security Council.

Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi summoned the British and American ambassadors for consultation and arranged to confer later with representatives of all countries which are members of the Security Council.

Five hours after the first Egyptian announcement, an Israeli spokesman in Jerusalem counter-charged that the Egyptians had crossed from Gaza into Israel to attack an Israeli unit. The Jewish spokesman said the battle had "continued into the Gaza strip" and the Israelis "suffered a number of casualties" before repulsing the Egyptians.

From the Jordan sector of Jerusalem, however, an announcement from the U.N. trustee organization supervising the Palestine armistice supported the Egyptian version.

Tons Of Fluid Rock Pouring From Craters

HAOIA, Hawaii (AP) — A spectacular volcanic eruption spouted with new fury Tuesday and civil defense officials declared a state of emergency. One small village was virtually abandoned.

An estimated 100 acres of sugar cane fields and timber were ablaze with molten lava. More than 400 persons fled their homes in the path of the fiery rivers moving relentlessly forward.

Early Tuesday the main lava stream had traveled about 2 1/2 miles, and was still about 4 1/2 miles from the ocean.

Civil defense headquarters reported tons of fluid rock spreading out in three directions. Fountains of boiling lava shot 50 to 100 feet in the air from four white hot craters rising higher by the hour.

The state of emergency will permit officials to order people out of their homes. Some have refused. Sightseers are stopped at Pahoa.

There have been no casualties and no home has fallen before the boiling stream.

Through the night, officials at Red Cross headquarters in Pahoa high school cast worried glances westward, where fumes were reported breaking out of a new rift of dormant craters five miles from here.

"If that erupts, Pahoa will be in danger," said Robert Spence, Red Cross disaster chairman.

Police said it was amazing no one was hurt among the estimated 20,000 sightseers whose cars choked five miles of access roads from the eruptions to Pahoa.

The eruptions started at 8:10 p.m. Monday when a canal (dike) 3 miles southeast of Pahoa in the Puna district blew up in a shower of molten lava. Since then three other fissures have opened, filling a blazing triangle bounded by the villages of Kapoho, Ophikao and Pahoa.

It was the first sign of life from Puuena crater in more than 30 years.

State Power Commission Bill Is Introduced

SALEM (AP) — Creation of a State Power Commission to put Oregon into the power business was proposed Tuesday in a bill prepared for introduction in the Legislature by State Rep. Walter J. Pearson, Portland Democrat.

The commission, which would have three nonpartisan members elected by the people, would be permitted to raise \$115,000,000 in general obligation bonds.

It could develop power itself, or in cooperation with the government and other states. It would be able to construct hydroelectric plants and transmission lines, and buy power from the federal government.

Public power agencies would get preference on power produced by the proposed state agency. The commission could control rates charged by these local agencies.

In 1932, the people of Oregon amended the Constitution to permit the state to enter the power business, but the Legislature never has passed legislation to do it. Pearson's bill would carry out that provision of the Constitution.

Pearson said his measure would make sure that Oregon got its share of federal power under the federal preference clause, which gives publicly owned agencies the first rights to federal power.

He pointed out that Washington, because it has a much larger share of publicly distributed power than Oregon has, is in a better position to get federal power. Pearson said he feared that if there were a power shortage, Washington would get most of the federal power.

The Fish and Game Committee sponsored three new bills to permit daily salmon fishing licenses for \$1, reduce the price of non-resident angling licenses from \$15 to \$10, and limit importation of salmon taken by anglers outside Oregon to the bag limits of this state.

Atomic Explosion Of Minor Force

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — A red-dish flash so bright it was seen in four states accompanied the pre-dawn detonation Tuesday of the third atomic device in the 1955 test series.

Touched off in perfectly clear weather at 5:30 a.m., the spectacle was visible as far away as Phoenix, Ariz., 440 miles southeast. Observers in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, and St. George Utah, also witnessed it.

The Atomic Energy Commission said the explosion was similar in power to the second shot of the series, last Feb. 22, which would make it one of the smaller explosions here. The Feb. 22 blast "gave Las Vegas its best jolt in three years. Tuesday's, however, barely rattled windows here."

At the control station on Yucca Flat, 75 miles northwest, observers said they felt the shock as a strong thump. The device was detonated from a 300-foot tower.

President Eisenhower Urges Red Cross Effort

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower says he hopes that by the end of this month he "can call every single American my fellow member of the American Red Cross."

Eisenhower, in a filmed message for use on television, called Monday night for public support of the new Red Cross drive for \$5 million dollars and 30 million members. The drive begins Tuesday.

Veterans, Adults Tests Scheduled

A general educational development test for veterans and adults is scheduled Thursday and Friday of this week.

The two sessions of the test of high school equivalency will start at 6:30 p.m. and end at 10. The certificate received on passing the test is equivalent to a high school diploma and will be recognized by any college.

The GED test will be given in the special education office of the Central Junior High. The fee is \$3. Anyone wishing to take the test should contact John Lucas, special education director, at the Central Junior High on or before Thursday. The telephone number is 2-2636, extension 27.

The test is open to all veterans and to civilians 21 years of age or older. Individuals taking the test must be present on both evenings to complete it.

DRUNKEN DRIVING

Viola Lucille Martin, 39, Rt. 4 Box 1625, pleaded guilty Monday to drunken driving. Municipal Judge Randolph Slocum fined her \$100, suspended a 30-day jail sentence and recommended suspension of her driver's license for a year. She was arrested by city police Sunday morning after a traffic accident on South Main Street.

NEUBERGER INVITED

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, Democrat, is among the 13 newly elected senators invited to lunch at the White House Tuesday by President Eisenhower.

Jane Froman's Marriage To Pilot Goes On Rocks

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Singer Jane Froman, her fairytale marriage to pilot John C. Burn threatened by "personal problems," rested here today while her husband vacationed in Mexico.

She announced that they had "decided to part for awhile" in hope the "very, very personal" differences would iron themselves out.

When asked if she had any plans for a divorce, she quickly replied "Absolutely none."

"We feel we can resolve our personal problems more easily if we're apart," she told reporters at a press conference.

Leslie K. Thompson Held On Contributing Charge

Leslie Kenneth Thompson, 29, of 334 Cedar St., Friday was placed under \$1,000 bail in the county after his arraignment before Justice of the Peace Ward Watson. Thompson, on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, Thompson was arrested by state police Sunday.

Congress Gives Final Approval To Pay Increase

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress gave final approval Tuesday to a 50 per cent pay increase for its members, raising them to \$22,500 a year.

House passage sent on to President Eisenhower the bill accepted by the Senate Monday. With the President's signature, the lawmakers will begin drawing the higher pay as of March 1.

It is the second major piece of domestic legislation to clear Congress in this session. The first was a bill continuing GI educational benefits for men who entered the armed services prior to Jan. 31. House leaders sought to pass the pay proposal on a voice vote, with relatively few members present. But Rep. Gross (R-Iowa) forced a roll call.

Senate approval Monday was by a voice vote, but there was a Senate roll call when it passed its initial version of a pay raise bill.

The final bill is a compromise of differing measures passed by the Senate and House.

Brookway Logger Hurt In Sawmill Accident

A Brookway logger was receiving treatment at Community Hospital Tuesday following an accident Monday at the Stebbings Lumber Co.

William Lofton, 23, told hospital personnel he caught his right arm in a roller as he was working. No bones in the arm were broken, hospital attendants said Tuesday.

PETTY LARCENY

Justice of the Peace A. V. Mohr, Glendale, sentenced Robert Duane Henderson, 25, Glendale, to 10 days in the county jail when Henderson pleaded guilty to petty larceny. Glendale police arrested him Saturday.

Adult Education Program On Self-Sustained Basis

One program in the Roseburg Public school system has shown itself self-sustaining this year.

It is the adult education program under the direction of Richard Boss. The program through the District 4 school board just fine. In its statement of policy, it recognizes the program contributes "to the moral, social, economic and political growth of our community," but it requests the program be "of a self-sustaining nature."

An amount of \$10,282.48 was budgeted for adult education, and \$7,074.47 has been spent. But during the same time, \$7,159.32 has come into the program from state aid, federal aid and student fees.

The fact the program has been supporting itself this year suits the District 4 school board just fine. In its statement of policy, it recognizes the program contributes "to the moral, social, economic and political growth of our community," but it requests the program be "of a self-sustaining nature."

The program appears to be supporting itself despite a big increase in the number of students and the even bigger increase in student hours. Since 1952, the enrollment



TOP HOMEMAKERS — Carol Björke, left, and Karen Amundson, two Roseburg High School students are now holders of the highest honors for girls taking home economics. They are among 22 girls from across the state who have received state homemaker degrees in the Future Homemakers of America organization. Mrs. Georgene H. Clark is advisor of the Roseburg FHA chapter.

FFA Boys, Parents' Banquet Wednesday To Celebrate Founding Of Organization

Little more than 25 years ago a Future Farmers of America chapter was set up at Roseburg High School. The year was 1931.

Today in 1955 that chapter with approximately 40 members has a record which places it among the leading chapters of the 83 in Oregon. In 1954 the 49 boys in FFA in the local high school derived a total income of \$44,963 from their projects.

With expenses listed at \$34,772, they made a labor income profit of \$10,191, according to advisor Homer Grow. The Roseburg chapter has also earned the designation of "master chapter" in the state. It is not an honor it holds singularly, but to gain the honor the chapter had to earn more than 2,250 of 3,000 possible points for its activities.

Annual Banquet

Wednesday evening at 6:45 the RHA chapter holds its annual parent and son banquet at Fullerton School. Included on the agenda is a general report on activities, a discussion concerning the farmers of tomorrow and a report from the students who attended the FFA national convention in Kansas City, Mo., in 1954. (Where the program started in November 1928).

The parents will learn just how many supervised projects their boys participate in. Among them are: Dairy, swine, poultry, pasture improvement, sheep, turkey and beef. Beef was the major project as 22 boys owned 49 head. Grow said. Joe Sand is president of the chapter.

Locally the FFA boys participated in community service during the past year. They contributed \$50 to the March of Dimes; entered livestock at the Douglas County Fair; exhibited turkeys in the Northwestern Turkey Show; sent judging teams to the P.I. Oregon State Fair and the Lane County Fair; and planted 40 rose bushes on the Roseburg High School grounds.

Not 'Dumb Farmers'

This week, as advisor Grow recalled the diversified activities of his boys, he lashed out against persons who talk about "dumb farmers."

Proof was in the record, he said. Last year 10 of the 49 boys in the program had an average grade of "2" or better, and two of them were elected to the National Honor Society in 1955.

The local FFA chapter is the only one in Douglas County. It is one of 9,000 in the U.S.A., Hawaii and Puerto Rico. Overall membership tops 370,000. Each member is pledged to the FFA creed which begins "I believe in the future of farming."

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