

Brief Artillery Duel Rages In Gaza

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

By Paul Jenkins



THE SHEEP pictured above are grazing on some of the fine upland pastureland lying north and east of Oakland. Late winter snow still lingers along the high ridges in the background, ridges topped by lordly Mt. Scott in the center. New grass, warmed by the few spring-like days we have experienced so far this year, is painting the open landscape faintly green.

In an open glade enclosed by scrub oak growing park-like not far from these sheep I rounded a turn and came upon six whitetail deer, all does. Four were old ones, two were last year's fawns and all were noticeably small, although they seemed well-enough conditioned. I stopped the car and watched them as they moved, walking rapidly at first but not very apprehensively, until they were some 75 yards away, when they went to feeding again. They formed a pretty sight, but it was saddening to see them so small. Our whitetail population, rather scarce at the best, must be in need of some new blood.

Official Agencies' Letters Take Dim View Of Sewage Situation In Green Vicinity

Two letters from government agencies have been released by the Green Sanitary District board of directors in which a very dim

'Nightcrawler' Hearing Dates Are Announced

SALEM (U)—Public hearings on the Southern Pacific railroad's abandonment of passenger train service between Eugene and Astoria will be held at Roseburg on April 24 and at Medford April 26. Charles H. Helzel, state public utilities commissioner, announced the dates for the hearings, which originally were scheduled in March, but were set back at the request of the railroad and of those who oppose the abandonment.

The line abandoned the service several months ago, asserting it was losing money. Southern Oregon groups protested, but a Marion County circuit judge upheld the railroad's right to drop the service. Helzel has appealed the decision to the state Supreme Court.

The hearings will be conducted by J. W. Ferguson, rail transportation supervisor for the utilities commission.

LOGGED IN JAIL
Thomas Eugene Rowland, 31, Canyonville, was being held in the county jail today in lieu of \$1,500 bail following his arrest by state police Thursday night. The man is wanted at Bend on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses, police said.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Thanks to the Wisconsin primary election, this is politics day again in the news.

The Wisconsin primary was built up by the professionals—the term "professionals" includes newspaper and radio commentators (the real newspaper and radio people just tell the news)—as a test between President Eisenhower and Senator Kefauver.

This build-up has been possible because Wisconsin has no party registration and voters can mark any ballot they choose.

Well—

On that basis—

With the vote better than 90 per cent counted as this was written, 400,000-odd Wisconsinites have voted for Ike and 300,000-odd have voted for Estes.

If every state—outside the politically petrified South—follows the Wisconsin primary pattern in November it will be a landslide for Ike.

President Eisenhower, at his press conference the day after re-

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The Weather

Mostly sunny and warmer to-day, with increasing cloudiness this afternoon. Partly cloudy to-night and Saturday. Not so cold to-night.

Highest temp. last 24 hours	56
Lowest temp. last 24 hours	28
Highest temp. any April	96
Lowest temp. any April	26
Precip. last 24 hours	0
Precip. from April 1	23
Precip. from Sept. 1	45.18
Excess from Sept. 1	19.80
Sunrise tonight, 8:45 p.m.	
Sunset tomorrow, 5:45 a.m.	

view of the sewage disposal situation in Green is taken.

One is a joint statement by Dr. E. J. Wainwright, county health officer, and T. Claude Baker, senior sanitarian. It is a report on the "policy of the Douglas County Health Dept. on continued home construction and the disposal of household sewage by means of septic tanks and subsurface disposal systems."

It states that: "It is the opinion of the Douglas County Health Dept. that continued building in the Green area and disposal of household sewage by means of septic tanks and subsurface disposal fields will only add to the existing nuisance and health hazard."

"Therefore, the policy of (the department) will be to render opinions that there should be no building allowed in the Green area until such a time as approved sanitary sewers are installed and approved sewage disposal is provided."

Another agency reporting by mail was the Federal Housing Administration through its director J. Guy Arrington.

The letter says the area "constitutes a desirable residential area with the exception that inadequate disposal of sewage within

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NE Casper St. Closed For School Play Use

Northeast Casper Street in Roseburg will be closed weekdays between the Fliegel Transfer Co. facilities and Northeast Commercial Street from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. reports Benson School principal Robert McKee.

Through an arrangement with the city, the school has blocked the street to allow youngsters to play football on it during play periods. The school has only a single lot on which the children can play, and it is too small for playing football. So, with the city's permission, one of the fielders can now safely take up his position on the street.

McKee asked motorists' cooperation. The daily street closure will continue until the end of the school year, McKee said.

Vandalism, Tampering With Cars Cleared Up

A case of vandalism and another of tampering with some new cars were cleared up by Roseburg police Thursday with the questioning of two 15-year-old boys.

The boys over the past few days have admitted several other acts of vandalism and mischief.

Officers said they admitted climbing into new cars at the Volkswagen Agency, Mosher Avenue and Stephens Street, on Jan. 27 and driving them around the agency lot.

They also admitted shooting BB pellets into the windshield of a car owned by William E. Cochran, 2917 W. Harvard Ave., on March 24.

Sherman Preslar Asks For Preliminary Hearing

Sherman Robert Preslar, 23, Salem, requested a preliminary hearing when he was arraigned Friday morning in district court on a forgery charge.

Judge Warren A. Woodruff set the hearing for April 23 at 10:30 a.m., and continued \$1,500 bail. J. V. Long was appointed to represent Preslar, who was returned here earlier in the week by Sheriff Ira C. Byrd.

ATTENDS MEET
Roseburg school Supt. M. C. Delier was scheduled to return home Friday evening from Spokane, Wash. He had been in Spokane attending a meeting of the Inland Empire Assn. for the purpose of teacher recruitment.

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Lumbermen Not Alarmed Over Ruling Of FHA

PORTLAND (U)—Lumbermen said Friday they were confident they would soon settle the controversy that led the Federal Housing Administration to ban the three-quarter-inch thick boards mills now are producing.

The FHA said it would have to reject loan applications on houses where boards were stamped with the three-quarter inch designation, since the American Lumber Standards organization calls for 25-32d of an inch thickness in boards.

Lumbermen and FHA officials were agreed it was a technicality over 1/32 of an inch that could be straightened out April 30 when the American Lumber Standards Committee meets. If that committee approves three-quarter inch thick boards as the new standard, the FHA also will approve. J. Guy Arrington, Oregon FHA director, said.

Lumbermen said mills have been producing three-quarter boards for some years, but the trouble arises now because the mills have just begun stamping the thickness on the boards.

"Structurally there is no difference in strength between a three-quarter inch board and one 25-32d of an inch thick. I don't think we

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Red Cross Drive To Continue Until Budget Achieved

The Red Cross drive in Douglas County will continue "until a reasonable amount of the budget is met," according to Chairman Ira C. Byrd.

Drive goal for 1956-57 is \$23,071. A report made to directors and chairmen this week showed that 22.35 per cent of the sum has been raised. The \$5,138.46 is within \$500 of what had been collected last year at the same time, according to Chairman Byrd.

Workers meeting in the Hotel Umpqua in Roseburg had opportunity to talk with John Sutherland, Portland, RC field representative for western Oregon. Sutherland told them that western Oregon in general had already met more than 90 per cent of its \$2 1/2 million dollar goal.

He said the Douglas chapter showing was far below the average.

He sounded a warning note, as he pointed up a possible curtailment of services by the Red Cross within the county if the drive faltered.

Sutherland said the RC had spent \$6,500 for disaster relief in the county during the winter floods. The sum is more than the \$5,138.46 collected thus far.

Throughout the nation it has been the "curtailment year in the history of the Red Cross," he said.

The field worker said he realized that workers in the logging industry had been out of the woods for several months, but he urged everyone to "keep the need in mind." He suggested that those not personally contacted could mail contributions to the county Red Cross Office, 814 SE Lane St., Roseburg.

If the goal is not approached, Sutherland concluded, it will mean a curtailment of operations and the blood program.

With Chairman Byrd, he visited in the area Thursday. He returns to Roseburg Thursday for another session with Red Cross chairmen and directors at the Hotel Umpqua, starting at 8 a.m.

Disaster Loan Given Approval

A disaster loan of \$225,000 has been approved by the Small Business Administration for Douglas County businesses damaged in recent flood waters.

The report was made today by John G. Barnett, Portland branch manager of the SBA.

He listed the loan to Commercial Lumber Sales Inc., Jay-Mark Lumber Co. Inc., and Winston Mills Inc. This loan is being made in participation with a local bank.

Since the SBA activities began in Portland's district, 43 business loans have been approved, amounting to \$2,403,500 and 58 disaster loans amounting to \$805,430.

Barnett said that of the 54 applications, received in the southern Oregon area, 42 have been approved.

Another Jury Trial Set For Marshall P. Smith

Another Roseburg Municipal Court trial for Marshall Patterson Smith, 27, has been docketed for June 20.

A court jury deadlocked this week when Smith was brought to trial on a charge of drunken driving. Smith was arrested last September.

Counterfeiters Plead Guilty; Sentence Pends

PORTLAND (U)—Federal Judge William G. East Monday will sentence two men who pleaded guilty Thursday to charges of counterfeiting. Police arrested the pair last month in nearby Clackamas County, seizing a number of unfinished \$20 bills printed on one side.

The men are Archie L. Misher, 46, and Orville Quincy Mitchell, 32, both of Clackamas County. Mitchell formerly was a policeman at Sweet Home, Ore., and Bremerton, Wash.

Gordon A. Vizard, 54, also arrested in the raid, is being held for grand jury action.

A young woman arrested at the time, 19-year-old Margaret Geraldine McInosh, was released after police said she had nothing to do with the counterfeit operation.

Rivers Of Molten Lava Flow Down Etna's Side

CATANIA, Sicily (U)—Three rivers of molten lava oozed slowly down nearby Mt. Etna Friday and renewed fears of inhabitants on the lower levels of the ancient volcano.

The eruption, in its third day, continued unabated.

The topmost, central crater of the peak, more than 10,000 feet tall, blasted incandescent rocks high into the air and rained ashes over a wide area.

Experts from Catania's Volcano Institute studied Etna's action throughout the night. Their morning communique called it still intense.

Schools Behind Aspirations, Capabilities Of American People, Committee Reports

WASHINGTON (U)—The Committee for the White House conference on education told President Eisenhower today "The schools have fallen far behind both the aspirations of the American people and their capabilities."

Nevertheless the committee said in its final report: "There is far more to be proud of in today's schools than there is to criticize. Their weaknesses usually stem from a lack of means rather than any defect in their goal."

Calling for action to arouse and maintain public interest, the report said schools "now affect the welfare of the United States more than ever before" and "have become the chief instrument for keeping this nation the fabled land of opportunity it started out to be."

The 50,000-word document contained only one surprise—a unanimous committee view that racial desegregation "must be worked out by each community," within the intent of the relevant Supreme Court decisions.

The segregation issue received only scant attention in reports issued during last winter's conference. It was not mentioned in the preliminary state conferences, which formed part of today's report.

On another key issue—federal aid to schools—the committee split three ways, with a majority fa-

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International Team Visit Now Being Readied

The three-women international team which will visit Roseburg April 16-18 is in Missoula, Mont., this week, where Mrs. E. M. Tilton, city police said, is conferring with them.

She is attending a Methodist Women's Workshop conference along with some 40 other women from the northwest area. The conference subject is "World Understanding."

Mrs. Tilton, who suggested the team visit Roseburg as "a typical American city of 10,000 without a college," plans to let the women know what the central Douglas community is doing to prepare for their visit. She plans to give them possible discussion topics.

The women, Miss Eva Shipstone of India, Mrs. Kyo Tanaka of Japan and Mrs. Violeta Cavallero of Uruguay, will reside at the Hotel Umpqua while in Douglas County. They'll leave April 19 and journey to Portland to attend a Methodist workshop.

Man Gets Into Wrong Car, Just Like His Own

Carroll B. Keeney, who lives on Austin Road, climbed into what he thought was his car Thursday afternoon on Stephens Street.

A few minutes later, Pat A. Mardin, Sutherland, reported a stolen car to Roseburg police.

Then Keeney, a little later, sheepishly brought back the car he was driving.

The two cars were duplicates, even down to the ignition keys. The cars were parked one behind the other on Stephens, and Keeney had driven off in the wrong car. His keys had fit the ignition of the Mardin car, police reported.

KICKED
Robert Shrum, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Shrum Jr., Glade, was reported in "good" condition today by Douglas Community Hospital personnel. The boy was kicked by a horse Thursday evening.

Dog Poisoning Report From Green Investigated

A report of dog poisoning in the Green district is being investigated by officers, according to Sheriff Ira C. Byrd.

A. C. (Al) Reynolds of 2313 Austin Rd. said his dog had died, and a dog belonging to a neighbor, Roy Wackerbarth, also was a victim.

Examination by a Roseburg veterinarian showed the Reynolds dog had died of strychnine poisoning.

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The meeting will be held the following Monday night, April 18.

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SPARKS SET FIRE
Sparks from a fireplace chimney set the roof afire on a house at 1025 SE Lane Ave. Friday morning, according to Roseburg firemen. Damage was about \$115.

Stevenson Says Kefauver Hurt Democrat Party

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Adlai Stevenson Friday accused Estes Kefauver of damaging Democratic Party unity, and suggested the Tennessee senator has been ducking vital votes in the Senate. Kefauver said he was disappointed that Stevenson was "slinging some mud."

Stevenson was campaigning away in Florida, where he and Kefauver clash head-on in a May 29 Democratic presidential primary, while Kefauver was out trying to garner party convention delegates in New Jersey.

Kefauver's assertion that Stevenson was mud-slinging came at a news conference in Newark, N. J., even before Stevenson's latest attack on him.

In response to questions, Kefauver said he classed as "mud" what he said was Stevenson's making fun by inference of the senator's handshaking. He also said Stevenson had accused him of saying one thing in one part of the country and something else in another part.

"I had no ill word against him," Kefauver said. "I turned the other cheek."

Stevenson cited to a Jacksonville Bar Assn. audience a long list of occasions when he said Kefauver was absent from the Senate during votes on controversial issues.

He said: "There may be such a thing as wanting to be president too badly. And that may be one of the reasons why none of Sen. Kefauver's colleagues in the Senate have endorsed him and so few

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Rodeo Queen, Princesses Search Being Started

Calling all girls. It's almost rodeo time, time to start the search for a queen and princesses.

Pat Sullivan, chairman of the queen-selection committee for the Douglas County Rodeo Assn., has called a meeting for Wednesday, April 11, for anyone interested in vying for queen.

The meeting will be from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce office on Main Street.

Sullivan stressed that the girls will not be involved in ticket-selling this year. Selection will be based on horsemanship, personality, poise and appearance. Horsemanship and the girl's horse and equipment will count 50 per cent.

Sought are girls between 15 and 26, unmarried, who reside anywhere in the county. All details of the selection process will be explained at Wednesday's meeting, Sullivan said.

April 21 has been set tentatively as the date for judging on horsemanship, Sullivan said. The annual rodeo will be on June 23 and 24.

Anyone interested, but unable to attend next week's meeting, should contact Sullivan at OR 3-4348.

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Cease Fire. Appeal Halts Engagement

Both Egypt, Israel Hurl Charges Over Responsibility For Act

JERUSALEM (U)—A new artillery duel between Egypt and Israel flared Friday on the tense Gaza strip frontier. Egypt reported one soldier killed. It also reported 63 persons dead from Thursday's gunfire on that border—21 more than in earlier accounts.

The new outbreak did not last. It apparently was brought to an end under the U.N. cease-fire appeal that finally halted Thursday's clash. But charges were exchanged between Israeli and Egyptian over responsibility for the deaths.

The situation caused U.N. truce chief Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns to postpone till Saturday his departure for Rome and a meeting Sunday with U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold. He had planned to leave Jerusalem Friday.

The meeting will be preliminary to Hammarskjold's Middle-East peace mission, ordered by the U.N. Security Council.

A Cairo military spokesman said 39 civilians and four soldiers were killed in Israeli shelling of the Gaza strip Thursday. He said 93 civilians were wounded.

The spokesman reported the civilian dead included 27 women and 4 children and the wounded 32 women and 8 children.

He accused Israel of a "premeditated attack on the civilian population." He said the artillerymen hit the marketplace and the English and Egyptian hospitals in Gaza and virtually ignored military objectives.

An Israeli spokesman in Jerusalem said the Egyptian casualties probably resulted from a heavy concentration of Egyptian artillery.

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Bridge Inspector Seriously Injured On Highway Project

A 39-year-old State Highway Dept. inspector was reported in serious, but not critical, condition at Douglas Community Hospital today after Joseph Weckerle of Winchester was rushed to the hospital Thursday after a construction accident about four miles north of Myrtle Creek.

Attendees said Weckerle underwent surgery to his head this morning. Injuries include a fractured skull, punctured lung and fractured ribs, it is believed.

Weckerle was inspecting construction of the Booth Ranch bridge where Highway 99 is being relocated when he was hurt.

However, it is not now known how the mishap occurred, according to Tom Edwards, division engineer for the highway department.

Edwards said Weckerle had been up on falsework where concrete was being poured for a pier form. Later, workmen found Weckerle lying on the ground outside the bridge area.

No one saw Weckerle fall, and it is not known what occurred, Edwards said. It is possible Weckerle fell down a steep bank or fell off the falsework and hit the bank. It is the first time a highway department bridge inspector has been hurt on the job "for years and years," Edwards added.

Dunked Boatman Absolves Dunker Of Any Blame

Leo Diesburg, who was dunked in the Umpqua River in a boat swamping last Saturday, has absolved another boatman of blame in the accident.

He and Ted Bernard were rescued from the water when the boat swamped.

Diesburg said he had tied another boat. It is possible Weckerle fell down a steep bank or fell off the falsework and hit the bank. It is the first time a highway department bridge inspector has been hurt on the job "for years and years," Edwards added.

When a third boat, the "Wizard," went past, Diesburg's boat "swapped ends" in the wake. The third boat, he said, slowed down when it went past, and continued on, the occupants unaware of the mishap.

He said feeling had been raised against the "Wizard" owners, but explained there is no basis for it.

Jaycees Will Continue Reflector Tape Project

Junior Chamber of Commerce members in Roseburg will continue their project of sticking safety reflector tape on automobiles this weekend.

Residents, who wish to have the tape placed on rear bumpers and inside front car doors, will find the Jaycees stationed in the City Drive in parking lot Saturday and Sunday. The tape will be available from noon through 5 p.m. each day. A charge of \$1 per car is made.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Springtime is "coring" time, followed by post-honeymoon living costs presenting "billioning" time.



ATTENDING THE REGIONAL MEETING of the Camp Fire Girls, Inc. left to right are Doris Harris, program chairman; Opal McClure, slide leader; Mrs. Dan Dimmick and Dan Dimmick, regional representative. Far right is Tom Pargeter, president of the local Camp Fire council. Mrs. Gladys Amundson, local executive director, is also attending the meetings today and Saturday being held in Tacoma, Wash. At the meeting will be the national president and national director of Camp Fire. (Paul Jenkins)