

# Truman Inspects Ravages

POTSDAM, July 16 (UP)—President Truman toured the war-ravaged heart of Berlin today while awaiting the opening of the big three conference which was postponed until Tuesday by a delay in the arrival of Premier Stalin.

Prime Minister Churchill also made a two-hour tour of Berlin. His party reached the chancellery 10 minutes after Truman's left. For 25 minutes the 70-year-old prime minister roamed through the ruins of the chancellery like an experienced mountain climber.

Views Wreckage Truman left Potsdam with an armored escort. For two hours he traveled through the streets of central Berlin, critically viewing the destruction wrought by the allied armies and air forces. It wasn't a victory tour with flashy ceremonials, but a serious study of destruction.

Truman, Prime Minister Churchill and Stalin had been expected to open the Potsdam conference of the big three this morning. But a day's delay was caused by the absence of the Russian generalissimo. His exact whereabouts are not revealed, but he is expected to arrive late today.

Worst Part The president wedged his Berlin tur into a crowded schedule, which included a formal call by Churchill and a steady round of conferences.

The presidential party traveled to Berlin proper along the autobahn or speedway from Potsdam and proceeded to the center of their city where the Germans made their last stand.

Flanked by two carloads of secret service men and a half-track load of expert army riflemen, Truman and Secretary of State James Byrnes motored through the worst rubble of central Berlin.

Terrible When he stopped before the shattered, burnt-out shell of the chancellery the president observed with a pensive shake of his head:

"It's a terrible thing, but they brought it on themselves." He looked up at the jagged remains of a balcony where Adolf Hitler enflamed the world with his ranting speeches and said:

"It's just a demonstration of what can happen when a man over reaches himself. I never saw such destruction. I don't know whether they'll learn anything from it or not."

As he looked and spoke, listless and ragged Germans stumbled through the rubble. The Germans paid little attention to him. When they did, it was mostly in blank, sullen stares.

# Fred J. Smith, 81, Farmer, Dies

Fred Joseph Smith, 81, farmer, of 1307 C avenue died Saturday at his home.

He was born Feb. 10, 1864, in Ontario, Canada, and has resided in La Grande for 27 years. He was a member of the Catholic church.

He leaves his wife, Rose Mary; five children, Mrs. Joe Burgess, Mrs. Ralph Corbett, Rose Smith and Fred Smith of La Grande, and Joe L. Smith of Sheridan, five grandsons and one granddaughter.

Rosary will be said tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the Snodgrass Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 9 a. m. Tuesday, July 17, at the Catholic church with Rev. John Baumgartner offering the mass.

# Caudle Appointed Assistant to Clark

WASHINGTON, July 16 (UP)—President Truman today nominated Theron Lamar Caudle of Wadesboro, N. C., to be assistant attorney general, the justice department post vacated when Tom C. Clark became attorney general.

Caudle, 41, has served as U. S. attorney for the western district of North Carolina since 1940. He was graduated from Wake Forest college in 1926 and immediately began private law practice.

Truman also nominated Herald William Judson of Los Angeles to be assistant solicitor general, succeeding Hugh B. Cox.

# Ration Value of Butter Reduced

WASHINGTON, July 16 (UP)—The ration value of creamy butter is back down to 16 points a pound today.

The old 24-point value came to an end at 12:01 a. m. Sunday. The OPA said the move was made possible by reduced military requirements. But it warned points will be raised again if supplies disappear too quickly.

Country butter remained at 12 points a pound.

# La Grande Evening Observer

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# Pair Breaks From County Jail

# Four More Japan Cities Blasted



BLEW OUT 10 CANDLES AMONG THEM—Celebrating their second birthday anniversary yesterday, the Diligent quintuplets posed in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Shown (left to right) are Franco, Maria Fernanda, Maria Ester, Maria Christina and Carlos Alberta.

# Wife Finds Her Husband Frozen In Refrigerator

STAMFORD, CONN., July 16 (UP)—Saul H. Perry, 50, owner of the Pickwick ice cream company, tried to fight off death in the plant's 40 below zero refrigeration room with a box of matches, and lost.

Police said today Perry entered the sub-zero room Sunday when no employees were around and let the door close behind him, forgetting the lock was undergoing repairs and the inside handle had been removed.

His wife found his body when she returned from Boston where she had been visiting. Mrs. Perry locked herself in the refrigeration room several days ago, but was freed by employees.

Perry tried frantically to free himself. He tried to pick the lock, first with a pencil, then a fountain pen, dropping them on the floor in desperation. He tore a length of electric wiring from the walls, but that too failed to trip the lock.

Then he lighted the matches, one by one, trying to fight off the growing numbness. Finally they were exhausted.

Mrs. Perry returned by train, and finding her husband was not at the station to meet her, went to the plant. A red light above the door indicated someone was in the refrigeration room.

She found her husband, frozen stiff.

# Ninth German Dies In Prison Hospital Of Gun Wounds

FT. DOUGLAS, Utah, July 16 (UP)—The death toll from a berserk American army guard's shooting orgy last week at the branch German prisoner of war camp at Salina, Utah, today has risen to nine.

Ninth service command officials here reported that German Pfc Friedrich Ritter died Friday from wounds suffered when Pvt. Clarence V. Bertucci, New Orleans, turned a mounted machine gun on the POW camp enclosure, firing wildly into the tents of the sleeping prisoners with a full belt of .30 caliber bullets.

Eight prisoners were killed almost outright and 19 others were wounded. Military funeral services will be conducted here tomorrow for Ritter.

# Baker Boy Injured Here in Fall From Delivery Truck

Jess J. Zemmer of Baker, 13-year-old son of Mrs. Maxine Zemmer of Baker, is a patient at Grande Ronde hospital suffering a probable skull fracture which resulted from a fall from a delivery truck in La Grande Sunday morning.

The boy had come to La Grande to visit for a short while, but will now be confined to the hospital for some time. His condition, hospital attendants said, is good.

# Douglas To Speak Here About Sept. 1

Justice William O. Douglas of the U. S. supreme court, now vacationing at his summer home on the south fork of the Lostine river, will "definitely" speak at La Grande about Sept. 1, it was announced today.

Douglas had been tentatively announced as a public speaker of the chamber of commerce, here then under the auspices but it was not definite until today.

# Truman Nominates Vinson Secretary Of The Treasury

WASHINGTON, July 16 (UP)—President Truman formally nominated Fred M. Vinson to be secretary of treasury. No successor to Vinson as war mobilization and reconversion chief was named immediately.

Federal Loan Administrator John W. Snyder is most prominently mentioned to succeed Vinson as home front czar. Snyder, a close personal friend of Truman for 25 years, was appointed to the loan post when Vinson succeeded James F. Byrnes as war mobilization. He formerly was vice president of the First National bank of St. Louis.

The White House said it had received no information yet from Berlin on the president's selection of a new war mobilization and reconversion director.

Morgenthau, who originally agreed to stay on until the president returns from Europe, will step out as soon as Vinson is confirmed, ending a tenure of more than 11 years as secretary of treasury.

# Wagner Pleads For Prompt Acceptance Of Bretton Woods

WASHINGTON, July 16 (UP)—Sen. Robert F. Wagner, D-N. Y., opened senate debate on the Bretton Woods monetary proposals today with a plea for prompt ratification.

He said their acceptance would "inform the world that we stand ready to cooperate in international economic matters." Together with the United Nations charter, he said, the proposals "lay a firm foundation for peace."

Wagner introduced the Bretton Woods proposals in his capacity as chairman of the senate banking committee.

Overwhelmingly adopted by the house, they provide for United States participation in \$9,100,000,000 world bank and an \$8,600,000,000 international monetary fund to help world reconstruction and development and to stabilize currencies.

Wagner told his colleagues the legislation now before them "will assist immeasurably in achieving mutual assistance and general understanding among nations that are so essential to the establishment of any enduring and perpetual peace."

# B-29 Ghost Plane Speeds Toward West Coast

GRAND RAPIDS, Minn., July 16 (UP)—Authorities scanned the skies today for a B-29 "ghost plane" reportedly speeding westward after its entire crew bailed out to escape gasoline fumes—but not before throwing an unconscious airman overboard.

The Superfortress, its automatic pilot subbing for its absent guide, carried 4,000 gallons of gasoline, enough to fly it to the Pacific ocean.

Ten of the 11-man crew parachuted from the plane when a leaky gas tank engulfed them in explosive fumes. The decision to abandon ship was not made until one man already had been overcome. His parachute was rigged to open and he was tossed out. It was believed he revived before landing.

The men, picked up by forest ranger and farmers in the area near Napoleon and Bear lakes in northern Minnesota, told police officers they decided to jump when the fumes threatened to set the aircraft on fire.

The Superfortress was on a routine round-trip flight from its base at Pyle, Tex.

# Chaplin Ordered to Pay Baby's Support

HOLLYWOOD, July 16 (UP)—Comedian Charlie Chaplin whose attorney said he has a \$3,000,000 fortune, was ordered today to pay \$75 weekly for care of 21-month-old Carol Ann Barry until the courts rule on his appeal that he is not the baby's daddy.

Sporting an authentic mustache, Chaplin was hailed before Superior Judge Clarence L. Kincaid by the baby's attorneys, who claimed he failed to continue paying last April, after a jury decided he was the father of red-haired Joan Barry's child.

# Farm Hazard Check Urged

A systematic safety check-up on every farm in Union county would mean elimination of scores of accidents or fires, injuries, and possibly deaths, says County Agent R. W. Schaad in calling attention to national farm safety week proclaimed by President Truman for July 22 to 28.

"This is the second annual farm safety week in Oregon," states Dean William A. Schoenfeld of Oregon State college, who again has been appointed a chairman for Oregon by the National Safety council.

Checks Suggested A farm safety check-up means taking a prepared list of ordinary hazards around the farm and home and checking to see if they are present or not, says Schaad. Places to check include machinery, buildings and farm yard, fire hazards, how animals are handled, electrical installations, hand tools, sanitation and health, and the farm residence.

Four-H club members are encouraged to make such check-ups on the farms where they live, whether they belong to regular farm safety clubs or not. Mimeographed check lists are available for this as well as a printed 4-H club bulletin on farm safety and fire protection. Copies may be had at the county extension office.

Large Losses The accident "front" is one of the most deadly "battle fronts" today, even with a world war not yet finished, according to Schaad. More persons were killed by accidents in America during the first two years of the war than there were Americans killed in the war itself. While farm accidents did not account for all of these, they cause more than 25 percent of all the death in occupational mishaps.

The first national farm safety week last year focused attention on farm and home accidents and resulted in some improvement,

# B-29s Follow Up Fleet Attacks; Emperor Appeals

# 434 Enemy Planes Destroyed By Third Fleet

By WILLIAM F. TYREE GUAM, TUESDAY, July 17 (UP)—Four task forces of 450 to 500 Superfortresses, carrying the pre-invasion attack on Japan into its 42nd day, hurled more than 2,500 tons of fire bombs into four cities across a 475-mile stretch of Kyushu and Honshu early today on the heels of a shattering air and sea bombardment by the U. S. third fleet.

The mighty sky giants raised to 43 the number of Japanese cities scourged in the knockout campaign that began last March. The third fleet's week-end bombardment meanwhile had wrecked 10 northern Japanese cities and virtually cut Hokkaido off from the main island of Honshu. Tokyo said the fleet had withdrawn but presumably is still prowling Japanese waters.

Emperor Speaks As the homeland shuddered under gigantic aerials and sea bombardments, Emperor Hirohito personally called on his shadowy air force to strike back. Thus far it had not. Attesting the Japanese air force's impotency, Adm. William F. Halsey's third fleet raiders destroyed 434 planes in its sweeps which started last Tuesday against Tokyo—all but three of them caught on the ground.

Targets for today's attack, the eighth this month by the Superforts, were:

Nunazu, 32 miles northeast of Shizuoka; Kuwana, 12 miles southwest of gutted Nagoya; Hiratsuka, 34 miles southwest of Tokyo; and Oita, on the northeastern tip of Kyushu.

Burned Out The giant raiders went in at low altitude to spill tons of bombs on all four cities for the first time, although Oita had been hit by lighter planes from Okinawa.

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# Interim Tax Study Commission Meets

SALEM, July 16 (UP)—The thirteen members of Oregon's interim tax study commission, created by the 1945 legislature to study a possible revamping of the state's tax structure, held their first meeting here today.

On agenda were discussion of the appointment of an executive director of the commission, and the possible employment of out-of-state expert aid.

The commission has \$20,000 to spend on its investigations, and the question of out-of-state local expert was one of the bones of contention when the legislature approved the study.

The first request for the commission's study was made by Gov. Earl Snell in his message to the legislature on the first day of the 1945 session.



J. P. SHAFROTH, rear admiral, USN, commander of the bombardment forces which set the steel port of Hamazahi afire in a two hour attack. Another attack Sunday, the second straight day of surface force blow, combined with planes to wreck 10 cities and practically cut off Hokkaido.

# Wilson River Fire Farther Out of Control

PORTLAND, July 16 (UP)—A raging and fast moving 7,000 acre forest fire along the Wilson river is roaring further out of control today, despite desperate efforts of 500 fire fighters, including 20 truckloads of soldiers from Vancouver barracks, to check the blaze.

Northwest and westerly winds were driving the rampaging fire eastward toward the crest of the coast range of mountains in Tillamook county, giving Oregon another great forest fire crisis reminiscent of the Tillamook burn of 1935.

Weather conditions were deemed favorable to combat forest fires with some clouds and moderate relative humidity, but forestry officials said the weather seemed to be having little or no effect on the flames.

So far, little or no green timber has been burned. Billowing smoke poured over the Willamette valley all day Sunday, almost obscuring the sun in places. The brownish-red plume was reported making work difficult for fire lookouts over the Cascade mountain forests, almost a hundred miles east.

A logging operation in the Wilson river region was believed to be the origin of the fire.

Northwest Oregon's other forest fire along the Salmonberry river is reported under control with no spreading for the last three days.

# Weather

Data for 24 hours to 7 a.m.  
Temperature:  
Maximum 82  
Minimum 50  
Oregon—Scattered clouds to night and Tuesday.

# O'Brien, Brody Held On Forgery Charges

Carroll Jessie O'Brien and Bradley Brody, both arrested for forgery, Saturday night had smashed their way to freedom from the county jail where they were being held prisoners.

Neither of the men has been found yet, but state police, city police, the sheriff, and his deputies, are hunting them. The break was discovered early Sunday morning, when Sheriff Jesse Breshears came to the jail to feed the men.

O'Brien and Brody had pried loose two bars, which had been broken before, but had been repaired and braced; and with them had smashed a hole 10 1/2 by 12 inches in the wall which separated the jail from the county treasurer's office, escaping from there by the simple procedure of opening a window.

# Deer Season In State Sept 29 Through Oct. 28

Not Dates Picked By East Oregon Sports Group

Sportsmen in this area are pronounced themselves fairly well satisfied with the deer and elk seasons set for Oregon hunters this year, although the season fixed by the state game commission are not exactly those recommended by the eastern Oregon sports council.

Deer season was set from Sept. 29 through Oct. 28, with the big limit remaining the same as last year—one deer with not less than forked horns.

Antelope Limited Open season on antelope was set from Sept. 22 to 30. Only 800 antelope will be permitted to be killed and these only by holders of special antelope tags.

The open season on ducks, geese and other migratory waterfowl will be from Oct. 13 until Feb. 1, unless the federal government takes action to close the season earlier.

For the first time in ten years, there will be an open season on marten, a fur bearing animal which has increased from only a scattered few to an estimated 10,000. The open season on these animals will be from Nov. 15, to Feb. 15, 1946. Present market price of marten pelts is around \$35.

Deer Open season, Sept. 29 to Oct. 28, inclusive, in entire state for blacktail and mule deer having not less than forked horns; and in Douglas county only for whitetail deer having not less than forked horns.

Bag limit, one deer having not less than forked horns; provided that the bag limit is one deer of either sex in that part of the Canyon creek game refuge lying east and north of Canyon creek, which area is reserved by statute to hunting by means of long bow and broad arrow only.

Special Doe Deer Season Eight hundred permits will be issued for taking of doe deer from December 1 to December 5, inclusive, in the winter range. See DEER . . . Page 5

# Furniture Group Director is Dead

PORTLAND, July 16 (UP)—J. King Bryon, managing director of the Retail Furniture Dealers of Oregon and the Gas Appliance Society of Oregon, died Sunday after 35 years residence in Portland.

Born in Brooklyn, N. Y., he was for many years associated with the Ladd and Tilton bank. In 1921 he was president of the Oregon chapter, American Institute of Banking. He was president of the Progressive Business Men's club in 1933 and a leader in boys' work fostered by that body.

In 1926 he organized the Furniture Dealers' association which he since had managed.

Medium Dies on Appointed Day SEATTLE, July 16 (UP)—Mrs. Sarah J. Adams, 91, and Seattle's oldest spiritualist medium, told her daughter a week ago yesterday: "You will have to visit me only one week more, then I shall be gone."

Death kept the appointment. She died at 3:03 p. m. yesterday. Mrs. Adams came here from Toledo, O., in 1908 to display her strange gifts at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition. She remained here and her income from readings made her financially independent.

Orchid Lei Sent to Mrs. John Garity The exotic orchid lei now on display in Cherry's florist shop is the gift sent Mrs. John Garity by her son, Ensign William Fleenor, who is now in the Pacific area.

The lei, composed of 26 perfect little spray orchids of a bright lavender color, presumably was sent from Hawaii, where that arrangement of flowers is the symbol of friendship or affection.

Seldom is this arrangement of blossoms seen in this part of the country, though it is a familiar sight in the islands where each new arrival is presented with a lei as the ship reaches port.

Teachers who are planning to use emergency certificates should apply for them immediately, Miss Ethel S. Hansen, county superintendent of schools, announced today. Teachers who need renewal certificates should also apply immediately, it was also announced.

According to school law, all teachers must file three papers in the office of the county superintendent of schools before they receive their first month's salary. These papers are: teacher's certificate, teacher's contract, and health certificate. The health certificate must be countersigned by the county physician, A. L. Richardson.

Counties Need More State Taxing Help SALEM, July 16 (UP)—F. L. Phipps, executive secretary of the association of Oregon county tax study meeting here today, told the interim committee the counties must have more help from the state if they are to meet their increasing responsibilities in the post war periods.

Either the 6 percent constitutional limitation on property levies must be lifted or the state must divert more funds to the counties, Phipps told the committee.

The state legislature is constantly heaping additional responsibilities on the counties, such as the compulsory herd testing act of the last session, but never provides any means for financing these new duties, Phipps declared.