

Weather

Data for 24 hours to 7 a.m.
Temperature:
Maximum 93
Minimum 54
Forecast: Clear tonight and Saturday; little temperature change.

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FIVE CENTS

Elgin to Ask Grant To School

ELGIN, July 27 (Special) —Legal voters of the Elgin consolidated school district gave the board of directors the go-ahead to the board's plans for an expanded school service by a large vote at the special school election held here Thursday afternoon.

Voters were asked to authorize the purchase of adjoining Fisher property at a cost of \$3800 and the voters responded by a vote of 62 to 11.

To Use Buses
The board was authorized to institute bus transportation for pupils living two miles or more from the school district, through purchase or lease of buses, by a vote of 72 to 2.

The board was also authorized to sell school houses and school sites acquired in the consolidation, by a vote of 70 to 3.

The budget for the current school year was adopted as published, and the board levied a special school tax of \$22,050. In order to make this levy, special approval of legal voters was required under the 6 percent budget law, and this approval was given by a vote of 62 to 7.

Plan School
Today the board is conferring with the school district's architect and federal officials from Seattle who have jurisdiction of the allotment of federal funds to assist over-burdened districts in areas in which war plants are located.

The Elgin school district hopes to get a large grant to assist in the construction of a new school building, with auditorium, to house the elementary school and high school of the newly consolidated school districts of that area.

Election Success Surprise to Kin Of Ernest Bevin

PORTLAND, July 27 (UP) — Election success of England's labor party was a surprise to the daughter and son-in-law of Ernest Bevin, one of the party leaders.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert J. Davies of Portland said they had a letter from Mrs. Bevin two weeks ago in which she spoke as if Churchill were certain to be returned to power.

In London Prime Minister Clement Attlee today named Bevin his foreign secretary. Hugh Dalton was named chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps president of the board of trade, Herbert Morrison president of the council and Sir William Jowitt lord chancellor.

"The outcome of the election in England was a surprise to us all, for we never really expected such success for the labor party," Mrs. Davies said. She added England's working people have been attempting for many years to wrest control of the government from the conservative party.

Mrs. Davies explained that while Bevin and Churchill are political rivals, they are close friends in private life.

Blum Declares Petain Wrecked French Republic

PARIS, July 27 (UP) — Former Premier Leon Blum charged today Marshal Henri Philippe Petain destroyed France's republican institutions by force and substituted a "despotic power the like of which never was seen in the Orient."

"That was treason," Blum, leader of the pre-war popular front, shouted at the peak of his denunciation of Petain. Occasionally Blum sobbed so heavily it was hard for him to speak.

Blum worked laboriously through a narrative of the scheming and turmoil of the government's flight from Paris in 1940 and eventual establishment at Vichy.

"In allowing himself to be dashed to the ground in despair and letting his country fall in a like manner—no, he cannot say he was doing that for France's good or honor," Blum declared.

150 DIE IN CRASH
PARIS, July 27 (UP) — French press agency tonight reported 150 persons were believed to have been killed or injured in a railroad accident at Saint Lons in the Rhodie department.



BIG GAIN OF ONE POUND in one month makes Judy Lynn Thompson seem considerably less fragile than she was when she was born and weighed only 2 pounds, seven ounces. Here she is shown with her mother, Mrs. Lee Ray Thompson. Thompson is a radioman-gunner on a navy dive bomber in the south Pacific and has not heard of the birth of his daughter.

Rapid Gain May Soon Enable Baby to Leave Incubator Home

Now that Judy Lynn Thompson is almost a month old she is permitted to leave the incubator in which she has lived since June 29, the day of her birth, six weeks prematurely.

Not only that, but Judy Lynn, daughter of ARM 2/C and Mrs. Lee Ray Thompson, has gained a whole pound, from two pounds, seven ounces, to three pounds, seven ounces. By the time her daddy, who is in the south Pacific somewhere, hears about her having been born she will be big enough to leave the incubator and be with the other babies in the St. Joseph hospital nursery.

Judy's father is in his third campaign in the Pacific. He is a gunner-radio operator on a dive bomber, which operates from a carrier. Judy's middle name was given her for her father's pilot, Lt. (j. g.) Boy Lynn of Alhambra, Calif.

Thompson and his wife, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Freisinger, met while both were attending high school here. He left high school to enter the navy three years ago and they were married two years ago at San Jose, Calif. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beery.

Though so small, Judy Lynn is well supplied with grandparents, who include the Freisingers and Beerys, and her great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Ward of Willamette.

How soon Judy may leave the incubator is not certain. In the meantime she will be under the care, as she has been since birth, of the nurse, Miss Bernice Miller.

John Thompson, 55, Union Farmer, Injured in Mishap

John Thompson, 55 year old Union farmer was critically injured at 11:30 a.m. today when the six-foot point of a buck rake penetrated his lower chest, went through his left chest cavity, and came out his right shoulder.

Thompson had been driving the rake on the Fred Brown ranch at Union, helping Roy Miller harvest his hay when the team pulling the rake became frightened and bolted. Thompson attempted to head the horses off, but they swerved, putting him directly in line with the rake.

La Grande's first-aid car was summoned to the ranch, and he was taken to the Grande Ronde hospital. His condition was described as "critical," and he will be allowed no visitors until further notice.

AFL Sawmill Men To Take Strike Vote

COOS BAY, July 27 (UP) — Petitions for a legal strike vote affecting some 3,000 lumber workers in southwestern Oregon will be filed with the national labor relations board in Washington, D. C., July 28 by 15 districts affiliated with the northwestern council AFL lumber sawmill workers, it was disclosed today.

Fritz Hagen, business agent of the AFL mill workers, made the announcement upon return from Portland where he attended a meeting with the northwest council committee and a six man NLRB panel, which had been called to discuss union demands for a general increase of 20 cents per hour.

B-29s 'Call Shots' Against Next 11 Jap Cities After Refusal to Give Up

Ogilvie Faces Charge of Murder 3 Centers Blazing As Plan Told

Claude N. Ogilvie, 70, Cove farmer arrested Wednesday after the death by gunshot wounds of Jack Stareo, a neighbor, 57, was arraigned today before Justice of the Peace George H. Currey, but since he was unaccompanied by counsel did not enter a plea to the charge of first degree murder lodged against him.

Colon R. Eberhard, district attorney, who filed the charge, said as soon as Ogilvie obtains counsel he will try to fix a date for a preliminary hearing during which Justice Currey will sit as a committing magistrate, unless counsel and Ogilvie waive preliminary proceedings to permit immediate binding over to the grand jury.

Eberhard filed the information after consideration of statements he had taken yesterday from witnesses to the shooting, which took place on the Stareo farm east of Cove. The complaint charges Ogilvie "with premeditated malice" shot and killed Stareo.

Questioned Witnesses
The formal complaint does not set forth the circumstances under which the death of Stareo took place. Eberhard questioned all the witnesses yesterday and they gave him substantially the same account as had been obtained upon the scene by Eberhard and members of the state police force, who, with Deputy Sheriff Hugo Klinghammer and Coroner Lot Snodgrass, had been called to the scene.

Witnesses included Mrs. Stareo; Jacklyn, her daughter, 14; Mr. Stareo's sister, Mrs. Ray Noyes of Baker; and two hired men, Ed Rierman and Alvin Lloyd.

Fence Caused It
The cause of the argument between the two men was a fence in which Stareo, state police said, had put a gate to save several miles of driving with his hay. The fence enclosed a private road from the county highway to the Ogilvie farm and for this fence Ogilvie was responsible. He had used the lane before the land which Stareo had been farming had been leased to Stareo by Ray and Eva Duncan. The Duncan farm and the rest of the land Stareo farmed made Ogilvie's farm inaccessible from the county highway without the lane.

Ogilvie had previously refused, police were told, to allow Stareo to put a gate in the fence. The argument arose after the gate had been put in and Stareo's hired men had brought several loads of hay across the lane.

Funeral service for Stareo will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Cove Baptist church, with burial in Cove cemetery.

'Hundreds' of Yank Airmen 'Murdered'

DARMSTADT, Germany, July 27 (UP) — Reliable sources here, where 11 Germans are on trial, said today "hundreds" of American airmen drowned in the reich were killed by German civilians during the war.

The 11 Germans on trial are accused of murdering six airmen of the U. S. eighth air force at Russelsheim last August when their bomber was forced down.

Among documents in American hands is an order to local German police authorities directing them to take no action against civilians for killing allied airmen.

One investigator of war crimes said new atrocities were being uncovered almost daily. He said it probably would take years to complete the trials of Germans accused in the death of aviators forced down or shot down during the battle of Germany.

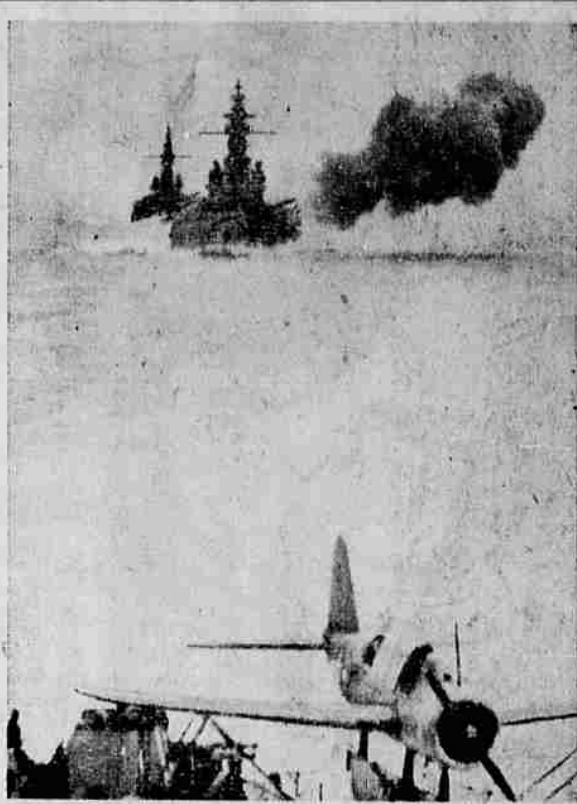
ROSENMAN TO POTSDAM
WASHINGTON, July 27 (UP) — Samuel I. Rosenman, special counsel to the President, left Washington yesterday to join the big three conference at Potsdam, the White House disclosed today.

Jean Walker Gets Word from Husband

Reported 'Well' In Jap Prison
Mrs. Jean Walker this morning received a telegram from the government, relating an intercepted broadcast from her husband, Pfc. Keith Walker, who is in Tokyo prison camp No. 1.

The telegram brought Mrs. Walker her first communication from her husband in two years, the last being a letter received last year, that having been written a year before it arrived here.

In the broadcast Walker stated that he felt "fine", and could hardly wait to get home; sent his love to all his family, and spoke of his brother's new baby, which proves he has received Mrs. Walker's letters.



YANK SHELL OUT TO JAPAN MAINLAND—Observation plane rests on USS Massachusetts, as two more battleships string out behind, one firing broadside, in first of close range Japan homeland bombardment by U. S. 3rd fleet, which met with almost no opposition from enemy forces.

Casualties Rise To Three in Fight On Forest Fires

PORTLAND, July 27 (UP) — Forest fires in western Oregon which have burned over nearly 300,000 acres and claimed three lives, today spread dangerously near several small communities. Low humidity and strong east winds aided the new spot fires in rugged mountain areas.

One was burning completely around the zig zag guard station in Washington county, and added 3,000 acres destroyed. The fire was moving into the Forest Grove watershed, about 10 miles from the city of Forest Grove.

The main Wilson river fire came within three miles of Gales creek community and Soda Springs and was spreading out of control.

Two soldiers killed were Pvt. Jesse L. Thompson, Philadelphia, and Pvt. Lester A. Ware, Columbus, O. They were killed when their truck overturned north of Portland, while enroute in convoy to the Tillamook forest fire area. Eight other soldiers were injured, two of them seriously.

State forestry officials disclosed the death of a lumberjack, Joe Dillieh, 50, killed while working with a pump to hold back the steadily-advancing Tillamook fire. Officials said he was crushed under a falling section of a tree.

Need Help
At one point, lumberjacks and volunteer sailors were forced to run for their lives when the fire took to the treetops, threatening to trap the men between two fire walls.

The mayor of Forest Grove, Ore., ordered all available manpower in his community to stand by near the city's 28,000-acre watershed, endangered by the conflagration.

Nebraskan Captures Goering's Silver

SEATTLE, July 27 (UP) — When the Seattle relatives of Sgt. George Long, Hastings, Neb., sit down to eat today, they'll use the silverware and table linen that once graced the table of Hermann Goering.

Long sent the 12 piece set and linens to his sister, Mrs. Billie Gustafson, from Salzburg, Germany. He found the treasures in the private 10-car train of Goering which was hidden in a tunnel near Berchtesgaden.

3 Centers Blazing As Plan Told

GUAM, Saturday, July 28 (UP) — America's 20th air force, putting teeth into the Potsdam ultimatum, today told the Japanese the names of the next 11 Nipponese cities which will be burned out by Superfortress raids, in a move unprecedented in any war.

As three more of Japan's flimsy war centers were still flaming from the last B-29 incendiary raid, six Superfortresses cruised over the 11 targets-to-be at midnight, dropping 60,000 leaflets warning civilians to evacuate or be burned out.

Direct Challenge
Thus, the 20th air force, for the first time in any war naming its targets in advance, laid down the most direct challenge possible to the Japanese to fight, quit, or else.

Maj. Gen. Curtis Lemay, commander of the 20th declared: "The Japs have nothing to look forward to, except destruction. We've reached the point where they refuse to fight while we burn down their cities. Now we're telling them where we're going to do it."

48 Already
The leaflets, psychological prods to the thinking element of Japan, named the following target cities to be added to the 49 already hit by devastating fire raids:

On Honshu: Ichinomiya, Tsu, Ujiyama, Nagaoka, Nishinomiya, Aomori, Ogaki and Koriyama.

On Shikoku: Uwajima. On Kyushu: Kurume. On Hokkaido: Hokodate. All are secondary industrial centers with populations of between 50,000 and 200,000.

At least four of the cities warned will be subjected to the next all-out incendiary bombing within the next few days, Lemay said, with 450 to 600 Superfortresses carrying about 3,500 tons of fire bombs to the targets.

Can Do Nothing
"They can't do anything about it," the 20th air force chief who is retiring to become chief of staff to Gen. Carl Spaatz in the strategic air command. "We tell them, then do it."

LeMay declared the Japanese are now unable to concentrate their defenses against B-29 raids, and said losses over even the most heavily defended cities have been negligible.

"We've reached the stage where the thinking Jap knows he is beaten, but we want him to be convinced," he added. "All 11 cities will be destroyed, and if it looks like it's doing any good we will pick out 11 more—or even 50."

Still in Air
The Superfortresses carrying the 60,000 leaflets from Saipan were still in the air as LeMay spoke. The office of war information began immediately to broadcast the same information to Japan.

The leaflets were prepared by the navy's psychological warfare office at LeMay's suggestion, and carry pictures of B-29 dropping clusters of fire bombs with the names of the 11 cities and a warning that Japan's military elite must be destroyed.

Japs in China Talk Openly of Peace
CHUNGKING, July 27 (UP) — A Chinese military spokesman declared today a Japanese brigadier general, in a broadcast to his own people said it is "an open secret Japanese troops in China are discussing peace overtures."

The spokesman quoted Field Marshal Reiki Okamura, commander of the Japanese expeditionary force in south China, as saying "if the Japanese withdraw from China with arms it will take two years, and one year without arms."

Okamura, according to Tokyo, decided it was "useless" to consider such a withdrawal. He was quoted as saying an armistice would be necessary as "pre-requisite" to a withdrawal.