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WEATHER

Eastern Oregon: fair, little temperature change today, tonight and Friday. High both days 85-95. Low tonight 50-60.

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Dutch Airliner Crashes Into Atlantic With 99 Aboard

Search Planes Sight Wreckage

SHANNON, Ireland (UPI)—A KLM Royal Dutch Airlines Super Constellation with 99 persons aboard, including at least 46 Americans, plunged into the stormy North Atlantic today on a flight from Amsterdam to New York.

Survival conditions were good, but there was no solid report that any of the airline's passengers had survived the crash.

The British Air Ministry said the French trawler General Le

Ike's Peace Plan Draws Opposition

By BRUCE W. MUNN

United Press International

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (UPI)—The Arab and Communist worlds united today to try to block President Eisenhower's Middle East peace program until U. S. and British troops are withdrawn from Lebanon and Jordan.

The Arabs and Communists reluctantly conceded Eisenhower outlined a constructive program to end the threat of war by having the Arab nations set up their own economic development program, but the emphasis for the time being was on Soviet charges of "aggression" against the U. S. and Britain.

British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd was going before the emergency session today to outline Britain's Middle East position. Authoritative sources said he would place his country squarely behind the Eisenhower plan.

The plan won widespread approval in Western Europe, in Washington and in Latin America. It split the Afro-Asian bloc on which the Soviet Union had depended for support of its own troop withdrawal resolution and it drew a cool reception from the Arabs and the Communist states.

Even Western delegates to the United Nations doubted there could be any action on the Eisenhower six-point plan until after the problem of American and British troops in the Middle East could be solved.

Alicel Lumber Co. Fire Put Out By Neighbors

Fire which threatened stacks of lumber in the yard of the Alicel Lumber Company was brought under control by nearby residents last night.

Bob Blake, associated with the firm, reported there was "some loss of lumber," but said the fire was confined to the yard by the prompt action of neighbors and firefighters.

First Aid Car Called For Ax Mishap, Illness

Leo Matson of Elgin was admitted to Grande Ronde hospital this morning after cutting his foot with an axe, officials of the hospital reported. He underwent surgery at the hospital. He was brought to La Grande by the Elgin first-aid car.

Marshall Hasting of La Grande was taken to the hospital by the Amos Helm first-aid car after he became ill at home.

Record Albacore Catch

ASTORIA (UPI)—Albacore in record quantity was delivered to an Astoria cannery Monday.

The Radar, a Seattle boat, delivered 11 tons of tuna. Several other boats docked with nine-ton loads, and several reported six to seven-ton deliveries.

French Scientist Dies

PARIS (UPI)—Prof. Frederic Joliot-Curie, 59, who won fame as an atomic scientist and top member of the French Communist party, died in Saint-Antoine Hospital tonight following surgery Monday for a stomach hemorrhage.

Truck-Stop Impact Spreads To Chicago

CHICAGO (UPI)—The impact of the truckers' strike-lockout in the West spread today to cripple trucking operations in the Chicago area.

Trucking firms in metropolitan Chicago estimated that as many as 1,000 workers had been laid off since the strike-lockout began Monday in 11 western states.

Girl Electrocuted By Store Mechanical Horse

ROY, Utah (UPI)—A 4-year-old girl was electrocuted here Wednesday by a mechanical horse at a grocery store.

Debra Barber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phil C. Barber, Syracuse was dismounting from the machine when it sent an electrical charge through her body. She was pronounced dead at a hospital after doctors tried unsuccessfully to massage her heart back into action.

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The accident occurred on the Idaho side of the river. Police said the boat was equipped with life jackets but the men were apparently not wearing them.

Lockout Of Truckers Hits California

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Thousands of western truck drivers sought unemployment benefits today as a result of a strike-lockout affecting 11 western states.

At the same time, the Teamsters Union filed unfair labor practice charges against four truckers' associations, charging the lockout violated the Taft-Hartley Act.

In Washington, D.C., Teamster President James R. Hoffa said he thought the dispute would be settled soon.

The dispute began Monday when 2,350 teamsters in California's Central Valley and in Western Nevada went on strike for higher pay.

Employers ordered a lockout in the 11 western states on grounds that the strikers were covered by a master agreement signed on May 27.

Unemployment offices in California were besieged with out-of-work Teamsters seeking benefits. The State Department of Employment was investigating the drivers' eligibility before making payments that could range up to \$40 a week.

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Union County's Wheat, Grass Seed Crops Hit 75 To Receive Degrees

Speaker at tomorrow's Eastern Oregon College summer commencement is Dr. William C. Jones of the University of Oregon. "The Good Life" is the subject of his address.

The ceremonies honoring 75 EOC degree candidates will be held at 10 a.m. in the College Theatre. Fifty-nine of the candidates are scheduled to receive bachelor of science in education and 16 the master of science in education degrees.

Dr. Jones is dean of administration and professor of political science at the state university.

County Road Slate Clean During July

While traffic deaths throughout the state hit a new high of 37 for the month of July, Union county's record of road fatalities was clean for the period, a check with the state department of motor vehicles and state police offices disclosed here today.

The state's 37 fatalities put the seven months' toll at 214 persons who have lost their lives in motor vehicle crashes this year. For the same period last year 30 persons died in July and the seven months' total was 232.

The state department reported that a particularly disastrous weekend for the third straight month sent the fatality count mounting. In July it was the second weekend after a relatively safe and sane Fourth of July holiday when only one death was reported. During a 54-hour period from July 18 to 23, 13 persons met death on streets and highways.

Crews Battle 4 Area Fires

Crews fighting fires for the Bureau of Land Management late Wednesday brought the Shell Rock fire south of Yale under control after it had burned some 800 acres.

The 300-acre fire east of Lime on the Oregon-Idaho border was listed as still out of control Wednesday night but it was no longer spreading.

The Lime fire was bombed with borate from planes throughout the day as crews fought to keep it from spreading into timber on rough terrain. United Press International reported.

Under control and in the mop-up stages were fires west of Homestead which burned 4500 acres Tuesday, and the 400-acre grass fire south of Myrtle Creek. All major fires in Washington state were reported under control but fire danger in eastern sectors of both Oregon and Washington continued to be listed as critical.

Elvis Presley's Mother Succumbs

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UPI)—Mrs. Gladys Presley, 42, mother of singer Elvis Presley, died of an apparent heart attack today only a short while after reporting she felt "so much better."

Presley, on a seven-day emergency furlough granted when his mother's liver ailment grew more serious earlier this week, was reported almost overcome with grief.

Mrs. Presley's husband, Vernon, was at her bedside in a local hospital when she died. Elvis, who was asleep at his \$100,000 suburban mansion "Graceland," arrived at the hospital shortly after his mother's doctor had pronounced her dead.

Italian Yacht Wins

LAS PALMAS, Canary Islands (UPI)—Italy's Aretica II was announced Wednesday night as the winner of the Brest to Las Palmas yacht race, covering the distance in 171 hours and 19 minutes.

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NEAR TRAGEDY—Bill Muncey (circle) bobs in the water after his hydroplane went out of control and collided with a Coast Guard patrol boat during the unlimited hydroplane Gold Cup race on Lake Washington, Seattle. Both boats went to the bottom, and Muncey and the two Coast Guardsmen were injured. Muncey's boat (at right of the Coast Guard boat) was the defending champion, Miss Thriftway.

City Commission Studies Varied Problems Here

City commissioners last night considered a wide variety of problems, took action on some and put off others for further study.

Led by Mel Elder as spokesman, a delegation of La Grande Jaycees appealed to the commission for additional use of a city grader for improving the Jaycee-sponsored auto race track east of La Grande. The request was granted with comment by Commission President Robert McMillan that "benefits actually

House Passes Farm Measure

WASHINGTON (UPI)—An administration-backed bill to provide lower price supports for farmers cleared the House today with the support of both Democratic and Republican leaders.

It was passed by voice vote over the protests of some farm belt congressmen of both parties. They denounced it as a "complete sell-out" of the Midwest grain farmer and an "unconditional surrender" to Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson.

The measure would permit supports to drop as low as 65 per cent of parity for corn next year and for rice and cotton in 1962. The minimum price floor now is 75 per cent of parity.

Democratic farm leaders reluctantly agreed to give Benson much of the authority he sought to cut price props in order to get a farm bill that would cancel the planting cutbacks, which they called "disastrous."

The bill now goes to the Senate, which previously had passed a similar measure providing for even greater concessions to Benson's demand for lower price supports.

Conservation Reserve Program Data Due Soon

Full information about the conservation reserve program of the Soil Bank for 1959 will be made available to farmers of Union county within a few weeks, Ben Robinson, chairman of the Union county agricultural stabilization and conservation committee, said today.

At the same time, Robinson said, agricultural men will be given the opportunity to participate in the 1959 program.

The conservation reserve is being opened early this year because the other portion of the Soil Bank, the acreage reserve program, will not be in effect in 1959.

Under the conservation reserve program, farmers may contract with the department of agriculture to reduce their acreage of harvested crops for a period of 40 years or less, and devote this acreage to conservation practices. In return for this contribution

to production adjustment the government makes an annual rental payment to the farmer, based on the productivity of his land. The government also shares in the cost of establishing the conservation practices.

The 1959 program will have three major changes not in effect this year, Robinson said. They are: a higher average level of rental payments with individual rates depending on productivity, agricultural value and rental rates for similar land in the area; a higher payment rate as an incentive for the farmer to place all eligible cropland in the reserve; a priority system for accepting contract applications which gives preference to farmers offering land at the lowest cost per unit of productivity.

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Tillamook Fire Anniversary Today

It was at 1 p.m. 25 years ago today that the first Tillamook fire broke out in Gales Creek Canyon in northwestern Oregon.

Ten days later the fire "blew up" and what had been a 40,000-acre fire developed into a conflagration that destroyed 250,000 acres and killed 12 billion board feet of timber.

On the morning of the fire the sun was clear and hot and an east wind swept across the valley and into the slopes of the Coast range.

Foresters had been urging loggers to close down their operations, but there was then no law to force such closures. Up in Gales Creek Canyon, 15 miles

out of Forest Grove, a logger had a single log to bring in before closing.

As the huge Douglas fir ground its way to the landing, the spark occurred. The fire call went out, but before loggers could get their tools in, the fire had carried to the top of a tall snag nearby. The east wind caught burning debris and carried it half a mile across the canyon into dry slashings.

The fire literally exploded. It flamed through the tops of trees with a roar that could be heard down in the valley.

Firefighters were called from fields, forests and cities. With

about 1,000 CCC men they fought the blaze for 10 days.

Then on the morning of Aug. 24, the Tillamook fire broke out on its west side along a 15 mile front, uprooting trees, twisting them off and cracking cliffs with the terrific heat.

The break-out caused charred needles, ashes and cinders to fall in cities along the Pacific coast.

By evening the east wind died down and fog rolled in, but the fire had spread from 40,000 acres to 257,000 acres in just 20 hours.

That day Oregon fought one of the historic fires of modern times. But the 1933 fire was not the end of the tragedy. In 1939

another logger was careless and a second fire covered some 200,000 acres. Again in 1945, 180,000 acres was burned.

The State Legislature met the challenge in 1949 and furnished money to rehabilitate the Tillamook area.

Since then 25 million trees have been planted on 31,000 acres of forest land, 57,336 acres have been aerially seeded, 771,872 snags felled and 140 miles of fire breaks constructed.

The State Forestry Department now sees in the area the promise of future forests, future industry and future recreational facilities for Oregon.



ROUND-UP QUEEN AND HER COURT—Judy Lasinka, Pendleton, queen of the 1958 Pendleton Round-Up, is shown with her royal court above. From left are Jan Beamer, Heppner; Marcia Bull, Portland; Queen Judy; Kay Smutz, La Grande, and Lorella Anderson, Prosser. The annual Western classic will be held Sept. 10, 11, 12 and 13.