

# Newspapers Swamped by Calls When Northern Lights Rampage And Disrupt Communications

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—(P)—A spectacular display of Aurora Borealis swept the northwestern skies Thursday night, leading many an individual to believe it had something to do with national defense.

"Is the army testing a new searchlight?" or "Is the air force practicing a new type of night tactics?" were samples of some of the thousands of phone calls which swamped newspaper offices.

The Hayden planetarium in New York answered calls at the rate of more than 100 an hour; city dwellers mounted to roof tops while the people who deal in communications just moaned.

For the capricious flickerings in the firmament played hob with wireless and cable connections practically around the globe and disrupted radio and telegraph service throughout much of the United States.

Teletypewriters in newspaper offices showed a disconcerting volume of garbled copy which looked something like this: x hr pnsy pvm.

Spasmodically, the 300,000-mile leased wire network of the Associated Press was down—at one time for as long as 2 minutes—and the 10,000-mile wirephoto network over which newspapers are transmitted was upset.

A broadcast in New York of the Dodge-Fraser baseball game in Pittsburgh was blacked out for 15 minutes as land lines bringing the report of the game to New York were hit.

Major communications systems reported the magnetic storm—for such is the term scientists use to describe the apparent cause of the Aurora Borealis (northern lights)—struck wireless communication to and from Europe, the far east and Latin America.

Except for cables from London, which continued to flow uninterrupted, the staff on the New York cables desk of the Associated Press had one of its quietest nights since the war began. The usual nightly communique from Moscow was delayed.

Telephone companies said their services were affected seriously in an area north of the Ohio river and east of the Mississippi with the greatest interference between Philadelphia and Harrisburg, Pa., and the Chicago district.

The disturbance was felt as far west as Denver and Seattle, north into Canada and Boston, and south to Atlanta.

Telephone lines were affected between Minneapolis and Fargo, ND, the American Telephone and Telegraph company said.

For the first time such a condition hit the transpacific facilities of the Bell telephone system.

The lights followed a shooting pattern mostly in green with some pink beginning in a sort of streak and ending in

something resembling a flower and were described by attaches of the Hayden planetarium as "very bright."

Most scientists believe the Aurora Borealis is a manifestation of sunspots. The sunspots, themselves, appear to set up magnetic currents emanating earthward in a manner which slashes communication lines.

This cross-current effect sometimes sets up currents of considerable voltage in landlines.

Wireless communication from San Francisco to Manila and the Orient was blanked out most of the day, but service to Honolulu was not affected.

Communication with Alaska through the US signal corps was impaired seriously. Communication was possible between Seattle and southeastern Alaska, but it faded out to the rest of the territory through most of the day and evening and was described by a member of the operations personnel as "the worst in a long time."

Telegraph circuits out of Seattle were impaired intermittently, but Pacific Telephone company reported only minor interference.

## Pupils Listed For Zena

ZENA—Zena school opened Monday with an attendance of 11. Mrs. Roy Hammer is instructor succeeding Koneta Nowowiejski, who taught at Zena for the past four years but who is instructor in West Salem school this year.

Those enrolled are Opal and Alice Curtis, newly arrived from Oklahoma, Ruth and Claude Newton, Norma and David Kime, Allen Vance, Bobby and Donald Way, Audrey Merrick and Jimmy J. Blackman. There are no first, sixth or eighth grades. Improvements made prior to school opening included new steps at the front porch and a cement landing. L. I. Mickey did the work.

SPRING VALLEY—Phyllis Bielke, Salem, is instructor at Spring Valley school. Six pupils are enrolled in three grades.

## Recovers at Hospital

GRAND ISLAND—C. A. Rockhill, who has been seriously ill at the hospital, McMinnville, is rapidly improving and will be able to return home in the near future. His son, Howard, who was sick at home, is also much improved.

## New US Cruiser Atlanta Takes to Water



This is a broadside view of the new 6000-ton cruiser Atlanta after she slid down the ways into the Kackensack river in launching ceremonies at Kearny, N.Y.

## Police Officer Gets Shock in Traffic Case

PORTLAND, Sept. 18.—(P)—The shock was almost more than Traffic Patrolman B. M. Paddock could stand the other day as he completed his testimony against Isaac R. Hughey, Portland, charged with falling to yield right-of-way. In his customary disinterested tone, Paddock told the court of the offense. Municipal Judge Julius Cohn asked Hughey for his side of the occurrence.

"Oh, I'm guilty, your honor," Hughey replied. "I'll pay my fine. But what I want the court to know is that I certainly appreciate the courtesy and friendliness of this arresting officer."

## Endeavor Society Elects Officers

PIONEER—The Christian Endeavor society of the Christian church, Dallas, enjoyed a covered dish dinner and spent the afternoon at the Frank Dornbecker home Sunday.

At a later meeting Carl Black was elected president; Ruth Dornbecker, vice president; Janet Day, Dallas, secretary; Kenneth Wright, Oakdale, treasurer; Leona and Lulu Digby, missionary committee; Mary Whitcraft, prayer; Robert Dornbecker, lookout; Rev. Rhea, advisor.

The society made plans to publish the "Clarion," the Polk county Endeavor paper. They will also attend the Christian Endeavor rally at Spring Valley Friday. Those attending the meeting at the Dornbecker home were the Rev. Rhea, Carl and Elmo Black,

## West Stayton School Opens

WEST STAYTON—The school here will open Monday with Mrs. Vern Stepto, Fox Valley, as principal. Mrs. Delpha Purvis will teach the intermediate grades and Ruth Pemberton, Salem, will teach the primary grades. The building is being made ready. O. F. Fowler, Turner, is doing the work.

June Rishel of this place has gone to Mount Pleasant, where she will teach this year.

Considerable inconvenience was caused here Tuesday on the Aumville-West Stayton highway when the small bridge north of Darley's store near the Fred Denham place gave way, due to faulty and weather-worn timbers, and necessitated detouring traffic until it could be rebuilt.

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## Town Marshal Arraigned in Murder Case

PENDLETON, Sept. 18.—(P)—James Carson, Freewater town marshal indicted Wednesday on a first degree murder charge, was arraigned before Circuit Judge C. L. Sweek Thursday. He will enter his plea Sept. 22.

The body of Lucile Carson, the marshal's former wife, was found buried in a garage at Freewater earlier this month after she was reported missing July 18.

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## Mystery of Large Fish Run Told

ST. HELENS, Sept. 18.—(P)—The mystery of the huge 1941 salmon run is ended—to the complete satisfaction of commercial fishermen here.

In the first seven days of the current fall season, the run has topped any salmon migration in the river for years. Fishermen caught more fish in the first week than they did all last spring and early summer.

They recalled Thursday that four years ago—when progenitors of the present run were en route to spawning grounds—there was a strike among fishermen. Few nets went into the river, the escape of fish was large and the hatch correspondingly big.

## Returns to Home In California

PRATUM—The Newton Allen family left Sunday afternoon for their home in California, after spending their vacation at the home of Mrs. Allen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Kleen and other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Koblitz, Seattle, spent the weekend here at the Powell home.

## Fractures Arm in Fall From Hop Basket

BETHANY—Norman Furue, young son of the Albert Furues, fell from a hop basket at the Oscar Sater yard in the Hazel Dell district Tuesday and fractured his wrist. Picking at the Sater yard was completed Tuesday afternoon.

## Amity Pupils Hurt in Car, Truck Crash

McMINNVILLE, Sept. 18.—(P)—Nine Amity high school students were injured Thursday morning in the collision of a milk truck and a school bus near Amity.

None was hospitalized. Donald Whitney suffered severe scalp lacerations, Murray Dobbin and Nayoma Herndon deep facial cuts.

The vehicles collided in attempting to pass on a narrow farm-market road. The bus was driven by Lloyd Cochran, Amity, and the truck by Roy L. Nolan, McMinnville. The bed of the truck ripped through the side of the bus and all the children riding on that side were hurt.

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**FREE UTILITY DISH** with purchase of 2 large 11-oz. **17c**

**COCOANUT** Bulk In Cello One lb. **19c**

**OATS** Alber's Slow or Fast 10's, sack **35c**

**S&W COFFEE** 1 Pound Can . . . . **25c**  
2 Pound Can . . . . **49c**

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ORANGES Sweet Juicers 2 doz. <b>25c</b>	LETTUCE Clean Solid Heads 2 for <b>11c</b>	Cantaloupes Large Dillards 6 for <b>25c</b>	ONIONS Oregon Boilers 10 lb. <b>17c</b>
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LEMONS Medium Sunkist each **1c**  
ONIONS No. 1 Boilers 10 lbs. **19c**  
SWEET SPUDS No. 1s 5 lbs. **25c**  
Carrots, Turnips, Parsnips, Rutabagas 3 lbs. **10c**

**SUGAR** Fine Cane 10 lb. bag **59c**

**PEAS** Trailer Brand 3 for **25c** Case \$1.89

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**CORN** Silco Brand 3 for **25c** Case \$1.89

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<b>APPLES</b> Jonathan, Kings, Winter Banana, bx. <b>98c</b>	<b>CARROTS</b> Coreless 3 lbs. for <b>10c</b>	<b>Pancake Flour</b> 9-lb. bag <b>29c</b>
<b>BREAD</b> 1 1/2-lb. all. loaves 3 for <b>25c</b>	<b>EGG PLANTS</b> Fresh, tasty. Large size. <b>10c</b>	<b>Canned Vegetables</b> Our Every-Day Price Peas, Corn, Green Beans 3 cans <b>25c</b> Per case <b>\$1.89</b>
<b>Noodle Soup</b> 10c pkgs. 4 for <b>19c</b>	<b>BEETS</b> Tender and tasty 3 for <b>10c</b>	<b>SUGAR</b> 10 lbs. <b>59c</b> 100 lbs. <b>\$5.71</b>
<b>Triangle Pancake</b> 2 1/2-lb. pkg. <b>17c</b>	<b>SQUASH</b> 3 Varieties to bake by the piece or whole.	<b>PUREX</b> 1/4 gal. <b>19c</b>
<b>Triangle Oats</b> Pkg., 1 lb., 4 oz. <b>7c</b>	<b>FIG BARS</b> Delicious 3 lbs. <b>29c</b>	<b>SPUDS</b> 49 lbs. <b>49c</b>
<b>COFFEE</b> Buy Pearson's and Save Red Bag, per lb. <b>25c</b> Green Bag, per lb. <b>20c</b> Airflight, 2 lbs. <b>35c</b>	<b>Letiface</b> Solid, new crop.	<b>FLOUR</b> PALM LEAF 48-lb. bag <b>\$1.14</b> CLIPPER 40 lbs. <b>\$1.19</b> KITCHEN QUEEN 40 lbs. <b>\$1.59</b>

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