

Grasshoppers Invade Tulelake Area Fields

KLAMATH FALLS (P)—Hordes of grasshoppers began edging into barley fields south of here Saturday, and by nightfall had destroyed an estimated several

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Yesterday's paper told how a preacher down in the Ozarks had gone without food of any kind for 40 days. He had taken a vow to fast until death, unless he gets Divine instructions that will lead to a spiritual revival against sin and Communism. That seems to me to be putting too much of a strain on the Almighty. If the man can't get his marching orders in a week of prayer and fasting, it doesn't look as though they will be forthcoming.

God created man as a rational being, and I don't believe He expects man to cancel out his reasoning faculties in pursuit of some fancy of religion. Yet religion has a tendency so completely to absorb the thinking of zealots that reason may be virtually dethroned. I had a relative who "went off" on Dowism which flourished a half-century ago. That taught me the danger of having too much so-called religion. Better have a little less religion and keep your mental balance than get too much and go off one's trolley. Sincerity is no substitute for common sense.

Most of the instances of going to extremes on religion seem to arise in the South. It's down there where preachers of one sect fondle rattlesnakes because of a strange interpretation of a Bible verse. The bite can be just as fatal to them as to anyone, as experience has proven. A preacher dead from snakebite in such circumstances is a victim of his own foolishness. Maybe the South has more religion than the North; and it must be conceded it has more of the kind that seems to warp reasoning. Such primitivism is born of ignorance, but it seems to have great power of survival.

The Bible is the greatest Guide-book humanity has, but in reading it and following its precepts one shouldn't surrender his intelligence. Really its truths are quite simple and quite understandable, and call for no warping of the reason in interpreting them for everyday living.

I hope the preacher in the Ozarks decides to sip some broth and get back to a normal appetite. Otherwise, he'll not be able to fight sin and Communism at all.

Ike Arrives in Newfoundland On Way Home

STEPHENVILLE, Newfoundland (P)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower arrived here Saturday night by plane from Paris on his way to Washington.

After a night's sleep, he and his party will proceed to Washington where they are due at 3 p.m. (EST) Sunday.

PARIS (P)—Gen. Eisenhower ended his second "Crusade in Europe" Saturday and flew home for the political wars.

The General and Mrs. Eisenhower took off at 2:04 p.m. in his four-engine Constellation, the Columbine.

Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, his successor as supreme Allied commander in Europe, was one of the last to give him a farewell handshake here.

Military colleagues and the men who are backing him as a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination will welcome him in Washington, where he will get the 17-gun salute of his five-star rank.

Then will come two days of conferences with President Truman, Secretary of Defense Lovett and others.

When those are over he will change his uniform and head for his home town of Abilene, Kas., in civilian clothing.

ABILENE, Kas. (P)—They garlanded Abilene Saturday with gray, red-white-and-blue bunting in preparation for the homecoming next week of Gen. Eisenhower, the town's favorite son, soldier, presidential candidate and everything else.

Eisenhower is scheduled to make a major speech, to be televised nationally, Wednesday.

The following morning, the program calls for him to appear at a full-dress press conference. He will be out of uniform, and therefore presumably ready to answer questions on the great national issues and problems, inherent in the campaign.

His campaign lieutenants all have about the same feeling, namely: "We're not worried. We think he can handle his toe. But if he should stub his toe—well, it could be mighty serious."

Their hope is that the net effect of the whole Abilene program will be to start a prairie fire of such enthusiasm for Eisenhower "that delegates just can't go any other way."

TRAIN KILLS THREE

MINNEAPOLIS (P)—A father and two sons fishing from a railroad bridge died Saturday night and four others were injured when a train bore down on them. Bodies of the father and sons were taken from shallow water of Lake Minnetonka.

thousands of dollars worth of the crop.

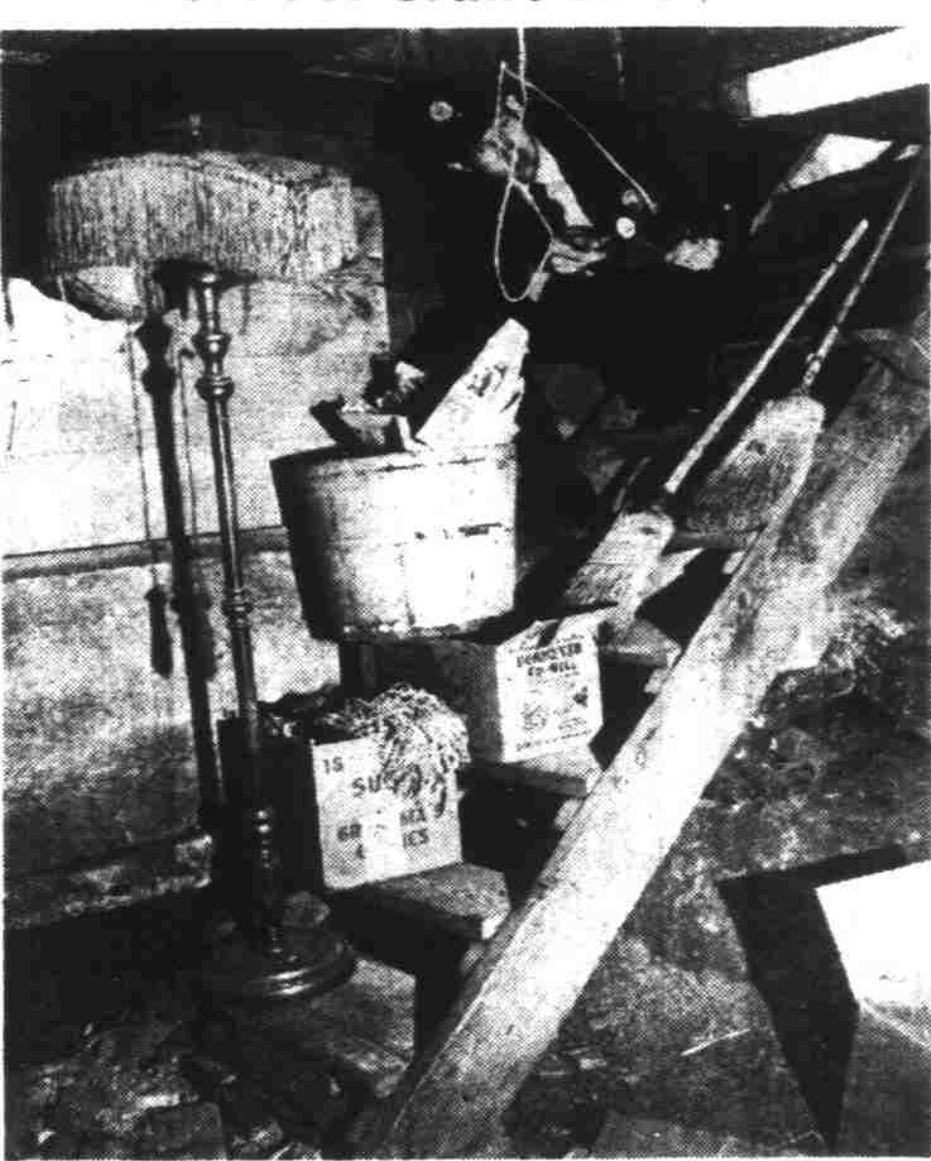
A delay in arrival of spraying airplanes enabled the grasshoppers, who were detected some days ago, to move into the fields. Aerial spreading of poison mash ahead of the grasshoppers now is scheduled to start Monday.

Sam Smith, federal grasshopper control specialist, was hopeful that the invasion would be stopped in its tracks. He said there was a chance damage would be slight. He explained that fields already damaged could be replanted in time for a crop this year. The barley, a high-priced malting variety, now is up about six inches.

The grasshoppers have 25,000 acres of the barley surrounded in the Tulelake area, most of the fields in Northern California.

Federal prisoners from a work camp at Tulelake now are mixing poison mash for use by the planes Monday.

Are Your Stairs Like This?



A sure bet to provide fuel for a fire, or impede the progress of firemen is the rubbish and junk cluttered stairway, such as the one shown in the above picture. It is one of the kinds of fire hazards which Salem Fire Inspector Alden J. Addie, above, is currently pointing out in the department's home fire inspection program. The fire department, in time, will inspect every Salem house. So far, 235 have been inspected.

Half of Salem's Homes Contain Fire Hazards

By NORMAN R. ANDERSON
Staff Writer, The Statesman

About half, and possibly more, of the homes in Salem have a potential fire hazard that the owner knows nothing about.

Actually, not all of these hazards will, in themselves, cause a fire. But they are the things that make it possible for flames to get a good start.

With this thought in mind, the Salem fire department a month and a half ago launched an ambitious project of home fire inspection. Its aim is eventually to reach every residence in the city to point out to home owners where they can prevent the possibility of fire.

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Holiday Deaths on Way to New High

By The Associated Press

The toll of violent deaths during the Memorial Day week end approached 300 early Sunday—with almost a full day remaining in the long holiday.

The count included: 215 traffic deaths; 44 drownings; 40 dead in miscellaneous accidents—a total of 299.

Ned Dearborn, president of the National Safety Council, termed the deaths "stupid and criminal." He urged motorists to make a "last-ditch" effort to hold down Sunday's fatalities.

The safety council had estimated that the 78-hour period—from 6 a.m. local time Thursday to midnight Sunday—would bring 310 traffic deaths. Dearborn said Saturday:

"It looks as if the nation is heading for a new all-time high for any three-day Memorial Day holiday toll."

The council estimated that thirty-five million cars were in use during the weekend as fair weather favored much of the nation.

The deaths by states—traffic, drowning and miscellaneous, included:

California 19-4-1; Idaho 1-1-1; Montana 3-0-1; Oregon 2-0-0; Washington 4-0-0.

The Memorial holiday week end death toll increased to two in Oregon Saturday.

An early morning automobile of Clifford C. Aldrich, 24, a soldier crash near Portland took the life stationed at the Portland Air Base. Three other soldiers from the base were injured when the car crashed on a curve.

The previous day John Marshall Hill, 36, Portland, was killed in a car crash, also near Portland.

Berry Picking Season Starts, Crews Needed

Thousands of pickers will be called into the Mid-Valley's strawberry fields during June for what is expected to be one of the largest harvests in years, the Unemployment Compensation Commission said.

The demand will probably begin Monday, H. O. Roessler, newly appointed manager of the Salem office said. He urged straw-berry pickers to report to the commission office at 710 Ferry St. mornings between 6 and 6:30 a.m.

Those who register at the Salem office, he said, may work in platoons or hire out independently.

Transportation to the fields will be furnished by the farmers.

Pears, cherries and other crops also will demand attention in many areas during the next few weeks, the commission reported. Farm labor offices have also been set up, in the Salem area, at Mt. Angel, Woodburn, Silverton and Newberg.

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Queen-Elect



PORTLAND — Brunette Jeanne Wallace of Washington High School will rule over the 44th annual Rose Festival later this month. The Queen of Rosaria was announced Saturday night. (Oregonian Photo)

'Miss Portland' New Queen of Rose Festival

PORTLAND (P)—Jeanne Wallace, 18-year-old Washington High School girl, Saturday night was selected Queen of the 1952 Portland Rose Festival.

Miss Wallace, who was "Miss Portland" in the 1951 Miss America contest, will rule the June 11-15 Rose Festival.

She was selected from among eight candidates who had been chosen earlier by popular vote in Portland's eight high schools. The seven other girls will be princesses.

Nancy Randolph, last year's Lincoln High School princess, announced the selection. She was the official representative of Gloria Krieger, 1951 queen. Miss Krieger now is in Hollywood where she is under contract as a film actress.

Baccalaureate Services Today for OCE Graduates

Statesman News Service

MONMOUTH — Baccalaureate services will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday for more than 300 Oregon College of Education graduates—the largest class since OCE began granting degrees in 1939.

Dr. Robert D. Bulkey, Corvallis minister, will speak at the services in Campbell Hall auditorium. The Rev. Walter L. Nyberg, Independence, will offer the invocation and benediction.

Wilmer E. Lampa, senior class president, will read a Bible passage, and the college choir will sing under the direction of Mrs. Florence Hutchinson. Mrs. Denise Murray will play organ selections. (Additional details on page 3.)

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Deer reported in the Candalaria Heights area of Salem some time ago were back again Saturday morning. A doe was seen in the Lorida Avenue area near City View Cemetery and another deer was reported nearby.

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French Police Raid Red Offices; Berlin Caught in 'Squeeze'

West Berlin Jittery as Two Areas Seized

By RICHARD KASISCHKE

BERLIN (P)—A new Red squeeze tightened on West Berlin Sunday.

The German Communist People's Police lopped off two little islands of freedom on the outskirts of the city.

West Berlin was gripped by its worst case of jitter since the Russian blockade of 1948-49 as the hamlets of Buergerablage and Steinstecken fell victims of the program to seal the Soviet occupation zone from the Allied sectors and Allied West Germany.

The People's Police moved into Buergerablage, just inside the Russian zone but administratively attached to the British sector of Berlin, and ordered its 43 families to get out.

Later the police slammed a blockade on the 50-family hamlet of Steinstecken and cut it off from the American sector, to which it has belonged.

The worst could come Sunday, midnight, when the East German Communist government has announced it will institute new rules requiring special passes for all Germans traveling in the Soviet zone.

This could mean a virtual blockade if the Communists decide such passes also are required of truckers, bargemen and railmen who carry on Berlin's lifeline traffic with the West across 110 miles of the Soviet zone.

When the Communists announced their new transit visa requirements Tuesday, they said details would be disclosed later. So far there has been no elaboration and people were on edge.

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Wife's Illness Fatal to Husband

SALT LAKE CITY (P)—Ace Floyd Everton, 48, called a physician Saturday, reporting his 41-year-old wife was ill. When the doctor arrived 15 minutes later, Everton was dead.

The physician said the man apparently died of a heart attack after telephoning the doctor. His wife was taken to a hospital and attendants said she likely would recover.

Youths Pull Brother From Fiery Tractor

Statesman News Service

SILVERTON—Two young men pulled their brother from a blazing tractor after it overturned on him Saturday at Waldo Hills, five miles south of Silverton.

Richard Kuenzi, 14, incurred a fractured collarbone and arm lacerations in the accident. He was turning off Garden Road onto Emery Road when the tractor upset and caught fire, pinning him underneath.

His brothers, Lee and Glenn Kuenzi, were following behind in an auto. They quickly extricated him and took him to Silverton Hospital where his condition was termed "good" later.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Kuenzi, of Waldo Hills are parents of the three brothers.

Millionth Blaze Arrives on Time

NEW YORK (P)—New York firemen had reporters and photographers primed Saturday for the one millionth fire since Armistice Day, 1918. It arrived on schedule.

Firemen had said the fire would occur sometime between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. (EST). And at 12:51 p.m., with only nine minutes to go, fire broke out in a cluttered kitchen closet in an unoccupied apartment. It was put out speedily by hand extinguishers.

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Prof. Herman Clark of Willamette University confers with Walter Erickson, Portland, over one of the university's landmarks during Alumni Day on the campus Saturday. Clark, retiring this year after 29 years of teaching, is president-elect of the Willamette Alumni Association while Erickson is outgoing president. Discussion of the granite marker, a relic of the ice age, was included in Clark's lecture, one of a series of four presented in conjunction with alumni-graduation activities. (Statesman Photo.) (Story, page 2.)