

Plane Rams Hill in California; 38 Marines Killed

The Weather

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Increasing cloudiness today with rain late this afternoon and continuing tonight; high today 44-46, low tonight 36-38; considerable cloudiness and showery Sunday. Temperature at 12:01 a. m. today was 34.
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Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1
This Year Last Year Normal
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Eisenhower Vetoes Gas Measure, Hits Lobbyists' Tactics

By WILMOT HERCHER

WASHINGTON — The natural gas bill died suddenly Friday—killed by a wad of \$100 bills and a presidential veto. With a slap at the "arrogance" and "highly questionable activities" of some supporters of the legislation, President Eisenhower refused to sign it into law.

He said he agreed with the basic objectives of the bill, which would exempt natural gas producers from direct federal regulation. But he said that to put his signature on it now would "risk creating doubt among the American people concerning the integrity of governmental processes."

The President left no doubt that he was referring to the \$2,500 campaign contribution—25 \$100 bills in an envelope—offered to Sen. Case (R-SD) a few weeks before the Senate voted on the controversial legislation.

Refused Donation

Case refused the donation, and in a subsequent investigation a special Senate committee traced the money to oil and gas interests favoring passage of the bill. The committee is now trying to decide whether or not the contribution was offered in an attempt to influence Case's vote.

But at any rate it was clear that the \$2,500 proffered by ardent supporters of the bill had boomeranged and dealt a death blow to the measure, in its present form at least. Nobody had any belief that Congress would override the veto.

Hit With Thump

Eisenhower's veto message was drafted at his vacation headquarters near Thomasville, Ga., and delivered to the House, where the legislation originated last year. It hit Congress with a thump.

Senators who fought the bill, on the ground that it would add millions of dollars to consumer's gas bills, made no attempt to conceal their elation. "I'm dancing a jig," crowed Sen. Wiley (R-Wis.). Gloom prevailed on the other side, which had argued the bill would benefit consumers by encouraging exploration for gas. "I believe I would not be discharging my own duty were I to approve this legislation before the activities in question have been fully investigated by the Congress and the Department of Justice," the President wrote.

At the same time, Eisenhower said legislation conforming to the basic objectives of the bill is needed.

Couple Killed In Crash Near Klamath Falls

KLAMATH FALLS — A couple was killed Friday and two students were injured in a two-car collision 20 miles south of here.

Dead were: Leslie Cook, 68, P.O. Box 994 Quince, Wash., and his wife, Norma.

Injured were Ron Harter, 22, the driver of the second car, and John Lee Gregory, about 16, Healdsburg, Calif. They are students here.

Harter's address is 15 N. Adams St., Eugene.

The accident happened a few hundred yards south of the Oregon-California border. The California Highway Patrol said the youths' car, traveling south, apparently skidded on icy pavement into the path of the Cook vehicle, headed north.

Harter received head and knee injuries. Gregory suffered shock, facial cuts and bruises.

Stomach-Aches Waylay 700 at Montana College

MISSOULA, Mont. — School officials are trying to find the reason for 700 stomach-aches among the Montana University student body Friday night.

Dr. Harold A. Braun, director of the student health service, said the condition may have resulted from a form of food poisoning which produced abdominal pains and diarrhea.

He said a few students were admitted to the university infirmary, but none was in serious condition.

New Court House Christened With Bootlegged Gin

DENTON, Tex. — A half-pint bottle of gin, part of the evidence, was handed to Denton County Atty. Robert H. Caldwell Jr., as he tried a bootlegging case this week in a new courtroom at the County Courthouse. The bottle slipped and broke on the concrete floor.

"I know this is the first time we've used this room," commented County Judge Jack Gray, "but I never thought we would christen it with a bottle of gin."

Williams May Enter Race For Congress

Bruce Williams, prominent young attorney who has been active in civic and athletic affairs in Salem for several years, said Friday night he is "seriously considering" entering the Republican race for Congress, and would reveal his decision one way or the other in a few days.

Williams, who managed the late Gov. Paul L. Patterson's campaign in 1954, said he had been conferring with party officials throughout the district the past few days and indicated favorable reaction to the possibility of seeking the 1st District nomination.

If Williams enters the campaign he will oppose William E. Healy, recently resigned assistant secretary of state who switched from the secretary of state race after Rep. Walter Norblad announced he would run for governor. Salem Attorney Jason Lee is a Democratic candidate for the office.

Williams, who is 37, is a graduate of Salem schools and Willamette University, winning a law degree in 1948 after service in World War II. He has practiced law in Salem since 1950.

Detroit Reels, But Icy Grip On Salem Ends

Rising temperatures Friday broke winter's icy grip on most of the Salem area, but Detroit noted new snow. Weathermen said the mercury will continue on the warmer side, with rain expected today and Sunday.

Moderating temperatures delivered a knockout punch early Friday morning to a driving snow storm that came in on a south wind. The storm quickly deposited a thin layer of white, which vanished as the mercury climbed.

Last remnants of snow from an earlier storm also disappeared from the area Friday. The storm of early Friday morning struck more heavily in mountain sectors. Electric and telephone service was interrupted and schools stayed closed Friday at Detroit as heavy snow continued all day.

By nightfall, the snow was nearly two feet deep, about 13 inches of it being new. Snow plows kept the Santiam highway open, but some motorists were stuck on side roads.

IRISH SETTLERS

KARACHI — Pakistan and Greece have agreed to abolish visas for travel between the two countries.

Europe Again Hit By Snow

Storms Heap New Misery on Area; Toll 616

LONDON — Fresh snowstorms Friday night heaped new misery on Europe, ice-locked in a relentless 3-week cold wave which already has claimed 616 lives.

Damage to crops ran into hundreds of millions of dollars. Fuel shortages grew. Yugoslav army artillery shelled ice barriers massed on the Morava River in Eastern Serbia in an effort to ease flooding.

Snow fell over London East Anglia and southeast England and the weatherman forecast "very much colder weather."

Records showed Italy's 16-day cold wave was the worst since 1845. The U. S. embassy announced a \$50,000 American Red Cross donation to help Italian cold victims.

The U. S. Air Force wound up its airlift from Germany across the Alps to Italy after delivering more than 700,000 pounds of supplies for Italian storm victims. Pope Pius XII gave a special blessing to Americans who worked on the airlift.

Light snow fell over most of France and the temperature hovered at the freezing point.

Freight Car Flips With Auto Cargo

Some 200 feet of track on the Southern Pacific mainline were damaged Friday evening when a moving boxcar loaded with new automobiles overturned near Pringle station in South Salem. Extent of damage to a shipment of Fords in the sealed car was not immediately determined.

Yardmaster Homer Robinett, who estimated track damage at about \$1,000, said the accident fortunately occurred between two siding switches. Ensuing rail traffic kept on schedule as it was shunted to the sidings.

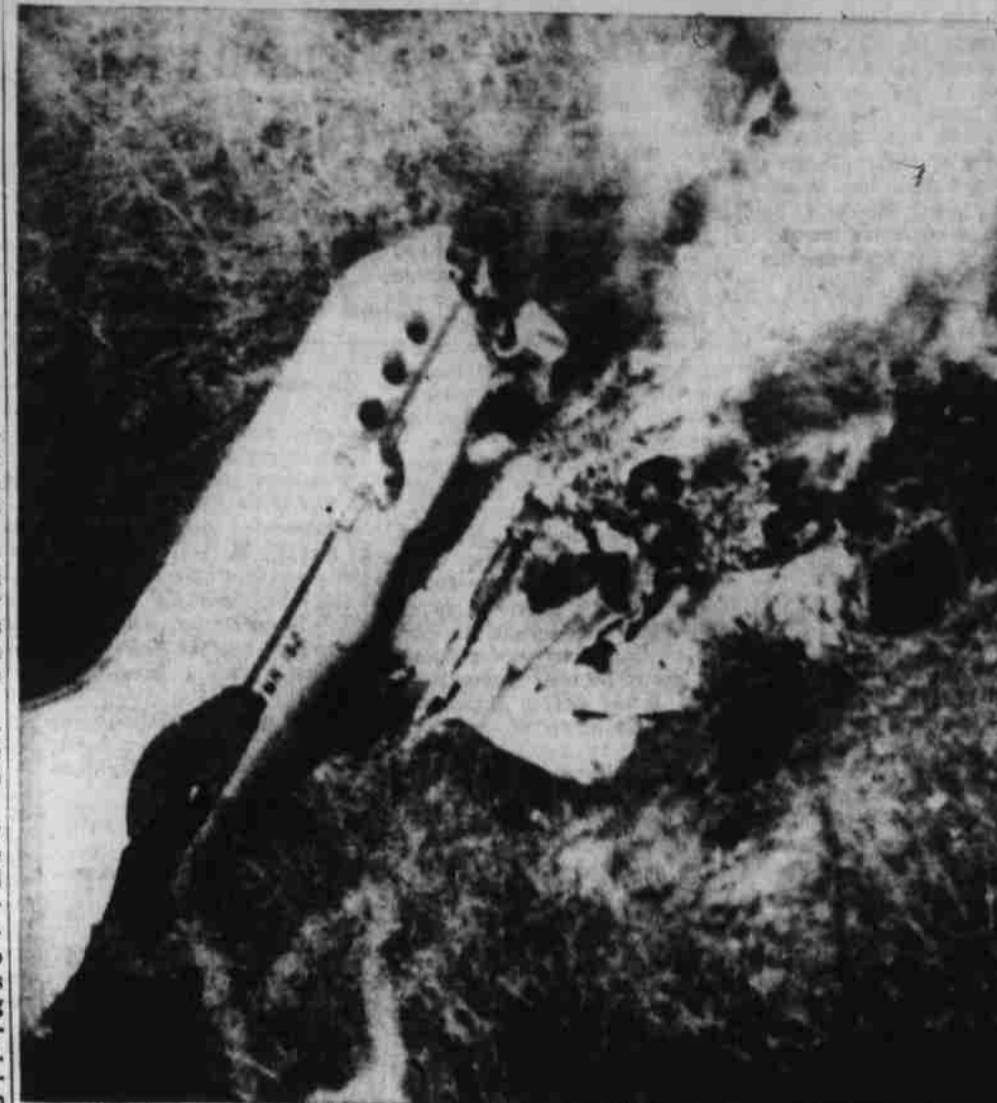
The boxcar, part of a slow-moving northbound freight train, flipped over on the west shoulder of the tracks about 7:30 p. m. apparently as a result of a broken brake beam. In addition to damaging rails and ties, it tore up a switch on a spur line of the McDonald Candy Co. Little damage apparently was done to the car itself.

When the big car flipped, it snapped couplings of adjoining cars but an automatic brake device halted the entire train. An SP wrecking crew reached the scene late Friday night to speed track repairs and right the toppled boxcar.

LADY CHURCHILL SAILS

LONDON — Lady Churchill sailed Friday night for a holiday in Ceylon, leaving her husband in snowbound London. She recently has been ill. Sir Winston will return soon to his interrupted holiday on the French Riviera.

Smoking Wreckage of Fatal Plane Crash



OAKLAND, Calif.—General view of the broken rear section of the four-engine Marine plane that crashed in rugged hill country 20 miles northwest of here Friday. All 33 Marine passengers and the crew of five died in the disaster. (AP Wirephoto.)

Diphtheria Germs Found in 3 State Blind School Girls

Three Blind School pupils were placed in isolation Friday after results of throat cultures indicated they had diphtheria germs.

"They are the healthiest kids in the school, too," said Walter Dry, superintendent of the school where two deaths have already occurred from the disease.

Positive results from the cultures on the three girls from the school do not indicate they have the disease, health officials said, only that germs were present. All three reportedly had close contact with Mrs. Violet Fry, a housemother at the school, who died of diphtheria Monday.

The second death was 7-year-old Christine Artiano, a pupil at the Blind School, but who resided with her parents at 715 S. 12th St. Supplies Short

Immunizations, Schick tests and cultures, accelerated by the outbreak, threatened to exhaust available supplies, but additional shipments were on the way, Dr. Wilford Stone, Marion County health officer said Friday.

The health officer, operating on an assembly line basis to handle the rush reported they had given a total of over 600 boosters, tests or cultures during the day Friday. The office, normally closed on Saturday, will remain open this morning because of the emergency.

Much Encouraged
Dry said "We are much encouraged that there have been no new cases to this time" as the average incubation period for the disease was passed. Normal incubation for the disease is from 2 to 7 days. Last contact at the Blind school was five days ago.

No new cases had been reported elsewhere in the state, according to State Board of Health in Portland. Four known cases have been reported, two of them the Salem deaths. A possible fifth case involves a 2½-year-old Grand Ronde child reported to have symptoms of the disease.

Joseph Stalin Denounced by Russ Regime

MOSCOW — The Soviet Union's entire propaganda apparatus Saturday denounced the political and economic work of the late Premier Joseph Stalin.

For the first time, the denunciation called Stalin by name. The dictator died March 5, 1953.

The unprecedented barrage against hitherto venerated actions of Stalin appeared in the text of a speech made by First Deputy Premier A. I. Mikoyan at the 20th Congress of the Soviet Union Communist party. It was printed in all Moscow newspapers and broadcast widely Saturday.

M&M Firm Sale Being Negotiated

PORTLAND — Several major stockholders in the big M & M Wood Working Company are negotiating for sale of their shares to the Simpson Timber Co., C. I. A. Brown, M & M president, said Friday.

He confirmed reports that have been widespread in lumber industry circles for weeks.

Brown announced that dicker for sale of M & M, a family-controlled corporation with assets of \$45,000,000, is in a preliminary stage. He said negotiations might take 40 days.

\$35 Per Share
Simpson, he said, had offered \$35 a share on the basis of equal treatment to all stockholders, but no legal commitment has been made to buy or sell. The price was almost double the book value of M & M's shares.

Brown said the announcement "may seem premature but has been forced by current speculation based on irresponsible rumors."

He said M & M stockholders involved in the negotiations asked him to issue the statement as advisor to other stockholders and the company's 2,000 employees. He saw "no reason to believe that the contemplated sale would disrupt the M & M organization," he said.

Nothing to Add
At Seattle, Stephen J. Hall, director of industrial relations for Simpson, confirmed Brown's announcement. He said he had nothing to add to it.

M & M, with headquarters here, is one of the nation's biggest producers of Douglas fir plywood. It also manufactures doors and processes Northern California Redwood lumber.

Simpson, with headquarters at Seattle, has lumber and logging interests in Washington, Oregon and Northern California.

Salem Packing Firm Hikes 1956 Bean Contract Prices

By LILLIE L. MADSEN
Farm Editor, The Statesman
In spite of some confusion this week in the vegetable processing industry, one Salem packing plant came out Friday with a considerable increase in price offered in bean contracts over a year ago. This is the first 1956 price indication received here.

California Packing Corp. officials announced Friday morning that their plant is signing contracts with bean growers in the Willamette Valley at \$175 a ton for Grade No. 1. This is \$10 above last year's price. Grade No. 2 is also bringing \$10 more a ton, or \$150 this year. The company was offering contracts for \$95 for No. 3, only a \$2.50 raise over its 1955 price, and \$65 for No. 4—or a \$5 raise.

No Life Reported At Scene

Rescue Party Finds Disaster In Box Canyon

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — A Marine Corps plane carrying 38 Marines crashed and burned in the southern Alameda County hills Friday, only nine minutes from its destination at Alameda Naval Air Station.

A ground party, including several Navy doctors from Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, reached the scene north of Niles Canyon at 5:25 p. m. There were no survivors.

Because of the rugged terrain and dense brush it may be several days before a road can be bulldozed into the area to remove the bodies, members of the party said.

At El Toro Marine Base, a spokesman said the pilot was Maj. Alexander Watson, 33, whose widow, Elizabeth, lives at Santa Ana, adjoining the base. They had one child, Susan, 5.

No other names were released.

Wreckage Found
The wreckage was still burning when discovered by Russ Reed, Oakland Tribune photographer, and his pilot.

It lay on a 45 degree slope in a tight box canyon near Niles, 21 miles southeast of Oakland. There was no sign of life.

Reed and his pilot flew three times into the canyon alongside the flaming, twisted wreckage.

The four-engine plane was carrying 33 Marines and 5 Marine crewmen from El Toro Marine Base in Southern California to the Alameda Naval Air Station on San Francisco Bay.

From Camp Pendleton
The public information officer at Camp Pendleton said 32 of the plane's passengers were from Camp Pendleton and one from El Toro, as were the five crew members. The passengers all were being transferred to new stations.

He said that all names would be withheld pending notification of the next of kin, and added that might be "some job," inasmuch as most of those being transferred had their personnel records with them and reports of the crash indicated the records probably all were destroyed.

The Marine plane was an RD5, the Navy equivalent of a DC4. Its passengers were all dressed in dungarees.

Near Former Crash
The site of the crash is almost identical with that of Northern California's worst airplane disaster. On Aug. 24, 1951, a United Air Lines DC6B crashed into the hills near Niles with a loss of 50 lives.

The Marine plane was last reported at 1:42 when the pilot reported to the Oakland Municipal Airport that he was starting his approach to the Alameda Naval Air Station, 21 miles away.

The plane crashed and burned 1,300 feet up a wooded peak.

Rescue teams, with doctors and ambulances from the Oakland Naval Hospital, gathered at Decoto to work through the brush to the scene. Marines, sheriff's deputies and a coast guard helicopter joined in rescue work.

The wreck was at least a mile and a half from the nearest road.

\$250,000 Suit Filed Against Drew Pearson

WASHINGTON — A \$250,000 libel suit was filed Friday by Lew Wallace, Portland, against columnist Drew Pearson.

Wallace, a former Oregon Democratic national committee man, state senator and nominee for governor, entered the complaint in U.S. district court. It alleged that Pearson "falsely and wrongfully published and broadcast" that Wallace had urged President Eisenhower to "exert pressure" on Interior Secretary McKay.

The suit said Pearson wrote that Wallace sent a letter to the President to urge McKay to award mining patents to the McDonald family, owners of Al Sarena Mines, Inc.

This, said Wallace, was meant to convey the impression he was guilty of conduct "unbecoming a person who has held public office in the past."

Fifteen mining patents in Oregon's Rogue River National Forest are involved. There have been Democratic charges that Al Sarena has done no mining but has cut an estimated \$100,000 worth of timber from the lands.

Irish Setter Adopts Four Cub Lions



PEORIA, Ill.—Contentedly mothering four male lion cubs at Glen Oak Park zoo here is "Lady," three-year-old Irish setter which only a few days ago weaned her own litter. The cubs' natural mother, "Maggie," has given birth to several litters of cubs but has refused to nurse any of them. (AP Wirephoto.)



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