

August Rain Is Below Par

August has been a dry month. Wednesday Eugene got two hundredths of an inch of rainfall which is the total rainfall for the month.

The average rainfall for the month of August has been forty-seven hundredths of an inch. If August is to match that figure this year Friday, August 29, and Saturday, August 30, will have to produce nearly a half an inch of rainfall.

The highest humidity figures for the month were also recorded in Eugene Wednesday when a peak of 84 per cent was hit. Humidity in Eugene did not drop below 68 per cent Wednesday. During most of August the low figure for the day has been under the 50 per cent mark, which is considered the danger area by the state forest service.

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Army Transport Adrift Off California Coast

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—The Army transport General Greeley, bound from San Francisco to Manila and Okinawa, has broken down at sea because of boiler trouble and is drifting 940 miles off the coast of California with more than 1200 persons aboard, the Army reported Thursday.

Showers Temporarily Ease Danger of Fire

Showers that fell briefly in the Willamette Valley and in surrounding mountain areas Thursday morning have alleviated the danger of forest fires only temporarily, county residents were warned Thursday by the Western and Eastern Lane Fire Patrols.

"BETTER BAKED!"
KORN'S BREAD

\$100,000 Fire Hits Building

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Ardel's Store, recently remodeled and redecored. Manager of the store, Archie Weinstein, had leased his own store and the upstairs of the building from the Schaefer family, and had remodeled the upstairs for 25 offices.

No tenants had moved into the offices, but some planned to move this weekend.

Fire Inspector Lester Barker and Assistant Fire Chief Ray Hicks, said they believe the fire started near a stairway leading from Ardel's Store to the basement of the building. The front portion of the full basement was divided by partitions for the stores on Willamette St., but the rear portion of the basement, used by other merchants on Tenth Ave., was an open space.

Smoke was discovered in Ardel's Store about 7:30 a. m. by youngsters who had reported for work in the bean fields, but who were returning home because of the weather. The youngsters were Amelia Harter, 11, 1324 Columbia St., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Harter; Anne Starkweather, 12, 1369 Agate St., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Starkweather; and Susan Brownhill, 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Brownhill, 1863 Moss St.



SUNTAN—Actress Myrna Dell sits on a stone fence to show how she acquired her lovely sun tan.

Jewelers Couldn't Fix Courthouse Clock

But Machinist Made It Run

The long silent "hong, bong" of the county courthouse clock rang out over Eugene Thursday, as the huge bronze-cogged timepiece once again counted out the hours.

The big clock has not run regularly for the past five or six years, according to County Commissioner Allen Wheeler numerous jewelers have worked on the clock but none have succeeded in making it function more than spasmodically.

Thursday morning, however, it was marking the hours with perfect regularity and courthouse employees were hoping they would continue to hear its deep tones. The aid of Charley Lewis of the Lane County shops was enlisted by Commissioner Wheeler Wednesday, and the two of them climbed into the courthouse steeple to examine the inner workings of the 48-year-old clock. Thursday, courthouse employees and members of the county court had their fingers crossed as the ancient timepiece continued to "come in" on the hour. Charley Lewis, machinist and welder, may have bested the jewelers at their own game.

Fire Roars Through Portland Building

PORTLAND—(AP)—A three-alarm fire roared through the six-story brick Gilbert Furniture Company building at noon Thursday and at 12:30 firemen said they were afraid the blaze might get completely out of hand. Police ordered some 3000 to 4000 persons out of the area, fearing the old structure's walls might collapse.

Rain Slows Douglas Fire

SALEM—(AP)—State Forester Nels S. Rogers said Thursday that more than 300 men continued to battle the large fire burning in the Rock Creek and Scared Man Creek areas of Douglas County, but their work was eased somewhat by rain.

Estimates of the size of the blaze range from 500 to 1500 acres, Rogers said. Airplanes resumed supply-dropping flights into the rugged area late Wednesday after a heavy fog blanket lifted.

No other fires were burning in state-protected lands and the weather forecast predicted rains and high humidity in most forested areas of Oregon.

Court Dismisses OPA Action Against Judge
SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—Ninth Federal Circuit Court Appeals Thursday dismissed OPA action against Federal Judge Claude McCollough of Portland which sought to compel him to permit OPA attorneys to appear in his court in civil suits.

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War Department Cuts Civilian Employee Rolls
WASHINGTON—(AP)—The War Department Thursday ordered a reduction of 53,079 in its civilian employees throughout the country by October 1, to meet President Truman's and congressional economy orders.

15 Germans Arrested, Said Soviet Agents

FRANKFURT—(AP)—U. S. headquarters announced Thursday that counter-intelligence agents had arrested in Stuttgart 15 Germans in what was alleged to be a Soviet spy ring. Intelligence officers said all 15 of the Germans ranked high in espionage activity and their leader was one Walther Kazmarek.

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