

Two Tornadoes Strike N W

PORTLAND — (AP) — Tornadoes, rarely damaging in the Pacific Northwest, struck twice over the weekend in Western Oregon and Washington—in miniature.

The most spectacular was near Castle Rock, Wash., where a twister lifted a waterspout at Silver Lake. Witnesses described it as 200 feet high, and said it rushed across the lake with a terrific roar about 4:30 p. m., Sunday. It moved a 12-foot boat that had been moored to a dock, and spilled one man from the dock into the lake uninjured.

The other was a small twister near Sherwood, Ore., Saturday. It jerked 30 blackcap plants from the ground, tore off a porch roof, overturned a small building and scattered debris on the George Helne farm. It dissipated after traveling 500 feet.

Ex-Eugenean Killed

J. W. Equals, who was killed in a railway industrial accident in Portland Saturday, was a former Eugene man, who lived in this area about 15 years ago, his sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary Wilson, told the Register-Guard Monday. She said he had a number of relatives in this area.

Big Laugh—Gray Hairs For Bald Man

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Secretary of Agriculture Brannan drew a big laugh at a Senate hearing this week in predicting that the farm problem "is going to give us all a few gray hairs."

While senators and spectators roared, Brannan rubbed his bald head and then added: "Maybe I should change that to a few wrinkles."

Brannan was a witness before the Senate Agriculture Committee.

Temperatures Around U.S.

City	Hi—Lo
Atlanta	68—60
Boston	85—61
Chicago	82—54
Denver	96—64
Detroit	80—54
Eugene	79—52
Fort Worth	91—65
Los Angeles	82—67
Minneapolis	90—60
New Orleans	87—73
New York	83—64
San Francisco	63—53
Seattle	72—52
St. Louis	81—57
Miami	91—75
Washington	82—61

Five Convicts Make Escape

PARCHMAN, Miss.—(AP)—Five "highly dangerous" escaped convicts fled Tuesday from police and state troopers who blocked roads, guarded bridges and stopped trains in their pursuit.

The five used a series of stolen cars to get away from the state penitentiary here, after stripping and disarming a trusty who was guarding their work detail.

They broke into a home and changed prison garb for civilian clothes, then continuing a flight that was believed taking them to a Mississippi River crossing into Arkansas.

Deputy Prison Warden Hugh Craig said an unconfirmed report placed the men between Boyle and Benoit, Miss., early Tuesday morning. They were thought heading for Greenville, Miss., where one of them has a sister, and possibly from there into Arkansas. The bridge at Greenville was placed under heavy guard.

The convicts were listed as A. B. Burgess, 31, Belzoni, Miss., serving life for armed robbery; Noah-son Walters, 26, Biloxi, Miss., life for murder; Richard Emory, 21, Tyrzons, Ark., life for armed robbery; William McLaughlin, 22, Onania, Miss., six years for attempted robbery, and Thomas E. Lane, 25, Houston, Tex., four years for grand larceny.

Prison Sup. Marvin Wiggins said they were "among the most dangerous" prisoners at the institution. All have long crime records, Wiggins said.

Oregon Adds Instructors In Journalism

One instructor and two graduate assistants have been added to the University's school of journalism faculty for the 1949-50 academic year, and two new courses have been added to the curriculum.

Replacing John Craig as instructor will be Ray V. Johnson, who received the bachelor of arts degree cum laude from Harvard and was graduated with honors from Northwestern University school of journalism. For the past six years he has been on the staff of the Beverly (Mass.) Times. He will teach courses in radio journalism and mechanics of publishing.

One graduate assistant will be Robert P. Dorang who received the bachelor of arts degree in journalism from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa., this spring. He worked part time on the Bethlehem Globe-Times while attending Lehigh. He will supervise laboratory sections of the mechanics of publishing course.

Carl F. H. Wermine, who was a professor at the University of Idaho last year, will be working towards a Ph.D. while a graduate assistant in journalism. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois and New York University. During the war years of 1943-45, Wermine was cable editor and communications supervisor for the Office of War Information in Algiers. In 1947, he taught typography at the University of Illinois, and in 1948 taught radio news and elementary broadcasting classes at the University of Idaho. He was also advisor to KUOI, University of Idaho's campus radio station.

Added courses are advanced reporting, a class emphasizing reporting of city and county affairs and interpreting special news, including business, labor, agriculture, and science, and reporting of public affairs, covering political news, civil and criminal courts, and legal privilege.

Since fall term of 1948, the school of journalism has been an upper division school, entrance to which requires a junior certificate with a 2.25 (C plus) grade point average. The school is fully accredited by the American Council on Education in journalism in the fields of news-editorial, advertising, newspaper management, and radio journalism.

Foiled Yeh, Didn't It?

TOKYO — (AP) — During Air Force training exercises over the Tokyo area, a B-29 bomber swooped over the Misawa Air Base and dropped leaflets all over the place. It was quite a litter.

Ground crews who rushed out found that one side of each leaflet read: "Anti-personnel bomb; you are dead," while the other read: "This is cleanup week."

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Races to Benefit Hospital School

All proceeds from the motorcycle races scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 28 at the Lane County Fairgrounds will be used for scholarships to the Children's Hospital School, the Eugene Motorcycle Club and the school announced this week.

Money will be used to pay tuition for needy students from Lane and other counties, and contributions of any size will be acceptable at the free event.

The Eugene Club, sponsor of the event, said that family groups will be especially welcome at the races. The races have been sanctioned by the American Motorcycle Assn., and any records set will be official. More than 40 racers from the west coast will be on hand.

Admission will be free, and a collection will be taken.

Farmers File Gas Damages

TACOMA — (AP) — Damage allegedly caused by gas released from the Aluminum Company of America's Clark County plant was the basis of three suits filed in federal district court here for a total of \$858,000.

The complaints, seeking treble damages of the company, were filed by Paul, Winnie Elmer E. and Lydia Peterson; Susanna and Fred Bernet, and Fred and Goldie Robitsch, operators of airy farms on Sauvies Island on the Oregon side of the Columbia River.

The farmers allege that gas from the plant has killed or injured forage trees, vegetables and animals on their respective farms. An injunction is asked against continued releasing of gas into the air.

The three plaintiffs ask treble actual damages. The Petersons seek \$258,000; Bernets \$375,000, and the Robitsches \$225,000.

SIR HARRY REPORTED ILL

STRATHAVEN, Scotland — (AP) — Sir Harry Lauder, the famed Scottish comedian, was reported critically ill Monday at his home near Strathaven. Sir Harry celebrated his 79th birthday Aug. 4.

Communists Make Great Effort To Seize Power in Finland

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The Communists are making what may be their last great post-war effort to seize power in Finland. The best informed diplomats in Washington believe the effort will fail.

Curiously enough, the pattern of the current drive is based more on the chaos formula which the Communists tried unsuccessfully in Western Europe than it is on the coalition government formula which they used most successfully in eastern Europe.

Second Stage
The coalition maneuver might be the second stage of the Communist campaign in Finland if the first stage succeeds. Authorities here believe it will not succeed, first because the Communists' power in Finland is strictly limited and second because Premier Fagerholm's government is prepared to take strong measures.

A third factor, more remote but perhaps more important, is the greatly increased strength of Western nations in relation to Russia. This reportedly has led Finnish leaders to believe that the Russians would not dare to take any direct, force-backed action against Finland's non-Communist government, for fear of worsening the Soviet position in the world in general.

First Threat
The reason that this may be the Communists' last bid for Finnish power is this: As diplomats see the situation, the world in general is becoming more stabilized. If Finland can rise out this storm, her leaders see very little danger of another Communist threat.

The knife-edge of the present Communist offensive, as the Finnish government itself sizes up the situation, is the strike of lumberjacks in the Northern Finnish town of Kemi, which has produced violent clashes between strikers and police. The Finnish government asserted that the strike was completely Communist directed and official reports to the State Department here bore out that assertion 100 per cent.

Reds Prominent

The Communists played an important part in Finland's political developments and in the first years after the war, their spectacular leader was and is a compe-

Pedestrian Injured By Motorcycle

A motorcycle-pedestrian accident Sunday evening in Holland Market in Greenwood state police reported Monday.

Bessie Sexton Peck, 28, 28 1/2 Buite St., Cottage Grove, was fairly good condition at the Heart Hospital Monday after was struck by a motorcycle operated by a juvenile.

Junior Charles Peck, 16, high school student at Eugene Hospital, was released. Both were taken in care by Valley Ambulance. Kenewell was not injured.

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Holiday Menus To List Turkey

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Housewives have good news for their Thanksgiving and Christmas menus.

Turkeys should be plentiful and cost less.

The Agriculture Department said the 1949 crop will be the second biggest in the nation's history and the biggest since the war. This promises lower prices.

It estimated the 1949 crop at 41,107,000 turkeys. This would be exceeded only by the 1945 crop of 44 million. The increases this year, compared with the short supply of 1948, range from 3 per cent in New York state to 121 per cent in Arkansas.

The department said downturn in turkey prices has resulted in setting a support price which will average about 31 cents a pound for live turkeys.

Local Insurance Man Ranks Ninth in U.S.

According to an announcement just released from the home office of the Bankers Life Insurance Co., of Nebraska at Lincoln, J. A. Schurtz of Eugene, ranked ninth among the leading producers of business for the month of July. Schurtz is a member of the F. L. Showacy Agency of Portland.

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