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State Forecast

OREGON — Fair today, tonight and Thursday; slightly cooler over state and extreme east portions Thursday.

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May Asserts Pressure Acts Were Legal

Ex-Representative On Stand In Own Behalf In Conspiracy Case

Washington, May 21 (AP)—Former congressman Andrew J. May testified today that he was justified by acts of Congress in interfering with war department officials on behalf of the Garsson munitions combine.

May is being tried on war fraud conspiracy charges. The government contends he made calls and wrote letters to war department officials to "pressure" them into giving favorable treatment to the Garsson combine. It charges that he received \$53,000 in bribes, directly or indirectly, for such services.

Authority Claimed

May, wartime chairman of the house military affairs committee, contended, however, that letters and telephone calls to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson and others were made under authority of various house resolutions.

He said those resolutions authorized members of the military affairs committee to investigate the progress of the war.

Earlier, May showed a federal court jury a balance sheet through which he sought to spike the government's charge that he profited from his connections with the Garsson group.

On trial with him are the Garsson brothers—Henry M. and Murray—who headed the munitions combine which got \$78,000,000 in war contracts.

Letters Passed

In answer to the government charge that May brought "pressure" on war department officials, the defense introduced as evidence three house resolutions granting the military affairs committee authority to investigate the progress of the war.

Referring to the calls and letters to Eisenhower, Patterson and others, May's counsel asked him if they were handled according to the authority of the resolutions.

"That is correct," May answered. "I not only made those calls and wrote those letters but handled hundreds of others on other matters."

Step by step, May also sought to knock down government charges that he profited from his connections with the Garssons.

Deficit Claimed

Actually, he said, he was still out \$509.31 in his wartime role as fiscal agent for the Cumberland Lumber Co., of Kentucky, a Garsson subsidiary.

The government contends the lumber company was used as a coverup for payment of \$53,000 in bribes to May, wartime chairman of the house military affairs committee. He and the Garsson brothers—Henry M. and Murray—were being tried on war fraud conspiracy charges.

The Deschutes Pioneers' association, original roster of which was signed two months ago, formally came into existence at a meeting last night in the county courthouse, with Carl A. Johnson named president and Walter G. Coombs elected to serve as vice president. Mrs. Robert H. Martin was assigned the post of secretary and K. E. Sawyer was named treasurer.

Eligibility for membership in the new association will not be defined until the constitution and by-laws are drawn up, but it was the consensus of the group that a residence of at least 30 years in Deschutes county will be required. Deschutes, it was pointed out, was created from Crook county 30 years ago last December.

Arthur O. Schilling presided as the meeting opened last night. In the absence of Johnson, temporary chairman since the preliminary meeting last March. Following the election last night, Coombs took over. Mrs. Florence Spencer served as temporary secretary.

Pioneer Stories Told

A feature of the meeting was the exchange of stories about old-time Bend, with Coombs and Don H. Peoples heading the discussions. Speakers also touched on the history of Bend before the days of A. M. Drake, founder of the city.

In point of residence, one of the oldest pioneers present for the meeting was Logan T. Fisher, now of Terrebonne. He lived in southern Crook county in early days.

The date for the next meeting will be set by the new president.

Bend School Year Nears End; University President Coming

Dr. Harry K. Newburn To Speak Friday Night At Commencement Exercises; Tests Being Held

School books were being stored away today and classes were recessed for a "pre-vacation," with pupils in the city's grade schools and junior-senior high scheduled to return Friday at 11 a. m. to receive their report cards. Two days of final examinations were being wound up in the high school, with one examination this afternoon completing the schedule of semester tests. Grade schools were dismissed at noon, to give teachers time to correct papers and file reports. The final school activity will be high school commencement exercises Friday at 8 p. m., in the gymnasium.

Bend senior students were together for the last high school social activity of their school careers, at the class banquet held last night in the Pilot Butte inn blue room.

Dr. Newburn Coming

Dr. Harry K. Newburn, president of the University of Oregon, will deliver the commencement address at exercises scheduled to start at 8 o'clock Friday in the school gymnasium. School authorities have announced that persons holding reserved seats should use the entrance at the north side of the building, to facilitate seating.

The program will start with the entrance of the graduates, who will be seated on the stage. The high school band, directed by Don P. Pence, will play Mendelssohn's "March of the Priests" as a prelude. Rev. Kenneth A. Tobias, of First Baptist church, will deliver the invocation, after which Ted Chester, a member of the senior class, will sing a tenor solo, "Caro Mio Ben," by Giuseppe Giordani.

To Announce Awards
R. E. Jewell, junior-senior high principal, will announce special honors and awards. The girls' trio, Jeanne Moore, Margie Gilliland and Maureen Lyons will sing "Since First I Met Thee," by Anton Rubinstein, with Margue. The program will end with the girls are members of the graduating class.

The commencement address will follow, after which James W. Bushong, city school superintendent, will present the class of 1947, and Dr. G. W. Winslow, chairman of the school board, will present the diplomas.

The program will end with the benediction, by Rev. Tobias, and the school band will play Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance" while the graduates leave the stage.

37 Per Cent Cut In Budget Asked

Washington, May 21 (AP)—A house subcommittee on appropriations today cut the \$1,200,000,000 budget request for the agricultural department by about 37 per cent.

Members revealed this cut after a closed meeting in which the subcommittee finished its work on the bill to provide funds to operate the department during the fiscal year beginning July 1.

The full committee is scheduled to act on the bill Friday. It is expected to come before the house next week.

Cuts made by the subcommittee total \$450,000,000, committee members said, including about \$142,000,000 of department revenue which has been available in the past for operation of various farm programs.

The subcommittee's action, if approved by the full committee and congress, would have this department one of the heaviest cuts given any department for the next fiscal year.

MRS. TRUMAN BETTER

Grandview, Mo., May 21 (AP)—Brig. Gen. Wallace Graham, White House physician, reported today there had been a halt in the general decline of President Truman's 94-year-old mother and added he believed she had "a chance" to recover.

Orlando came to the front in the Italian governmental crisis after Francesco Nitti, 79, announced his inability to bring the country's diverse political elements together in a cabinet of national unity.

Receiving the returned mandate Nitti was unable to fulfill, President Enrico de Nicola turned at once to Orlando, premier in World War I and only survivor of the four statesmen who drafted the Versailles treaty.

Orlando was so cautious and

State In Grip Of Heat Wave; Crops Suffer

Losses Of Wheat And Peas Feared; Hazard From Fire Held Great

Portland, Ore., May 21 (AP)—A May heat wave which brought out a fire danger signal was expected to continue today, the U. S. weather bureau said here today.

More warm weather was the prospect after high temperatures and low humidity halted logging in southern Oregon and threatened to burn Umatilla county's wheat and pea crops yesterday.

Humidity dropped below the 30 per cent mark, at which logging operations must halt, in several parts of the state, Medford reported 11 to 20 per cent humidity; and Roseburg and Bend, 20 to 30 per cent. Eugene was just over the line with 30 per cent.

Situation Critical

Meanwhile, at Salem State forester Nels Rogers said the forest fire situation in Oregon was "critical." He said the situation was particularly dangerous in long slashes and old burns like the Tillamook burn due to sub-normal humidity.

Umatilla county wheat and pea farmers scanned cloudless skies and hoped for rain. But the Pendleton weather bureau forecast continued dry weather with increasingly high temperatures.

Losses Feared

Umatilla County agent Victor Johnson said if no rain falls in the next few days, wheat and peas will yield much lower than previously expected.

Medford recorded yesterday's warmest temperature, 92. Portland had only 80. Other Oregon temperatures which increased the forest fire hazard included: Salem, 84; Meacham, 74; Baker, 79; La Grande, 80; Klamath Falls, 82; Pendleton, 88; Burns, 81; Eugene, 83; Roseburg, 83; Brookings, 86; Bend, 84.

The temperature in Bend yesterday soared to 84 degrees, one of the highest marks of the year, but the weatherman's forecast for an even higher mark today appeared to be in error. At noon today, the mercury rested at 74 degrees, compared with 81 degrees for the same hour yesterday.

Board Approves Levy Reduction

Advisory budget board members and directors of the Bend school district took another look yesterday at the budget they had approved the night before and decided that the levy could be reduced \$55,000 and that tax rate reflecting it an approximate 10 mills.

The amount represents the expected yield from the continuing post-war construction levy. It had not been included in the compilation of estimated receipts, Superintendent of schools James W. Bushong called to their attention.

As a result of this information the budget committee promptly approved a \$262,400.57 levy, of which \$89,423.76 will be in excess of the six per cent limitation and will consequently require voter approval at the annual school election on June 16. Committee members felt sure that it will be more popular than the \$144,433.76 which had at first been set up as the amount which would be at issue at the polls.

The millage as now computed will be close to 43.5 mills. The additional 10 mills for the continuing levy was earlier authorized by the people for a five-year period.

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'Flying Horse' Imported From Italy



(NEA Telephoto)
Gladiolo, champion three-year-old and leading money winner in Italy last year, debarks from a DC-4 air freighter at Newark Airport, N. J., after a 5000-mile flight from Milan with first cargo of race horses ever flown from Italy. The thoroughbred is en route to the Los Angeles stables of sportsman Rex C. Ellsworth.

Forest Service Lines Re-routed

Changes in the forest service telephone line between Bend and Fall river are now under way and involve abandonment of the line from Bend to Spring river on the west side of the Deschutes and use of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company toll line south of Bend to carry a new circuit.

The telephone company line will carry a circuit as far as the junction with the former Camp Abbot line. An extension is being made from the end of the Camp Abbot line to Spring river and the present line will be used from there to Fall river, which is a central point for many lines in the south end of the forest.

The line along the North Century drive and the Spring river road on the west side of the Deschutes will be abandoned. Poles have been taken down and wires will be removed in the near future. Poles in this section of the line were treated with an arsenic paste when they were put up a number of years ago and each post was marked with a letter "A" to indicate it had been treated with the poisonous preservative.

Disposal of these poles will involve burning of the stumps and burying of the ashes, which will still contain some of the arsenic compound.

Seven Men Killed In Bomber Crash

Rantoul, Ill., May 21 (AP)—All seven men aboard a B-25 en route to Chanute field were killed when the bomber crashed only 2½ miles from its destination, army officers reported today.

The crash occurred late last night but was not discovered until early today, when Ekke Flesner, a farmer, looked out of his window and saw the wreckage. Running to the spot, he found the bodies of the seven victims thrown clear of the twisted debris. The plane's two motors had been thrown 1,000 feet ahead.

Johnson and Flesner said the plane was "a pile of junk," but that it had not burned.

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Time Bomb Blasts Car On Santa Fe

Oklahoma City, May 21 (AP)—Explosion of a time bomb in a coach of a Santa Fe passenger train early today left half the car in shambles but did not seriously hurt the three occupants of the car.

A spokesman for the railroad, said the bomb wrecked the rear half of a coach reserved for Negro passengers. It apparently had been cached in the toilet at the back of the car.

The explosion occurred about 3 a. m., as the local passenger train was traveling between Wynne-wood and Davis, Okla., 70 miles south of here.

Deschutes Takes Over Abbot Road

The county court, at its regular meeting today, accepted an offer made by Ralph W. Crawford, Deschutes national forest supervisor, to take over the main road from highway 97 to the old Camp Abbot site, which was turned over to the forest service when the camp was inactivated. The road is about two and a half miles long, extending west from the highway 16 miles south of Bend.

Business at the session included appointment of Gene Lear, Deschutes county agent, as county horticultural inspector, subject to the approval of the Oregon State college extension staff.

Purchase of a vacuum cleaner for use in the courthouse was authorized, as such a purchase had been contemplated before wartime shortages put them temporarily off the market. Phillip M. Philbrook, representing a vacuum cleaner company, made a demonstration and his bid was accepted.

Routine business, including the signing of bills and deeds, completed the session. Judge C. L. Allen, Commissioners A. E. Stevens and E. E. Varco and George McAllister, county roadmaster, were present.

Five Persons Die In Missouri Fire

Joplin, Mo., May 21 (AP)—Kerosene used to start a fire in a coal stove was blamed today for an explosion and fire in which five persons including four members of one family burned to death here yesterday.

The victims were Mrs. Eugene Williams, her children Billy Gene, 8, Jerry 5, and Judie 3, all of Phoenix, Ariz., and Miss Modena Castell, 17, a niece, in whose home the tragedy occurred.

Williams was seriously burned as he leaped through a window to escape the flames. The only other survivor was a four child of the Williams, Mary Lou, 7, who suffered only minor burns. She followed her father through the window when a sheet of flames blocked the door to another part of the house where the others were trapped.

J. D. Donovan, who was chairman of the county draft board until it went out of existence March 31, and Mrs. R. J. Hafstad, who served as clerk of the board, were on hand this morning for the removal of the files.

Bend and vicinity — Fair tonight and Thursday; high temperature today, 80; low tonight, 37; high Thursday, 83.

Weed Control Work Started

Using the newly developed chemical, 2,4-D, crews yesterday launched an extensive weed control program in Deschutes county, Gene Lear, Deschutes county agent, reported when in Bend today. First control work is being done in the Terrebonne area, with whitetop being sprayed.

Although weed infestation in farm areas of Deschutes county is widely scattered, the total acreage is not great, and Lear believes the noxious weeds can be killed with the new chemical. Prior to the start of spraying, letters were sent out to all farmers, asking about infestation and the location of weed patches. Some 100 farms will be visited by the spraying outfit, provided by the county. A preliminary survey has revealed that there is considerable Canada thistle in the county this year.

Irrigation district, the state highway department and local roads are cooperating in the weed control work, Lear reports. All parts of the county will be covered.

New Fire Flares; Lookouts On Duty

A five-acre forest fire in the vicinity of Deer butte, about three miles west of Chemult, was brought under control yesterday afternoon by a Deschutes national forest crew.

The fire was in a lodgepole pine slash area near a tie mill formerly operated by Roy Larson.

Fire conditions on the entire Deschutes forest were described as dangerous today by Gail C. Baker, fire assistant. Fire weather has resulted in the posting of a large number of lookouts. Stations at Black butte and Fly lake in the Sisters district, Lava butte and Round mountain in the Bend district, Odell butte in the Crescent district and Spring and East buttes in the Fort Rock districts are now manned.

FLIER FATALLY INJURED

Rainier, Wash., May 21 (AP)—Richard Niesen, 32, Spanaway, Wash., was fatally injured here last night when a two-place plane he was attempting to land nosed over and crashed.

A second occupant, Clarence Gilstrap, Rainier, was injured.

Deschutes County's Selective Service Records Go To Salem

Deschutes county's selective service records, which have been in the post office building since the expiration of selective service on March 31, were removed today and are on their way to the federal records depot being maintained at Salem by the office of selective service records.

The selective service records of a total of 5,280 Deschutes county registrants were contained in more than a dozen steel file chests which were loaded on a big moving van from Salem.

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Chinese Reds Seize Airport, Cut Rail Lines

Field At Changchun Falls To Attackers; Street Fight Looms

Nanking, May 21 (AP)—Chinese communists captured the Changchun airport today and then concentrated their strategy on cutting the vital railway lines leading to the important nationalist-held city.

A furious seesaw battle for control of the lines raged in at least three places. The communist threat seriously endangered the nationalist hold on the city since the railways are the main arteries through which the nationalists send supplies and troops to Manchuria.

Trains were running northeast from Peking for a distance of only 200 miles and no immediate resumption of full service was in sight.

Railroad Cut

At Kwangchense, 90,000 communist troops which crossed the Sungari river cut the railroad a few miles north of the city. The line was cut at Kungchuling, 35 miles south, and at Changli, nearly 400 miles south. Government troops, however, claimed recapture of Changli.

Nationalist defenders of Changchun were reinforcing buildings and intersections for street fighting. An all night curfew keeping unauthorized civilians off the streets was enforced.

The nationalist government's economic problems were no less pressing. Premier Chang Chun said that China will spend one quarter more than she will take in. He estimated expenditures at 18 trillion dollars (\$1,500,000,000 at the official exchange rate of 12,000 to \$1). Actual income, he predicted, will be 9,300,000,000 dollars and income from bonds and other financial readjustments may raise the total income to about 14 trillion dollars.

Several Injured

Several student veterans of Chiang Kai-shek's youth army were injured in a clash with other students who remained on strike at Chunan university on the outskirts of Shanghai.

The two student groups came to blows when the youth army group demanded that the strikers return to classes in compliance with an army commander's order outlawing demonstrations.

In Nanking, nine students arrested during yesterday's clash were turned over to the Nanking district court to face possible charges of disturbing the peace.

Social Security Changes Sought

Portland, Ore., May 21 (AP)—Walter B. Miller, federal social security administrator, today disclosed plans to submit bills to congress seeking major changes in the old age and survivors' insurance provisions of the social security program, including a \$30 increase in present maximum monthly benefits.

Miller's measures would: Liberalize monthly benefits, increasing the maximum from \$41 to \$74.25.

Extend coverage to include agricultural, domestic and self-employed workers. Extend benefits to covered workers and totally disabled of any age.

Lower the age of female beneficiaries from 65 to 60.

Miller, a visitor in Portland, said that under the proposed bills, the maximum benefits to a family deprived of its wage earner would be boosted from \$85 a month to \$120.