

### APRIL CLOUDINESS PREVENTED FROST BOTHERING FRUIT

Monthly meteorological notes for April as compiled by W. J. Hutchison, local meteorologist, show reasonable spring weather prevailed in the vicinity of Medford during the greater portion of April. Overcast skies and broken cloudiness predominated throughout the month with the resulting minimum of damaging frosts. Some frost injury to fruits occurred on the morning of the 9th when the minimum temperature reached its lowest point for the month at 26 degrees. Lower temperatures on that date were reported from orchards in the colder localities, however, it was reported that no commercial damage resulted. Except for the cold period on the 9th when orchard heating was quite general in the valley, the month passed with only an occasional light firing in the colder localities being necessary.

Temperatures were mostly seasonable, as an average, however, maxima were somewhat variable, ranging from the highest of 84 degrees on the 27th to a lowest maximum of 44 degrees on the 17th, making a range of 40 degrees in daily high temperatures. The range in daily lowest temperatures was not so pronounced. A monthly lowest was recorded at 26 degrees on the 9th; the highest minimum occurred on the 28th at 45 degrees—a range of 19 degrees.

Occasional light rains fell throughout the month, but due to the small amount of water falling and the dryness of the soil, were of little value to crop growth. On the 29th, while light showers were falling in the greater portion of the valley, heavy rain squalls, covering limited areas, visited foothill orchards and the Table Rock region. Precipitation as a total for the month fell far below normal; a total of 0.63 inches as compared with the normal of 1.35 inches. The seasonal total also suffered by the deficiency and at the close of April totaled 13.2 inches—subnormal by 2.22 inches. During the storm of the 16th rain turned to snow and, although some snow melted as it fell, it was possible to get a measurement of 0.5 inches. The occurrence of measurable snow in April is very infrequent, as is indicated by the fact that weather records since 1811 show but two previous years with measurable snow in April.

Wind velocities averaged slightly higher for the month than is usually experienced in the fall. A total wind movement of 4808 miles was recorded for April, averaging 6.7 miles per hour. The highest velocity attained was registered at 30 miles per hour on the 29th. Prevailing winds were from the northwest.

Solar and lunar halos were occasionally visible during the month, a few being fairly bright and distinct. Halos occurred for a short time during the storm of the 16th. Halos were also reported as having fallen in some localities on the 29th. Light frosts were observed on several mornings.

Max.	Min.	Mn.	Pr.	
1	74	33	54	Clear
2	83	38	60	Clear
3	78	41	58	P. Cdy.
4	71	34	42	Clear
5	76	38	57	Clear
6	68	30	52	P. Cdy.
7	49	32	42	T. P. Cdy.
8	48	33	42	T. P. Cdy.
9	58	26	40	Clear
10	53	29	41	Cloudy
11	61	39	50	T. Cloudy
12	66	35	50	P. Cdy.
13	77	34	56	Clear
14	77	38	58	P. Cdy.
15	82	41	52	P. Cdy.
16	47	32	40	Cloudy
17	44	33	38	0.6 Cloudy
18	54	36	45	Cloudy
19	70	35	52	Clear
20	74	36	55	Clear
21	78	40	59	Clear
22	81	40	68	Clear
23	77	43	60	P. Cdy.
24	75	40	58	P. Cdy.
25	53	43	48	0.8 Clear
26	77	45	61	P. Cdy.
27	84	44	64	Clear
28	73	44	58	P. Cdy.
29	52	38	45	0.5 Cloudy
30	60	33	49	T. Cloudy

Mean - 66.3 37.3 51.8 .63

### V. F. W. LAYS CLAIM TO FIRST POPPIES

(Contributed.) First among veteran organizations to conduct a nation-wide poppy sale and the first organization to adopt the policy of distributing poppies made exclusively by disabled ex-service men, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U. S. makes no concessions to claims to the contrary. Although poppies made a previous appearance in a few scattered communities, they were introduced on a nation-wide scale for the first time by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U. S. in 1922. When the public from coast to coast demonstrated its preference for the poppy as the appropriate memorial flower of the nation, attempts on the part of other organizations that year to abandon the poppy by popularizing other symbolic blossoms were immediately forgotten. The success of the V. F. W. distribution of poppies had convinced them that the little flower of Flanders field origin could not be replaced.

### LAKE COUNTY PAYS FIRST LATE TAXES

SALFORD, May 4—(AP)—Lake county was the first county of the state to make payment of state property tax money for the first half of the year. Treasurer Rufus C. Holman announced here today. The sum of \$5000 was received from Lake county to apply on the tax levy made on that county. Real estate or insurance—Leave it to JONES, Phone 796.

### Meteorological Report

May 4, 1933.  
Forecasts.  
Medford and vicinity: Showers tonight and Friday; temperature somewhat below normal.  
Oregon: Forecast same as for Medford.

Local Data.  
Lowest temperature this morning: 45 degrees.  
Temperature a year ago today: Highest, 63; lowest, 45.  
Total precipitation since September 1, 1932, 13.81 inches.  
Relative humidity at 5 p. m. yesterday, 79%; 5 a. m. today, 82%.

Sunset today, 7:13 p. m.  
Sunrise tomorrow, 5:02 a. m.  
Sunset tomorrow, 7:14 p. m.

Observations Taken at 5 a. m., 120 Meridian Time.

City	High Temp	Low Temp	Wind	Weather
Boston	76	48	01	Clear
Chicago	40	32	50	Rain
Chicago	40	32	50	P. Cdy.
Eureka	56	48	42	Cloudy
Helena	46	34	02	Cloudy
Los Angeles	76	52	—	Clear
MEDFORD	53	45	37	Cloudy
New Orleans	80	72	—	Clear
New York	70	48	126	Clear
Omaha	60	44	—	Cloudy
Phoenix	76	54	—	Clear
Portland	58	46	14	Cloudy
Reno	60	44	—	P. Cdy.
Roseburg	56	44	18	Cloudy
Salt Lake	48	42	10	Clear
San Francisco	62	50	—	Cloudy
Seattle	54	44	22	Cloudy
Spokane	55	44	—	Cloudy
Walla Walla	64	48	12	Cloudy
Washington, D.C.	72	54	01	Cloudy

### REYNOLDS GIVES AIM OF FEDERAL RELIEF ACTIVITY

Belief extended through federal committees located in the various counties is given out on a basis of actual need and in addition to, not in lieu of, all available resources of the family, just as the federal government is putting money in the counties, not in substitute to county funds, but in addition to all available resources, is the explanation of the relief situation made here by C. W. Reynolds, field representative of the state relief committee.

Mr. Reynolds was here from Corvallis for the day conferring with the local relief committee, located in the city hall, and offering suggestions to aid the progress of the work. The local relief committee is rapidly nearing completion of its task in the selection of men to enter the civilian conservation corps to be engaged in reforestation, he stated. Sixty-nine men will be drawn from this county to compose a part of the 2000 Oregonians to be employed by the government. The men are selected according to population, and while the number going from Jackson county is small, the benefits to be derived by this region are far from minor, Mr. Reynolds stated today. From the number of forest camps to be established in southern Oregon, this county and city will benefit greatly, the state leader pointed out. The forests will be improved, fire protection will be established and much money will be expended in the purchase of supplies for the men, 200 of whom will be placed in each camp, the first of which will be established on the Applegate.

The men will be given a cash allowance of \$30 a month and of this amount will make \$25 payment to dependents. In this manner many dependents will be taken off the relief list of the county, Mr. Reynolds explained. Many people coming to the relief offices, he stated, are registering for work, rather than relief. The committee is primarily interested in relief of destitution and in disbursing this relief the committee is insisting that all able-bodied people work for what they get. With this statement, Mr. Reynolds explained again that the relief is given on a basis of actual need in addition to and not in lieu of all available resources of the family.

### MRS. BROWN SAW FRIGATE IN 1880

When Old Ironsides sails into Crescent City harbor today the old frigate will arouse for one who yesterday had hopes, but little prospects of being at the harbor, many fond memories, dating back to 1880. It was in that year that Mrs. W. H. Brown went aboard the U. S. S. Constitution. She was a little girl of 12 and had come to Boston harbor from away out in Iowa. Her father was an importer of French horses. Mrs. Brown said yesterday, and on the trip to the eastern harbor to receive his cargo, took her with him. Old Ironsides was in the harbor, and the little girl from the middle west was among the many who visited it. About all she can remember now is the beauty of the great sails, wafting heavenward, sailors in white, scrubbing the decks and the strains of military music, which welcomed visitors. Mrs. Brown had planned to motor to Crescent City for a second glimpse of the ship today, but rainy weather sort of interrupted her plans as well as those of the famous frigate. She still had hopes this morning and may be making her second call on the U. S. S. Constitution when the Mail Tribune goes to press.

### CHAMPION DEBATE TEAM IS HONORED AT ROTARY MEET

An interesting and instructive program was enjoyed by members of the Medford Rotary club at their regular weekly meeting Tuesday at the Hotel Medford. The program, in charge of Rotarian George Smith, principal of the local high school, presented the Medford high school debating team, winners of the western Oregon championship, who were guests of honor at the luncheon. Members of the team, Elizabeth Ferry, Frances Ferry and Dolph Jones, were introduced by Ralph Bailey, coach of the Medford forensic classes. Prof. Bailey announced that the Medford team would meet the Pendleton debate team in the state finals Saturday at Corvallis. The debate will be broadcast over station KOAC at 7:30 p. m.

The debating team from Medford will consist of the Misses Ferry, Mr. Jones being unable to compete, due to illness. The question for debate will be, "Resolved, that at least 50 per cent of all state and local revenue should be collected from sources other than tangible property." In the Rotary club program the affirmative side of the question was presented by Elizabeth and Frances Ferry, who handled their subject in a comprehensive and convincing manner. Many interesting facts were brought out by the speakers, who told of the urgent need for tax reform to shift part of the present heavy burden from the property owners. The fact that the annual cost of government has increased from three billion dollars to 14 billion dollars, or \$100 for every family in the United States was a revelation to many listeners. This means that one day's income out of every four goes for the cost of government, according to the speakers. Some excellent reasons for the shifting of the present property tax burden to the income and sales tax were developed by both speakers.

The annual poll of the Jackson County Health association was announced by Hamilton Patton, who urged the support of the local Rotarians. President Lantia told of plans for the intercity meeting of the Southern Oregon Rotary clubs, scheduled for May 17, at Medford. Murray Hill, noted speaker, will deliver the principal address of the evening. Guests at the luncheon were the Misses Elizabeth and Frances Ferry, Dolph Jones, Ralph Bailey, C. J. Toy and T. W. Detsell of Klamath Falls.

### DE SOUZA MOURNS STOLEN PETUNIAS

Some thefts are designated as misdemeanors. Not so (at least in a broad corner of one legal jurisdiction) the nocturnal plucking of petunias. Such a dastardly crime, thinks Attorney Frank DeSouza, should fall under the heading of grand larceny, and be termed a felony. This extreme state of mind on the part of Attorney DeSouza, began with a bed of petunias—Frank's bed. He planted them himself (and they were 12 hothouse). Came the night, and Frank looked tenderly over the new flower-bed before he entered the house and crept into his own. Dawn found the enthusiastic attorney-gardener outside to take another look. But alas, three of the choice plants were gone. "And they call kidnapping a crime," sighed Frank as he refilled the gaping holes which once cradled triplets of the petunia world.

### FRENCH SURTAX FOR U. S. GOODS

PARIS, May 4—(AP)—The ministry of finance has prepared to impose shortly a 15 per cent surtax on American goods. The decree, it was learned, is ready for signature, to be issued when the dollar approaches 20 francs, which officials expect. This surtax already is effective on British and Japanese goods because of depreciated exchange. It cannot be increased without parliamentary authority which Premier Daladier was reported contemplating.

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### ISHBEL WATCHES FIRST LADY KNIT



Ishbel MacDonald (right), daughter of the visiting British prime minister, displays keen interest in the knitting done by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt "between times." (Associated Press Photo)

### NEW PROSECUTOR FOR BANKS TRIAL HAS FINE RECORD

Ralph Moody, member of the district attorney's force, who is helping prosecute L. A. Banks and Edith R. Banks in Eugene for the killing of Constable George Prescott, and who was yesterday appointed special prosecutor by Governor Julius Meier, has had one of the most illustrious careers of any attorney in Oregon. Moody moved to Medford to take up law practice about three years ago. After years of practice in the Oregon courts, where he was considered one of the outstanding trial lawyers in the state, Moody was named chief counsel for the Southern Pacific company, with offices in Portland. After many years in that position, Moody was appointed assistant attorney-general, and spent several years in Washington, D. C. in that capacity. A break in health caused Moody to retire from the rigors of such an active practice, and move to the mild southern Oregon climate, where he has since regained his health and his former aggressiveness.

With his wealth of experience and his knowledge of criminal law, Moody was considered one of the most valuable members of the prosecution staff. He worked with W. S. Levens, special prosecutor, who died in Eugene Tuesday morning, almost day and night, while the case was being prepared here.

### ASHLAND MILL WILL START UP

ASHLAND, May 4—(Sp.)—Operation of the Moon Lumber Mill will start May 15, the plant having been leased by Elmer Powers, well-known lumberman of this district, who has a contract to deliver 8,000,000 feet of box lumber to be Setzer Box company of Sacramento. The order is sufficient to insure operation of the mill for four months and represents in the neighborhood of \$50,000 in payroll and cost of operation. Contract for the cut was signed yesterday and today Mr. Powers, with a force of men, started such repair work as is necessary on the mill. Including loggers, truckers, etc., men in the woods and at the mill, the filling of the contract will provide employment for between 100 and 125 men for the four months' period. Logs will be brought to the mill from the Dead Indian and Green-spring mountain district.

### LINDBERGH READY FOR MEANS TRIAL

WASHINGTON, May 4—(AP)—The Post said today that Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh has given assurances that he will be ready and willing to testify next Monday when Eaton B. Means and Norman T. Whitaker are brought to trial on charges of conspiring to steal \$35,000 from Mrs. Evalyn Walsh McLean. Means already has been convicted of taking \$104,000 from Mrs. McLean in return for which he was supposed to effect the recovery of the kidnaped Lindbergh baby. Fender and body repairing. Prices right. Brill Sheet Metal Works.

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### FIRST DEGREE NOT UNKNOWN VERDICT FOR LANE COUNTY

Three men have been officially convicted and hanged in Lane county for murder, according to records on file at the historic Lane county courthouse. The last was Albert Brownlee, hanged May 17, 1927, for the murder of a storekeeper, Eaton Hooker, while robbing Hooker's store. The two other men hanged were Claude Branton, who killed John A. Linn and burned Linn's body while attempting to rob Linn of his cattle. Branton was hanged May 12, 1899. Elliott Lyons was hanged April 17, 1903, for shooting and killing Sheriff W. W. Withers, while resisting arrest.

### McKEE RENOUNCES POLITICAL CAREER

Jackson county partisans in the political war, which ended with the killing of Officer George Prescott by L. A. Banks, have been wondering about the strategy used by Banks' attorneys in asking a change of venue. Lane county records show, however, that Lane county has had its share of extreme penalty verdicts. NEW YORK, May 4—(AP)—Joseph W. McKee, who succeeded James

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