

The Weather  
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# TOWNIS' BABY BURNS TO DEATH

## Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS.  
HOT weather in Southern Oregon, as elsewhere, this week. People complain.  
Those who complain LOUDEST are the ones who objected most strenuously to the cold, wet weather last spring.  
That is the way it always goes.

LET'S not worry about hot weather in Southern Oregon. We need a certain amount of it to mature our crops.  
Let's not worry about ANY kind of weather in Southern Oregon. Our weather is uniformly good enough that we don't need to worry much about it.

BUT let's go on thinking about it as much as we like. If we didn't have the weather to talk about, we'd be in a terrible fix.

Just how, for example, would you open up a casual conversation with a stranger if you didn't have the weather to fall back on?

Weather is useful for other things than growing crops.  
JOSEPH CARSON, Portland's new mayor, wants expenses cut in every department. Reducing expenses until they meet income is the only way he can see to balance the city's budget.

Strange man! The usual political theory is that the way to get ourselves out of the hole is to spend ourselves deeper in.

THE national recovery administration is considering price fixing—at least to the extent of minimum prices to prevent disastrous price cutting.

General Johnson, however, isn't very enthusiastic about it. He says: "I have said before, and I repeat, that any proposal for price fixing which does not have as its basis the control of production is an economic monstrosity, and I refuse to have anything to do with it."

GENERAL JOHNSON, like a lot of other people, likes big words.

What he means by "economic monstrosity" is that if prices are fixed at a figure high enough to yield an attractive profit people will produce too much and so create a situation in which there are more sellers than buyers.

If we are going to tinker with the law of supply and demand by fixing the price, he thinks, we must go the whole load and tell people they can produce only so much.

HE is absolutely right, in this writer's humble judgment.

If we are going to go PART of the way by fixing prices, we are heading for trouble. We can't have high prices and unlimited production at one and the same time.

The proverb tells us we can't have our cake and eat it, too, and the corner of that proverb knew what he was talking about.

AN unusually intelligent potato grower said to this writer the other day:

"I want a good price for potatoes this fall, of course; but I sincerely hope the price doesn't go TOO HIGH. If it does, we're in for trouble next year and the year after."

"If potato growing is too profitable this year too many people will rush into it next year and break the price."

THERE'S a lot of sound sense in that statement, as you can prove for yourself by going back over the figures for the past ten years or so. Invariably, years of shortage and high prices are followed by several years of over-production and LOW PRICES.

AN initiative measure calling for a \$1200 property tax exemption in Oregon, we read, is to be placed on the ballot to be voted at the general election in 1934.

As a general proposition, property owners are entitled to exemptions if exemptions are to be granted at all, for the property owner is heavily burdened with taxes.

But, in this writer's judgment it would be better if we granted no exemptions at all, and taxed EVERYBODY according to his ability to pay.

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The first month's taxes from the sale of beer and wine in Michigan reached almost \$1,000,000.

## PARENTS SUFFER BURNS IN TRYING TO SAVE INFANT

### Union Creek Scene of Tragedy—Gasoline Stove Explodes Spreading Flames On Robert Walker, Aged 2

The explosion of a gasoline stove brought a tragic ending to the vacation trip of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Walker of Pasadena, Cal., last night in their camp at Union Creek when the flames caught the garment of their two year old son, Robert Stewart, who died of burns at 3:30 o'clock this morning in the Community hospital, where the father and mother are also receiving treatment.

The little boy was standing near the stove in the Walker tent, when the explosion occurred during a late supper hour. He was enveloped in the flames which caught his clothing, and Mr. and Mrs. Walker in an effort to smother the fire received severe burns on the arms and hands. Mr. Walker also received a number of burns on his back. The condition of the mother and father, however, was reported "not critical" at the hospital this afternoon.

There was much variance today in reports of the time the accident occurred in the Union Creek camp. The attending physician stated that the couple and little son were brought to the hospital some time after 10 o'clock and that he arrived to treat them about midnight.

The three were brought to Medford by the Beckelmeier ambulance company, which operated at Union Creek resort. The burns, which brought death to the little boy a few hours after he arrived at the hospital, extended over most of his body, making all efforts to save his life futile.

His four year old sister, who was also in camp when the explosion occurred, was untouched by the shooting flames.

The body of the little boy is now at the Conger funeral parlors and will be forwarded to Pasadena for funeral services. When the mother and father will be able to continue south was not known today.

Mr. Walker is an instructor in the Pasadena schools and had recently arrived at Union Creek with his family for a vacation.

## CASH BONUS FOR WAITING VETS IS SECRETARY'S IDEA

SALEM, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Recommendation that cash bonuses be paid to world war veterans whose applications have been received between September 27, 1932 and July 21, 1933, will be made to the house committee this week by Jerrold Owen, secretary. It was learned today. There are about 100 applications on file amounting to about \$20,000, he said.

The commission discontinued making payments on cash bonuses last September, pending a decree by the state supreme court, but since no suit has yet been filed, and the attorney general had handed down an opinion that such payment could be made until the constitutional provision was changed, Owen will recommend the payment be made as soon as funds are available. It repeated the veto on July 21 repealed the provision for payment of cash bonuses and increased the rate of interest on loans to six per cent on an assessed valuation of 40 per cent for two years. The voters also approved the cessation of loans after July 1, 1933. Presently the commission will be at the rate of four per cent on a valuation of 75 per cent.

NRA INFORMATION BUREAU OPENED  
An information bureau of the National Recovery Act was set up in Medford today to offer services to the public and was in operation this morning at the Chamber of Commerce from 9 to 10 o'clock.

# Public Fruit Hearing Called August 22

## PREDICT STORMS WILL END REIGN OF HOT WEATHER

### Thunderstorms in Eastern Mountains and Showers On North Coast in Store Tonight Says Observer

PORTLAND, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Thunderstorms in the eastern mountains, and showers on the north coast were predicted by the weather bureau here for today and tonight. There was every expectation the period of severe heat was temporarily, at least, at an end.

Rains which yesterday visited central Oregon to greatly relieve that district, were predicted for a considerable area of the state. Fire wardens had declared unless these rains did appear their work in attempting to stem the march of several large forest fires would be futile.

Two fires covering a large area of valuable timber have been burning in the mountain districts between Washington and Tillamook counties for three days. It was believed they would be definitely within control by tomorrow morning.

Portland's maximum of 87 yesterday compared with 102.4 degrees on Tuesday; at Klamath Falls the maximum of 92 was 3 degrees under the previous day. Walla Walla's 102 was only one degree less than Tuesday, but in Medford yesterday's highest was 98 compared with 104 the day before. Salem was 3 degrees cooler at 95.

Other temperatures yesterday included: Baker 92, Marshfield 82, Roseburg 82, Wolf Creek 92, Umatilla 100, Albany 92. Some out-of-state maximum figures included Red Bluff, Cal., 102; Spokane 98; Yakima 102; Phoenix 110 with a last night's maximum of 82; Fresno 102, and Sacramento 100.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Thunder crashed over many sections of the far west today while sudden gales and downpours of rain broke the extreme heat which had caused 11 deaths since the first of the week.

The electrical disturbances, unaccompanied by rain at some places, increased the forest fire menace. Lightning flashes over the Sierra Nevada mountains in the vicinity of Lake Tahoe were visible along the entire Sacramento valley, almost 100 miles away. The electrical display was accompanied by rain which caused a mud slide over the Southern Pacific transcontinental line east of Donner summit. The rails were quickly cleared, however.

## REDRAWN BAKERY CODE APPROVED BAND CONCERT SLATED FRIDAY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—(AP)—A modified reemployment agreement for the baking industry was approved today by Hugh S. Johnson, national recovery administrator.

The modified agreement to remain in effect pending public hearing and final approval of a permanent code of fair competition provides that employees shall not be worked more than forty hours a week, with the exception that clerical and sales employees in retail shops may be employed not more than 48 hours. Bakery shop employees in hand-craft shops may work a 50-hour week, but no employee could work more than 9 hours in any one day, except before and after holidays and week ends and other special occasions when a ten-hour day would be permitted.

Minimum wages for bakery shop employees in the north were fixed at 40 cents an hour unless the hourly rate July 15, 1929, was lower in which case they shall be paid not less than the hourly rate on that date and in no case less than 30 cents.

## ALL FOREST FIRES REPORTED CHECKED

Rogue River national forest service offices reported this afternoon that all of the eight forest fires in the national forest were placed under control last night, the largest, at Aspen butte, burning over eight acres.

## Desperado Caught



Harvey Bailey (above), Kansas penitentiary fugitive, was captured on a farm near Decatur, Tex. Officials expressed a belief his capture would solve the Charles F. Urschel kidnaping and the Kansas City depot "massacre." (Associated Press Photo)

## SECRET POLICE OF MACHADOS REGIME ARE HUNTED DOWN

HAVANA, Aug. 17.—(AP)—The hunt for hated members of the Porra, ousted President Machado's secret police organization, continued today with the capture after a gun fight of Jose Del Valle.

After an exchange of shots with soldiers, some of whom he wounded, Del Valle attempted to escape over the roofs of buildings near the house in which he was found.

A. B. Alcantar, who was chief of police in the Machado regime, also was captured today and was taken to Principe fortress instead of to army headquarters because officials feared that mobs might attempt to take vengeance on him.

Alcantar, who is a brother-in-law of Del Valle, headed the regular police force.

Arquillo Lombard, negro liberal representative in congress, who was a strong Machado supporter, was captured near Perico in Matanzas province. The authorities alleged he had been implicated in several killings.

Jose Semidey, Cuban minister to the Dominican republic, submitted his resignation but it was not accepted, and indications were that he would be asked to remain at his post.

Cuba awaited today the return from exile of former President Mario G. Menocal and Col. Carlos Mendiceta, and wondered what part they will play in reconstruction plans of the new provisional government.

## FINAL WIRE FLASHES

BENTONVILLE, Ark., Aug. 17.—(AP)—Gene Johnson, described by officers as a confederate of the Wilbur Underhill gang, was critically wounded and his wife suffered minor gunshot wounds today in a gunfight with a posse in the hills twenty-five miles southwest of Bentonville. Johnson is in a hospital at Siloam Springs, Ark.

HANKOW, Hupeh Province (Central China), Aug. 17.—(AP)—Widespread floods of the Yellow river in northern China were said today to have caused 50,000 deaths in the last few days.

## CONSUMER STRIKE DANGERS SEEN IN NRA PRICE BOOSTS

### First Lady Urges Housewives to Study Economic Conditions in Order to Recognize Profiteering

By HARRY FERGUSON  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—(UP)—The danger of a consumers' revolt against soaring costs of living before the winter lets climb high enough to insure prosperity under the NRA is seen by Mrs. Emily Newell Blair, magazine writer, who has volunteered her services in America's vast economic experiment.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, commenting along similar lines, urged housewives today to familiarize themselves with economic conditions so they could war against profiteering. She suggests writing to the NRA for information on what price rises are justified by increased costs of production.

Women Should Unite  
Mrs. Roosevelt believes women—in whose hands rests most of America's purchasing power—should organize to protect themselves, and should not depend exclusively on Federal agencies.

Blair, who is assigned to the consumers' protective service, has the job of serving as a clearing house for complaints sent about undue price rises.

She appealed today, in an interview with the United Press, to the middle classes to be patient with the organization's slow progress and to urge the National Industrial Recovery act until legislation is perfected and prices are stabilized.

Must Sacrifice  
"We realized people are always the first to feel a depression and the last to recover from it. The only thing we can do now is to go in for 'pocketbook patriotism.' We are going to have to make sacrifices, but we always have done it. Ahead of us is the goal of a stabilized economic system with salaries in proper relation to prices.

"Such a plan will be our salvation in the long run. Under the old system we suffered from blows of the economic cycle. We don't want to go back to that. In the meantime we must suffer and sacrifice."

Mrs. Blair comes to the NRA with a fresh viewpoint. Unlike General Hugh S. Johnson, Dr. Leo Wolman, Edward F. McNary and others long with the organization, she has been in recent contact with people out in the country. She thinks it is possible to arouse crusading fervor like that in war days once people fully understand the NRA.

Her immediate problem is to combat profiteering.

## MEDFORD SEWAGE PLAN TO BE TOLD

City Superintendent Fred Scheffel and Frank Farrell, city attorney, are leaving tonight for Portland with Samuel Greeley, sanitary engineer, representing the firm of Pierce, Greeley and Hanson, for a conference with Fredrick Stickler, head of the state board of health regarding plans for Medford's proposed sewage improvements.

Engineer Greeley was in conference here yesterday for most of the day with members of the city council and chamber of commerce committees. No decision regarding the type of sewage system to be perfected here if the loan sought from the government is approved, was reached.

The 1932-1933 cabbage crop of the lower Rio Grande valley is estimated to have brought producers \$1,200,000.

## BASEBALL

American	R.	H.	E.
Washington	14	16	0
Chicago	1	4	3
Weaver and Sewell; Berg; Miller; Kimsey; Hald; Paber and Sullivan.			

  

National	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	4	13	3
Cleveland	15	19	2
Eashaw; Peterson; Walberg; Combs and Cochrane; Madjeski; Pearson and Spencer.			

  

R. H. E.		
Boston	6 10 0	
Detroit	2 5 1	
Wislard and Ferrell; Auker; Hogsets and Pasek.		

  

R. H. E.		
Cincinnati	2 13 3	
New York	7 11 1	
Frey; Stout Kolp and Lombardi; Parmelee and Mancuso.		

  

R. H. E.		
St. Louis	9 14 2	
Philadelphia	5 8 2	
Carlston and O'Farrell; Holley; Elliott and Todd.		

## LODGING SEEKER HELPS HIMSELF WHILE 'LOOKING'

Police were today searching for a young man about 27 or 28 years of age, dark complexioned, a small mustache, and with his black hair worn in pompadour style, following his search for a room in Medford yesterday, during which time he was successful in lifting several articles, according to charges on file at the city police station.

The young man, reports show, said that he and a companion were staying in a rooming house and that they were trying to find a place to stay. Visiting the W. T. Lindley home at 215 East Jackson street, the man made a tour through the house, and upon his departure, it was discovered several valuable articles were missing.

Louis Dearford, who resides there, reported that a 14-karat white gold watch and a fountain pen were taken. Charles Clay also reported the loss of a fountain pen and L. C. Taylor, a watch and a fountain pen. All three of the pens were yellow Parkers.

Joe Thomas, who has rooms to rent at 222 South Holly street, told police that he became suspicious when the man was exceptionally observant while in the house, and ordered him to leave.

Ernest Wardrip of 943 South Central avenue, found upon his return home about 11:30 last evening that his house had been entered and a number of articles of food and clothing stolen. Wardrip said that he thought a transient, who had been there earlier to borrow some salt, had probably returned and taken the items.

On the list were a dark brown suit coat, two pairs of shoes, a hat, a cap, 45 in. cash, some coffee, tobacco, a loaf of home-made bread, a pound of butter and some freshly bottled beer. A shopping bag was missing. Wardrip said, and he thought that it had probably been used to carry the articles.

Entrance was gained, he said, through a window in the rear of the house.

## FORM BUILDERS FOR ROAD WORK NEEDED

A call for experienced form builders was issued by the Jackson County Relief committee today, with announcement that men are wanted for the Diamond lake road construction project.

Only men experienced in this type of work need apply, as there will be no demand at the present time for other laborers. Experienced form builders are asked to call at relief headquarters on the third floor of the city hall as soon as possible.

## FRUIT STRIKE PEACE AIM IN CALIFORNIA

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Efforts to settle farm labor strikes in a number of California fruit and vegetable centers were under way today after the California packing commission announced an immediate wage increase for field workers.

In the Santa Clara valley, where 1200 pear pickers have quit work, growers obtained an injunction superior court prohibiting the Cannery and Agricultural Workers' Industrial Union from interfering with employers and employees.

## FINAL STEP FOR MARKET CONTROL IS EXPECTATION

### Aide of Agricultural Adjustment Notifies Governor Meier Call for Hearing—Many Growers to Attend

SALEM, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Conditions, practices and probation of shipments in the fresh deciduous tree fruit industry in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana under a proposed agreement requested by the Northwest Fruit Industries, Inc., will be discussed at a public hearing in Portland, August 22, Governor Julius L. Meier was informed by telegram today from the national capital.

Ammon McClellan, chief hearing clerk of the agricultural adjustment administration, with headquarters in Washington, D. C., will conduct the hearing, arranged through the efforts of Senator Charles L. McNary. A large number of fruit growers of Oregon and the northwest were declared interested in the issue.

The proposed agreement would come under the agricultural adjustment act. The telegram indicated that an emergency existed in governing the marketing of fresh deciduous tree fruits in these states.

"The concluding step toward market control of the fruit industry," Paul A. Scherer, president of the Northwest Fruit Industries, Inc., described the announcement that the secretary of agriculture is holding a public hearing upon the agreement with the Fruit Industry of the Pacific northwest next Tuesday in Portland, when interviewed today.

"Due to the importance of the Tree Fruit Industry through the efforts of Senator Charles L. McNary and the personal interest of Governor Meier this whole matter has been expedited in every possible way," Mr. Scherer stated.

It should be understood that the hearing in Portland is public and are open to all who care to attend. We trust that a considerable number of growers from this district can arrange their plans to be present. After the public hearing the agreement will become effective just so soon as the secretary of agriculture may affix his signature of ratification. It cannot be definitely stated how much time may be involved but the interest of the secretary's office in our case indicates that there will be no unavoidable delay."

## FIRE SITUATION MUCH IMPROVED

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 17.—(AP)—The forest fire situation in Oregon today was greatly improved and if weather conditions remain as at present all fires will be under control Theodore Rainwater, assistant state forester, said here today.

During the night a heavy mist fell in many places and the humidity today was considerably higher, he said. Most fires, with the exception of the one in Tillamook and Washington counties, were under control, and it was expected the latter would likewise be checked before night. The fire in Tillamook and Washington counties has covered between 4000 and 8000 acres of timber.

## GOVERNMENT TO CUT TELEGRAMS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—(AP)—A bulletin directing the head of every executive agency to the government to use the airmail for all but the most urgent government messages was circulated today by authority of President Roosevelt's executive council.

Complaint of Governor L. A. Miller, Wyoming, demurred that he received from the N. R. A. a 644-word telegram on a New Orleans milk code and one of 1488 words on the milk situation in Knoxville, Tenn., precipitated the action.

## Mehama Firebug Wounded In Act

MEHAMA, Ore., Aug. 17.—(AP)—Posses were today following a trail of blood left by a fleeing fire bug who was wounded late last night in the act of starting a fire at a store here.

## ROOSEVELT LEADS BLOODLESS REVOLT OF MODERN DAYS

### President Follows Footsteps of Washington, Lincoln, But Without Carnage of Previous "New Deals"

By BURTON KLINE  
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Thomas Jefferson once said that what this country needs is a first-class revolution every 30 years. Had he made it 60 or 80 he would have been still more the prophet. At about these intervals we have had three of his prescribed revolutions.

The first has been made somewhat familiar in the school books. The second came the famous "four score and seven years" afterward. We are living through the third one.

All three found their natural leader. Washington not merely won the Revolution, he was the Revolution. This country is the United States because G. Washington happened to be born in time. Without him, without money, without anything that makes an army, he came out victorious on his will and character. Later, as head of an infant political experiment, he did it again—on his will and character. President Washington was the United States government.

Smartness of his day though poorly of his intellect, Washington himself thought the same. But 3,000,000 Americans of 1792 are 128,000,000 today because G. Washington "had something."

Lincoln was roared only a little less savagely than was Washington, but the states remain united because the gawky rail-splitter existed with his will and character. And because he "had something."

Look over your afternoon paper again if you don't believe another of Jefferson's revolutions is on. Wall Street, for years the inside government of the United States, by its own act ceases to be a Monte Carlo and becomes a market again. Banks by the thousand hang up the Blue Eagle. Ditto big corporations in flaming ads in the papers. Small

## BARTLETT PRICES TAKE QUICK HOIST

The price offered on Bartlett pears zoomed up to \$27.80 in Lake county, Cal., today, according to information received from authentic sources here this morning. And California growers, unaccustomed with the price quoted were in many cases holding out for \$25 a ton.

News of the raise in price was received here shortly after the report yesterday that the California Bartlett crop was greatly curtailed by the extreme heat.

Some Bartletts were sold here yesterday for \$20 a ton, it was reported.

## WILL ROGERS SAYS:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 15.—Well, I was just sitting around here late this afternoon and happened to have a day off tomorrow, and the West is playing the East polo in Chicago tomorrow. I think of leaving here late this evening, flying to Chicago, see the game and back tomorrow night. Over Boulder dam about 9 tonight, Salt Lake at midnight, see the sun rise in Cheyenne, breakfast in Omaha, lunch in Chicago, all on a passenger line. And by the way, the aeroplane come in pretty handy getting the ex-president out of Cuba. There is nothing that will drive you to flying quicker than to have somebody after you.

If this NRA works out (and it certainly looks like it will) it will just show you you don't have to have war to make folks patriotic.

Will Rogers  
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