

The Weather  
Forecast: Fair tonight and Saturday. Warmer Saturday.  
Temperature:  
Highest yesterday 83  
Lowest this morning 60

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# CITY'S SEWAGE PLANT APPROVED

## Buster Medley, 10, Drowns in Bear Creek Pool North Medford



By PAUL MALLON.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 17.—The government has been very cagey about giving out drought figures. The new dealers prefer to talk in general terms. They act dumb if anyone asks how much food prices are going up, or the extent to which farm purchasing power will be affected. They have good reasons for such caution. They learned from the preceding administration that prophecies are dangerous. Also, they know all initial estimates must necessarily be inexact. But, if you look in their inner coat pockets, you will find a few unofficial expert guesses, which show a ray of good hope in all the gloom of widespread misery and desolation. These are at least the best possible estimates of prospects at this time.

The food experts privately guess that the general level of prices will increase less than 9 per cent. They think corn will go to \$1 a bushel by November, and wheat possibly to \$1.15, unless the government steps in. Meats also will increase much beyond the general level. Vegetables, however, should increase but little.

The 9 per cent expectation is not alarming when you consider that the general level of food prices increased but 6 per cent from its extreme low of last year. In 1924, food prices rose 30 per cent—without hardships. Although the people had more money then than now.

These experts, in their own homes, are preparing to eat more beans or spinach and fewer steaks and pork chops. They believe anyone who wants steaks or chops will be able to get them, but fancy prices will have to be paid. They contend that the family budget will not have to be enlarged extensively for the careful buyer who wants to keep his table within his means.

They may be a little optimistic about this, because such wholesome generalities do not always work out in detail. You will always find children who will try to use the drought excuse to increase the price of macaroni and olives.

There is every indication that total farm purchasing power may be 10 per cent greater on a national scale than it was last year (some inside government figures run the increase up as high as 15 per cent).

Such a paradox is explained by the cotton situation. Drought hurt the cotton crop materially in only three states—Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma. Every other cotton-growing state will benefit by getting the advantage of increased prices for all crops and the purchasing power for all crops will be materially greater than last year. The government will put considerable sums of money into the three affected states to bring their purchasing power up, thus maintaining the general national average much higher than the droughts of 1933.

Something of the same situation exists in corn and other drought-area crops.

It means that farmers who have any crops at all should get real money for them, while the afflicted sections are being aided by government funds.

### PWA WILL DONATE \$30,000 TOWARD BIG IMPROVEMENT

Bonds Will Be Needed to Repay Loan of Balance of \$100,000 Required for Job—Means Employment

By H. C. HUNTER  
Associated Press Oregon Correspondent  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—(AP)—The public works administration today allotted \$24,540,270 for 215 non-federal projects, of which eight were in Oregon and will be completed at a cost of \$424,500. The \$400,000 allotted by PWA by President Roosevelt from the deficiency appropriation provided by the last congress virtually was depleted by today's allocations which brought the total of non-federal projects to 4,028. The Oregon projects approved at today's meeting were: Grants Pass, \$45,000 for sewage plant. MEDFORD, \$100,000 FOR SEWAGE SYSTEM. Drain, \$51,500 for school. Lakeview, \$50,000 for school. Redmond, \$46,000 for water system. Newberg, \$50,000 for school. Cove, \$22,000 for school. Sweet Home, \$50,000 for school. Simultaneously, PWA announced its expenditures were providing jobs for nearly 700,000 persons engaged directly on the sites and probably twice that number engaged in industry.

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### SOCIAL LEADER'S BODY FOUND IN SWIMMING POOL

DAYTON, O., Aug. 17.—(AP)—Montgomery county authorities disclosed today that Mrs. William H. Neil, socially prominent matron, was found dead in the swimming pool of fashionable Northmore Country club shortly before midnight last night.

Coroner Maurice Cooper announced a postmortem would be held today. The woman's husband, an insurance company executive, told authorities his wife was in the habit of wearing a diamond ring valued at \$1500 to \$2000. The ring was not on her finger when the body was found by Night Watchman Louis Shyring at the club. No marks of violence were found on the body, except bruises on the victim's legs, which Dr. Cooper said had been inflicted several days ago. He will try to find out whether there is any water in the lungs.

Coroner Cooper declined to discuss a theory of foul play. He said the clothing of the woman had been found in a neatly piled heap at the edge of the pool and an empty glass was found nearby.

### COMMUNIST PERJURY CHARGED ON BALLOT

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Miss Charlotte Anita Whitney, niece of a former justice of the United States supreme court, and seven other women, indicted by the county grand jury today on charges of perjury in connection with the placing of the communist party on the ballot in San Francisco.

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### KIDNAPERS FREE WEALTHY CANADIAN BREWERY HEAD

#### UNDER \$50,000 RANSOM PAID IS ANNOUNCEMENT

Canadian Officers Spur Efforts to Capture Criminals Who 'Snatched' John LaBatt—Victim Secluded

TORONTO, Ont., Aug. 17.—(AP)—A young man giving the name of Edward Chard was charged late today at police headquarters with attempted theft and extortion in connection with several telephone calls put through to Hugh LaBatt in his suite Wednesday night and Thursday morning.

TORONTO, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Despite information from an authoritative source that no ransom was paid to effect the return by kidnapers of John S. LaBatt, London brewer, information was made public in Hamilton today that "less than \$50,000 ransom was paid for the release of John LaBatt."

### SCHOOL OPENING SLATED SEPT. 17

September 17 was announced today by the superintendent's office as the definite opening date for the 1934-35 school year. No alterations in teaching staffs of the city schools will be announced until the return of Superintendent E. H. Hedrick, who has been confined until a later date by his physician's advice at Belmont Springs, Calif. C. G. Smith is acting superintendent during Mr. Hedrick's absence. Reports from his attending physician reveal that Mr. Hedrick's condition is steadily improving, and that there is no cause for alarm in the postponement of his return, which was previously announced as the middle of August. Mrs. Hedrick has been at the health resort with her husband since Tuesday of this week.

### SHOOTING OF FATHER IS CONFESSED BY GIRL

SAN JOSE, Cal., Aug. 17.—(AP)—Accused of the slaying of her rancher father, which she suddenly admitted from the witness stand at a coroner's inquest, Mrs. Bernice Beauchamp Pickrell was held in jail here today under a murder charge. "I shot him because I was afraid of him," the 18-year-old daughter declared as she brought the inquest to a dramatic climax yesterday.

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### BASEBALL

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Lynwood (Schoolboy) Rowe, Detroit's mound ace, shut out the Yankees with three hits in the second game of today's doubleheader, to give the Tigers a 2 to 0 victory in the odd game of the "crucial" five-game series. The victory again gave Detroit a 3½-game lead.

The triumph came after the Yanks had taken the opener, 5 to 0, behind Lefty Vernon Gomez.

	R	H	E
Detroit	0	3	0
New York	5	6	0

Second game—  
Detroit 2 3 0  
New York 0 3 1

Rowe and Cochran; Deahong, Murphy and Dickey.

	R	H	E
Cleveland	3	10	0
Washington	4	14	0

First game—  
Cleveland 3 10 0  
Washington 4 14 0

Hildebrand and Berg; Pritlak, White, Hill and Bolton.

	R	H	E
St. Louis	0	2	2
Boston	6	10	2

First game—  
St. Louis 0 2 2  
Boston 6 10 2

Newson and Hamaley; W. Perrell and R. Perrell.

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### SNOWS TO DRIFT UNHINDERED OVER CRATER ROADWAYS

Cut in Appropriations Will Force Abandonment of Snow Plow Use This Winter—Snow Carnival Lost

CRATER LAKE NATIONAL PARK, Ore., Aug. 17.—(Sp.)—The snow covered roads of Crater lake will not be open this winter to travel, park officials announced today. During the past two or three years snow plows roared throughout the stormy months, maintaining cleared highways from the south and west entrances to the rim area, facilitating early openings of the park to visitors.

Due to a cut in appropriations for road maintenance, no funds are available for the operation of the plows or wages of the operators. A sum of \$7500 is necessary for snow clearing operations, but with only \$4600 on the budget, it is impossible to even begin such operations without endangering the maintenance of roads during the summer when travel is the greatest.

Opening Problematic.  
It is probable no snow removal will begin until spring, possibly around April or May, when last year travel was already heavy. The date of the 1935 park opening is dependent upon the severance of the next winter. If it corresponds to the season of 1933-34, the snow removal problem will be comparatively simple, but if it is in the same class as 1932-33, when over 70 feet fell, the problem will be extremely difficult in opening the park to early travel.

Last spring, due to a mild winter and consistent plow operations, over 9000 people attended the second annual winter sports carnival in the park during the middle of March. Previous to this the roads had been open since January, for the first time in the history of the park. The year before roads were opened in April, and it is in the same class as 1932-33, when over 70 feet fell, the problem will be extremely difficult in opening the park to early travel.

Efforts have been underway for some time to make Crater lake an all-year park, and some progress has been made, but a new start will be necessary to regain the lost ground in making the park accessible the entire year. It is likely not more than two men will be stationed in the park area this winter as caretakers.

### FLOCK OF CHINKS LOOSED NEAR CITY

In Jackson county, within a radius of seven or eight miles of Medford, the largest planting of Chinese pheasants received here in several years from the game farms at Eugene was distributed yesterday afternoon under the direction of the Jackson County Game Protective association.

Those in charge endeavored to put the birds on property where shooting is not permitted, in order to give them as much protection as possible. However, a large number spread to unprotected property.

Some of the birds, when released, flew a distance of nearly a half mile, T. E. Daniels said today. They are about two and a half months old. Of the several hundred sent here, he stated, there were only two dead birds.

### AIR MAIL CONTRACTS WILL BE PROLONGED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Officials of the postoffice department said today present air mail contracts, which were let originally for a period of three months, would be extended an additional nine months under authority of the air mail act approved June 12 this year.

### BYRD PREPARED TO DIE BEFORE HELP ARRIVED



Dr. Thomas C. Poulter (left), of Mt. Pleasant, Ia., senior scientist on the Antarctic expedition, found Admiral Richard E. Byrd (right) thin and weak after leading a tractor party across 123 miles of difficult ice to Bolling where the admiral had been isolated for nearly five months making weather observations. Two previous attempts to reach Byrd had failed. (Associated Press Photo)

LITTLE AMERICA, Antarctica, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Admiral Richard E. Byrd prepared himself for a lonely death, yet sent no appeal for aid, the outside world learned today—two months later.

A message from the advance weather base where Byrd spent nearly five months in isolation told how he resigned himself to death and left a note for a relief party which he feared would "arrive too late."

Dr. Thomas C. Poulter, head of the tractor expedition of three which fought its way to Byrd's aide, reported by radio that the commander became so ill in June from rumbles from his stove he thought the end was near.

"My observations here and remarks that Admiral Byrd has made," said Dr. Poulter, "convinced me that he has gone through things, particularly during the first three weeks of June and the past two weeks, that must have been beyond human ability to withstand."

"He was convinced he had reached the limit of his endurance. He was true to the polar code and played the game gallantly."

"As I think back I see things in his messages that were put there to keep us from realizing his condition, fearing that the trip in an attempt to reach him would risk the lives of others."

"Although he was up to meet us on our arrival, he should not have been. I see him showing marked improvement. It will be some time before he fully recovers his strength."

"A note was hung over his table, dated June 15, referring to letters he had written to various people and where the letters could be found. Even thinking the tractor would arrive too late, he had written us a note, which he had left on the table, but which he put out of sight when we entered the shack."

"I marvel at how complete a set of scientific data he has obtained, and how painstaking he has been with it."

### PLAYMATE SEES DIVE FROM RAFT INTO DEEP WATER



William Grover Medley, Jr., 10-year-old son of Grover W. Medley of 15 West Tenth street, employed by the California Oregon Power Co., was drowned in Bear creek about 10:30 this morning while swimming in a pool behind the Medford Concrete Construction Co. plant near the Owen-Oregon railway tracks north of town. The small boy, known to his playmates as "Buster," had gone swimming with a companion, Warren Baglien, 11, son of Carl J. Baglien of 719 West Tenth street, and had dived from a raft into five feet of water. His body was in the water 10 or 15 minutes before C. E. Wymore and N. Thomas, dredge employes, called by young Baglien, carried the body to the shore and started unavailing artificial respiration.

Efforts of Fire Chief Roy Elliott, who was summoned immediately, were of no avail, as the boy's lungs had been filled. Dr. R. W. Sleeter, who arrived soon after, and Coroner Frank Perl continued the attempt as

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### OIL MAN HURT AS CAR PLUNGES OFF SISKIYOU GRADE

Six accidents, in which one person was slightly injured, have been reported to city and state police yesterday and today.

Frederick Lewis Kling of Portland, a Union Oil Co. employe, was taken to the Hill hospital this morning after his car had missed a corner on the Pacific highway near the summit of the Siskiyou mountains, and rolled over a 20-foot bank. Wood received this afternoon revealed his injuries were not serious. According to state police, Kling had reached for the choke when he went off the bank. He was taken to the hospital by M. J. Bailey, of Hill, a passing motorist.

An accident this morning on Riverside between Main street and Eighth, was reported to city police by John S. Conner, route four, who stated his car was struck by one which pulled out from the curb, driven by W. T. Sharron of the Davis Transfer and Storage Co.

Yesterday afternoon at the intersection of Ninth and South Central, William Frenenburg, 331 Edwards street, collided with car driven by H. M. Butler, with little damage resulting.

N. E. Crost, route 1, reported last night to city police that his car was hit by an auto, whose driver's name is not known, yesterday morning near the Table Rock store.

When A. L. Davies, route 3, pulled out from the curb on East Main yesterday evening, city police records show he struck a car driven by Robert B. Lawton of Mentons, Calif., who was passing.

An accident Wednesday night six miles west of Copper on the Carberry road was reported last night to city police by Murel Gillan, of the local CCC headquarters detachment, who stated the truck he was driving struck a coil which jumped into the road.

### WILL ROGERS SAYS:

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### BETTER WEATHER BOOSTS BUSINESS

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—(AP)—The turn to more favorable weather, particularly the easing of drought conditions in the Midwest, has brightened business prospects and sentiments, says the Dun & Bradstreet weekly trade review.

"With no extension of the boundaries of the drought area reported for more than two weeks," asserted the review, "and with the heat wave definitely broken, preliminary estimates place farm income at 20 to 25 per cent higher than it was a year ago."

"The final launching of the billion-dollar home renovation drive is expected to bring an early upturn in employment."

"The volume of retail sales, said the review, "was larger than a week earlier with gains ranging from 2 per cent in some parts of the east to 20 to 30 per cent respectively for the southwest and Pacific coast."

### FIREMEN KILLED WHEN TRUCK SKIDS, UPSETS

LOWELL, Mass., Aug. 17.—(AP)—Two firemen were killed and six injured when the Collinsville fire truck overturned, after skidding on wet car tracks and crashing into a telegraph pole today.

The apparatus was answering an alarm that subsequently proved to have been falsely sounded by a short circuit in the signal system.

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