

The Weather
Forecast: Cloudy and continued cold tonight and Friday; snow Friday.
TEMPERATURE
Highest yesterday 49
Lowest this morning 28

Worth Trying
A few cents spent for a Mail Tribune classified ad might save you a lot of time. It's worth trying. These little messages meet thousands of eyes.

24 PERISH IN SOUTHERN TORNADO



News Behind The News
By PAUL MALLON
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WASHINGTON, April 2.—Treasury bookkeepers took out their green ink bottles at the end of the quarter-year and computed their federal debt at approximately \$31,500,000,000. (They generally use green for the debt. Continuous use of red is hard on the eyes. Also the contrast imparts some appropriate Christmas spirit to the books the year round.)
More meticulous unofficial bookkeepers on the outside used blue ink on the same day and got an entirely different total. They computed the debt at \$36,000,000,000, a boost upward of \$4,500,000,000.
The disparity lies in the fact that the treasury book artists apparently have been keeping in invisible ink the rising total of obligations fully guaranteed by the United States.

CORDELE, GEORGIA, CENTER OF HEAVY PROPERTY DAMAGE

Relief Agencies Rush to Scene — 25 Fine Homes of Town Splintered As if By Charge of Dynamite
CORDELE, Ga., April 2.—(AP)—Spring wind and rain storms killed at least twenty-four persons in the southeast today, and caused more than \$1,000,000 property damage, with the major loss centered at this south Georgia city.
"At least thirty-three were killed in Cordele," City Manager John Brown said, "eight white persons and twenty-five negroes."
Rescue agencies swung into action immediately, proceeding to the scene by train and over rain-drenched highways.
Seven storm deaths were reported elsewhere in Georgia, Alabama and South Carolina.
Stadium Is Hospital
A new baseball stadium, dedicated only yesterday amid shouts and cheers of a throng, was converted into a hospital to take care of those unable to find room at other Cordele hospitals.
R. L. Dekle, an undertaker, said seven bodies had been taken from splintered homes.
"Ambulances, trucks and other motor vehicles are being pressed into service to bring in the dead, injured and dying."
"From the appearance of the mangled victims, it is amazing that the

Tells of Visit to Tearful Hauptmann



Bruno Richard Hauptmann "broke down and cried, protesting his innocence" in the belief he would be executed within a few hours for the kidnap-slaying of the Lindbergh baby. Col. Mark O. Kimberling, warden of the New Jersey state prison, said after a half-hour visit to the death cell. But the condemned man's life was saved for another 48 hours when the execution was delayed. Kimberling is shown as he described his talk with Bruno to reporters.—(Associated Press Photo.)

TOWNSEND BOOKS BADLY MUDDLED CLAIMS WITNESS

Four Men Working Several Days Unable Strike Balance for Period Before July 1, 1935, Is Word
WASHINGTON, April 2.—(AP)—A surprise witness, John Bloodworth, accountant of Price Waterhouse company, New York, told a house investigating committee today that books of the Townsend old age pension organization were "muddled and confused" and "not readily susceptible to audit" up to July 1, 1935.
Bloodworth, Detroit office manager of the accounting firm, said it would cost from \$15,000 to \$20,000 to audit the books properly.
He testified they "were not in very good shape" and were divided in two parts; the period prior to July 1, 1935, and the period from that date up to now.
Bloodworth said four men have been working eight or nine days on the period before July 1, 1935 and have been unable to strike a balance.
Mostly Pill Ads
An assertion—immediately denied that 99 per cent of the advertising in the Townsend Weekly was of products for the "treatment of the ills of the aged," was made today before a house investigating committee.
Robert E. Clements, resigned national secretary of the Townsend old age pension organization, denied the

Beards Score Win By 10 Votes Over Women's Protest

CENTRALIA, April 2.—(AP)—Women, who object to beards, have lost—by 10 "whiskers."
The Pioneer Days Celebration association committee has ratified the public vote which approved the city "law" requiring men to cast aside their beards from July 4 until after the pioneer days celebration August 7, 8, 9.
The vote, taken during March after women had vigorously protested against the annual custom, showed whiskers won, 280 to 270.

HOFFMAN, WILENTZ ARE CALLED INTO GRAND JURY ROOM

Jersey Attorney General Doubts Power of Inquisitors to Investigate Lindbergh Kidnap-Slaying
By WILLIAM A. KINNEY
Associated Press Staff Writer
TRENTON, N. J., April 2.—(AP)—Attorney General David T. Wilentz, who headed Bruno Richard Hauptmann's prosecution, said today he did not believe the Mercer county grand jury has jurisdiction to investigate the Lindbergh baby kidnap-slaying.
Wilentz made this statement after two hours of testimony before the grand jury, investigating the reputed confession of Paul H. Wendel, former Trenton lawyer, to the crime. He closely followed Governor Harold G. Hoffman as a witness. Both appeared voluntarily.
Probe May Continue
The jury recessed at 2:30 for lunch, planned to return, and Wilentz said he believed the inquiry would extend beyond today.
"It is my opinion, even accepting Wendel's confession, that there is no basis upon which a murder charge could be placed in this county," Wilentz said.
Should the grand jury still be in session tomorrow night, Hauptmann's execution will be postponed again by Col. Mark O. Kimberling, warden of the state prison.
The date is tentatively set for 8 p. m. Friday, but Kimberling said so far as his own authority extended, he will not have the Bronx carpenter led to the chair while any legal proceedings which might affect Hauptmann's life and death battle are still in progress.
Can Delay Execution
He can, without consulting anyone, delay the execution until the end of the week, since the death warrant reads "the week of March 30."
Should the grand jury still be in session Saturday, Kimberling will ask some competent legal authority whether he can extend the delay, perhaps into next week.
The governor had no comment to make when he came from the jury room after an hour and fifteen minutes of testimony.
The corridors of the court house were jammed and crowds had gathered on the sidewalk outside in the chilly drizzle.
So great was the crush that police guards had to shoulder a passage for the governor and Wilentz. The former had just left when the attorney general arrived.

PLEAD FOR LIFE OF FAIR SLAYER

NEW YORK, April 2.—(AP)—Vera Stretz's attorney pleaded for her freedom today after Judge Cornelius Collins refused to rule out the death penalty as a possible verdict in her murder trial.
Samuel Leibowitz, noted defense counsel, pictured Dr. Fritz Gebhardt, whom the attractive blonde secretary has admitted slaying, as a polished but insipid lawyer.
"Miss Stretz is an educated woman, a woman of the world, but a sucker for a man like that," he said.
"He never gave this woman a dollar in his life. What could he offer her except what a woman values more than life itself—respectability?"
Miss Stretz sat with eyes downcast while the attorney gestured and paced the floor. He held aloft a ring which Miss Stretz said the German industrialist had given her.
He said "why didn't Gebhardt want this woman to tell anything about their engagement? Because he never intended to marry her. That was the type of man he was."

EXECUTION DATE MAY 29 SET FOR GLENN STRINGER

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 2.—(AP) Superior Judge George B. Simpson sentenced Glenn R. Stringer today to death on the gallows, May 29, for the murder of Herbert Caples, tobacco salesman, in a holdup here two years ago.
Sheriff Leland Morrow said he would take Stringer to the state penitentiary at Walla Walla tomorrow.
Judge Simpson denied a motion for a new trial, overruling the defense attorney's contention that improper arguments were permitted.
A confession which Stringer, 28-year-old Medford, Ore., youth, made in the Oregon penitentiary and later repudiated, was introduced as evidence.
A criminologist said a revolver found on Stringer when he was arrested at Medford a little more than a year ago, on a burglary charge, was the one used in the Caples slaying.
Stringer's confession named as an accomplice Ralph Tremaine, who still is at large.

Income Shares

Maryland funding bid \$19.71; asked \$21.31.
Quarterly income, bid \$1.61; asked \$1.77.

MEN PAST 70 TO LEAVE WPA ROLL FOR AGE PENSION

PORTLAND, April 2.—(AP)—Oregon relief officials said today that men 70 years or older on WPA projects will be referred to the SERA for possible inclusion in the state's new old age assistance program.
Some 400 men will be affected. If they cannot qualify for old age assistance, they will be returned to the WPA or considered for direct relief from the state.
J. C. Albright, assistant WPA administrator, said the bulk of the men affected will be in district two, of which Portland is headquarters. About 325 men in this area will be referred to the SERA, 50 in district three, Salem, and 25 each in districts one, Pendleton, and four, Medford.
Explaining the transfer, Albright said:
"In considering ways and means of meeting reduced WPA quotas, we have considered various proposals which might be put into effect with the least difficulty.
"Taking off the rolls those men 70 years or older is one of them. Another is the absorption of employables by private industry without replacement of them on projects.
"In advancing these quota-reducing suggestions to our district headquarters, we are not suggesting that the aged be included in the old age assistance program. That is up to the SERA."
"If the SERA cannot take care of all of these men, it will refer back to us those cases which it feels are eligible for WPA work and we will reconsider them."
"The WPA will require that all men working on projects be able to do the required number of hours of work."
Elmer Goudy, state relief administrator, confirmed the statement of Albright and added:
"None of these cases have come to us yet but as soon as they are referred we will begin a study of them. Those who are eligible will be included in the old age assistance program."

CHANDLER EGAN'S CONDITION WORSE

EVERETT, April 2.—(AP)—Chandler Egan, of Medford, Oregon, took a sudden turn for the worse this afternoon and he is in a serious condition, attending physicians reported.
Egan, former amateur golf champion, was taken ill with lobar pneumonia last Saturday while here as supervising architect of the American Legion Memorial park golf links, now under construction. Inflammation has spread to his second lung.

66,950 INCREASE ORDERED IN CCC

WASHINGTON, April 2.—(AP) The CCC was ready today to take in 66,950 new members.
Robert Fechner, CCC chief, announced recruiting was begun yesterday to bring the corps enrollment up to 350,000. The recruits will replace the men who withdrew to accept employment or who were discharged for other reasons.
Of the total to be enrolled 3,546 must be war veterans. The remainder will be juniors—youth men from 17 to 28, unmarried, unemployed and physically fit. The juniors also must come from families on relief rolls.
The pay remains \$30 a month, of which a substantial portion must be sent to a dependent beneficiary.
The recruit quotas by states include:
Oregon: 377 juniors, 19 vets, making a total of 396.

FARMER HIT BY TRUCK AFTER MAIL BOX CALL

ROSEBURG, Ore., April 2.—(AP)—Arnold Jones, 47, suffered a fractured skull and severe bruises yesterday when he was struck by a county gravel truck driven by Paul V. Smith of Roseburg. Jones is in a critical condition at Mercy hospital.
Paul Parsons, state policeman who investigated the accident, said he was informed Jones had poor eyesight and was hard of hearing, and apparently walked into the side of the truck as he started to leave his mailbox, located beside the road.

WORK IS RESUMED ON G. PASS POSTOFFICE

GRANTS PASS, April 2.—(AP)—Work resumed on the Grants Pass federal building today after a three-day shutdown blamed by Elvird Anderson, Tacoma contractor to defendant, for a dispute over the distribution of the contract to the American people, the statement continued.
The federal management policy represents a "20-year record of uncontrolled forest destruction and stupid misuse of public land," it was charged.
Cold Butler, executive secretary of the association, said handling of the lands has become "muscle-bound by vicious legislation and political lock-jaw, with the result that a great natural resource is being converted into a costly liability."

STEIWER STRAFES NEW DEAL RELIEF

BANGOR, Me., April 2.—(AP)—Asserting the "Tammany creed" had permeated New Deal relief and other activities, Senator Steiwer (R., Ore.) told the Republican state convention today the G. O. P. must assure the destitute that funds voted for them "will not be wasted in the cost of a top-heavy bureaucratic administration."
In a keynote address, the Oregon senator outlined a four-point program and declared re-employment of American labor could only be brought about by re-establishment of American industry.

ALBANY COLLEGE SETS CENSORSHIP

ALBANY, Ore., April 2.—(AP)—The recent controversy at Albany college resulted today in an order for faculty "supervision" of all news stories emanating from the campus. The order is a possible expansion.
Dr. Thomas W. Bibb, president, issued the order at a meeting of campus news writers. Several students have been earning a small sum each month by corresponding for newspapers.
"Violations of this restriction will bring penalties to the violators, even to the point of expulsion if they are flagrant," Dr. Bibb said. He commented that "supervision rather than censorship will be the rule."
He explained that several recent stories reacted to the detriment of the school.

WORK IS BEGUN ON MODEL HOME

Excavation was started today for Medford's model home to be erected at the northeast corner of West Main and Peach streets as an example of what can be accomplished under federal housing act financing.
The first shovelful of earth was turned over by Ben E. Harder, president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, in the presence of Glen Arnsperger, J. C. Boyle and A. H. Banwell as Vern Shangle recorded the scene in photographs. Messrs. Arnsperger, Boyle and Harder comprise the executive committee in charge of the model home construction.
The excavation contract is being carried out by R. J. Stuart & Sons. Construction is expected to proceed rapidly now so that the home will be completed by June.

TO ATTAIN QUOTA ON FLOOD RELIEF TODAY

Jackson county's Red Cross quota of \$875 for eastern flood relief will be completed before tonight, it was predicted this noon by George T. Frey, local chairman.
The fund this morning stood at \$667.25, just \$7.75 shy of the goal, with several depositing offices yet to be heard from for yesterday's receipts. Mr. Frey, however, asked that contributions be continued so that Jackson county may exceed the quota by a substantial sum.

GASOLINE PRICES UP 2 1-2 CENTS

All of the major gasoline companies in the city upped their prices 2 1/2 cents on all grades this morning, wiping out a drop announced several weeks ago. The Standard Oil company district headquarters here announced that the rise was ordered from headquarters in San Francisco, and that no statement was made as to the reason.
The lift in prices leaves third structure fuel at 20 cents, second structure gas at 21 1/2 cents, and premium, or ethyl gasoline at 23 1/2 cents, all prices effective this morning.
Sets Swim Mark
CHICAGO, April 2.—(AP)—Peter Flick, burly New York Athletic club swimmer, swam the fastest competitive 100-yard free style in history today by slashing through his semifinal trials in the men's national indoor A. U. championships in 51 seconds flat, at the Lake Shore Athletic club.

Farm Kidnap Problem Dollar Not Daughter

WASHINGTON, April 2.—(AP)—The farm kidnap problem, as Secretary Wallace views it, threatens the farmer's dollar more than the farmer's daughter.
There was a twinkle in Wallace's eye at a press conference yesterday when he discussed capitol hill demands that the AAA make public a list of all farmers who received \$10,000 a year, or more, in benefit payments.
A reporter suggested similarity between the benefit payment list and the "pink slip" law requiring income tax publicity repealed a year ago. It was suggested that publication of the benefit payment list might subject farmers to the fear of kidnaping expressed by some income taxpayers because of the "pink slip" publicity.
Some reporters understood Wallace, who was talking with tongue in cheek,

HORTICULTURIST SAYS SMUDGING CUT FRUIT LOSS

Although the official forecast was for continued cold, meteorological data assembled this afternoon indicated the temperature might hold at least two degrees above this morning's minimum of 28, the weather bureau said. A low pressure area moving slowly inland from the coast should bring some moderation in temperatures, the bureau stated. Snow was predicted for tomorrow.
"There will be very little commercial damage in any orchard that efficiently smudged during the cold spell," County Horticulturist G. B. Cordy reported today, following a survey of the orchards of the Medford district.
"No definite figures on the extent of the loss to pears, can be made until after the June drop," he further stated, "because it is impossible to know what percentage of the live buds will set."
Horticulturist Cordy also stated, "There will be some commercial loss to apples." He explained this was a light crop year for Newtowns, which taken with the frost damage to blossoms, means a lessening of the crop.
Heavy losses were sustained by peaches and apricots, "though there will be a few in the Ashland hill districts," Cordy stated.
Prof. F. C. Reimer of the Southern Oregon Experiment station said, following a two-day survey:
"Orchards in the vicinity of Medford fared much better than in the Talent-Phoenix district. There are still prospects of a full crop on many of the smudged orchards of

BIG NIGHT AHEAD FOR ELKS' LODGE

One of the largest gatherings of the Medford Elks club so far this year will be in attendance at the lodge temple tonight for the installation of officers for the coming year. Those in charge of the big meeting today stated that they were anticipating a group of over 300 for the dinner, which starts promptly at 6:30.
A regular hot dinner has been prepared by P. C. "Bodygood" Higham, chef for the occasion. Higham has been in charge of dinners before at the Elks, and his prowess with a skillet is well known.
Following the dinner the newly-elected officers will be installed in their chairs at a special lodge session. After the installation ceremonies, a special entertainment designed to appeal to all the antlered horde. Committee members for the ensuing year will probably be appointed tonight by the incoming excited ruler, Walter Omscheid.

SPECIAL TRAIN BRINGS SMUDGING OIL SUPPLY

Duplicating a service rendered 28 years ago, when somewhat similar weather conditions prevailed in the Rogue river valley, a special train of smudge oil is en route here today from the Bay district over the Southern Pacific railroad.
The special, due here this afternoon, was arranged by A. S. Rosenbaum, district freight and passenger agent of the company, when it became apparent that the supply of smudge oil was becoming dangerously low due to the extraordinary demands in the last few days of cold weather.
INGLEWOOD, Cal., April 2.—(AP)—R. N. Enell, once a widely known Oregon merchant and cattleman and former mayor of Ashland, died here last week. He was 87 years old.

Stupid Misuse Charged In Handling O-C Lands

WASHINGTON, April 2.—(AP)—The American Forest association accused the interior department today of stupid misuse of public forest lands in western Oregon, and said it would ask congress to make an impartial investigation.
The lands, aggregating 2,500,000 acres, are reserved Oregon and California railroad grant lands which came back into public ownership 20 years ago.
The association said the "government's mismanagement" began with passage by congress of a 1916 law to "make mountainous timberland agricultural, and strip it of timber as rapidly as possible to get the lands on county tax rolls."
"Few of the settlers have been successful" in farming the lands, the association said.
"It has been a political crime against society for the government

SIDE GLANCES by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Mrs. A. V. Graves: "South Dakota is the place with the real climate. If Mr. Graves didn't need this climate I'd be gone for there in 24 hours."
Bill Holloway taking a vicious grab at a nicely roasted drumstick of chicken, and narrowly missing his fingers as his teeth clicked together.
Two dogs, a spotted white bird dog and a red Irish setter, so overcome with love of Val Fischer, that they almost knocked him down, leaping against him to attract his undivided attention.
Ben Newman, when asked how he liked Medford as compared to San Francisco: "I like it fine now, but I'll know better in an hour. I'm just going up to get a tooth yanked."
Carol Dodge making a reporter promise not to put her name in Side Glances.

MEDFORD DISTRICT TO GET 2 EUREKA CAMPS

Headquarters of the Eureka, Cal. CCC district are to be discontinued April 30 and the eight camps of the district distributed to other jurisdictions, it was announced here today.
Camp Prairie Creek and Camp Orleans, both near Eureka, are to be turned to the Medford district.
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