

The Weather

Forecast: Cloudy and becoming unsettled tonight; Friday rain. Slightly warmer to night.
 Highest yesterday 56
 Lowest this morning 36
 Precipitation last 24 hrs. 7.

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More Evidence

Many people say they are surprised at the large number of replies they receive to their Classified Ads. Just more evidence that Tribune Classified Ads pull.

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BILBAO DEFENDERS MAKE LAST STAND



News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON
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 WASHINGTON, April 29.—A rather grave unpleasantness of state development over the selection of a secretary to the federal communications commission. The job is a delicious political plum, paying \$7500 a year.

Several well-backed candidates reached for it, including men of the caliber of John Carson, who was secretary to the late Senator Couzens. They had to be eliminated first. It was quite a task. The Carson candidacy was handled by his appointment to the better job of consumers' counsel of the bituminous coal commission.

The others were taken care of in other ways. The road was finally cleared for Jim Farley's candidate, a man named Berger. Mr. Robert I. Berger, radio director of the Democratic national committee. Arrangements for Mr. Berger were completed. He even went down and introduced himself around the commission and everyone knew he was to be the man. Mr. Farley's man.

Just as everything was all set, the commission received an unexpected telephone call from the White House. Jimmy Roosevelt, son and secretary, was on the wire. His advice was substantially this: Papa wants you to hold up that Berger appointment. He has another man in mind.

This was upsetting to Chairman Prall of the commission. He did not see how it could be done. Berger's selection was about to be announced. Orders had come from Farley. If Jimmy wanted to countermand Big Jim's orders, he had better get in touch with Big Jim.

Mr. Farley was out campaigning for supreme court packing at the moment and could not be reached, but Jimmy got hold of Farley's secretary, Bill Bray, on the telephone. Jimmy told Bill also that the Berger appointment was out, that papa wanted another fellow.

Bill said, whose there, wait a minute. This is beyond my jurisdiction. If Mr. Farley's man is out, you had better get in touch with Mr. Farley. That left matters in a very unsatisfactory state.

Chairman Prall decided to go over to see Jimmy. He went into the White House, walking fast. Perhaps

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NON-FRAT CANDIDATE HEADS OSC STUDENTS

CORVALLIS, April 29.—(AP) While two fraternity candidates nullified the votes of each other Bob Henderson Hermonston independent student romped to victory today in the most closely contested election for the presidency of the Oregon State college student body recorded here in many years.

Out of 1822 ballots Henderson received 658 Holly Cornell Portland 573 and Meredith Huggins, Portland, 425. The independents also elected Jean Whitelaw, Corvallis, secretary by a margin of 55 votes over Ruby Scullen, Pan-Hellenic candidate, Corvallis.

BASQUES RETREAT TO 'MAGINOT LINE' ENCIRCLING CITY

Government Striving Evacuate 300,000 Noncombatants From City—Powers Are Asked for Haven

BILBAO, Spain, April 29.—(AP)—Thirty thousand government basques—three-quarters of the republic's hard-pressed army—fell back to Bilbao's "Maginot line" of concrete and steel trenches encircling the city tonight and dug in for an insurgent siege.

HENDAYE, Franco-Spanish Frontier, April 29.—(AP)—General Emilio Mola's insurgent troops occupied devastated Guernica, "sacred city of the Basques," at 11:15 a.m. today while the government of the Basque republic strove feverishly to evacuate 300,000 noncombatants from Bilbao and pleaded with world powers to find a haven for them.

Insurgent headquarters at Victoria announced the Guernica occupation in the terse official communiqué. The city, once the Basque capital and the shrine of their proud and independent race, lies 20 miles northeast of Bilbao, behind the main line of insurgent advance on Bilbao, the present Basque capital and industrial stronghold. The Basques are fighting for the Spanish government.

Airplanes laid waste to Guernica Monday in hours of attack with bombs and machine guns, killing an estimated 800 persons and leading to bitter recriminations between the Basques and the insurgents. The Basques asserted German-made planes carried out the "massacre" at the direction of a German-Italian staff, the insurgents and Berlin authorities denied they were responsible for such "barbarity" and hinted the Basques themselves destroyed the town.

MARY MAYFIELD TAKEN BY DEATH

Mrs. Mary Lydia Mayfield died in her home at Central Point last night at the age of 71. She had been in failing health for two years but her last illness was of short duration. Mrs. Mayfield was born in Oregon City, November 8, 1865. She was united in marriage in the same city to William Mayfield in 1881. In the fall of the same year the couple moved to Waukie in Wasco county and in 1891 to Jackson county, taking up residence in Central Point about 35 years ago. Mrs. Mayfield was a member of the Federated church in Central Point.

Oil Blocks Stolen At Poorman Mine

One 70-pound oil block valued at \$75 and two smaller ones valued at \$20 each were reported by Earl Smith to have been stolen from his mine on Poorman's creek near Jacksonville recently, city police said today.

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The blocks were trademarked "Skookum." Smith told city police, and were owned by S. W. Kelly of Coquille, Ore.

CANTOR'S DAUGHTER TO MARRY



Miss Natalie Cantor, 20, one of the daughters of Eddie Cantor of the screen, and Joseph Louis Metzger, 22, antique dealer, are shown in this picture. The two, who met while attending high school, are to be married on May 6.

BODY OF DOCTOR FOUND IN ROGUE JUST ABOVE G. P.

GRANTS PASS, April 29.—(AP)—The body of Dr. C. R. Lucas, drowned Sunday, was recovered this morning from the Rogue river a short distance above the city an hour and a half after the greatest search ever organized here was begun.

Boy Thomas and Frank Currie, in one of the score or more of boats assigned to definite sections of the river, located the body at the white rocks east of the C. & O. railroad bridge. Service clubs, individuals and the CCC patrolled 25 miles of river shore at the same time, beginning when the irrigation district dam gates were closed, temporarily dropping the water level more than a foot.

Deputy Coroner Herb Brown of Jackson county was present at the spot where the body was finally recovered, and removed it to the county coroner in Grants Pass in the Perl funeral home wagon. It was under Brown's direction that the body was recovered. He pointed out the spot in the river that should be dragged, and when grappling hooks were lowered the body was located.

NEUTRALITY BILL WAITS SIGNATURE

WASHINGTON, April 29.—(AP)—Congress swiftly completed action today on the Pittman-McCain permanent neutrality bill. Final congressional approval was given to the history making reversal of American policy by the senate. The house had acted earlier in the day.

American Soil Like China If Neglect Is Continued

NEWARK, N. J., April 29.—(AP)—Scientists on a WPA soil inventory project concluded today that agriculture in the United States must "die of its own neglect" within 200 years and "the population follow suit" unless soil fertility measures are instituted.

BOURBON SOLONS DIVIDED ON FATE OF PACKING PLAN

Sen. Wheeler Positive President's Proposal Will Not Pass Senate — Ashurst Is Equally Sure It Will

TULSA, Okla., April 29.—(AP)—The president's court proposal "definitely will not pass the senate," Senator Burton K. Wheeler, Montana, said here today.

Washington, April 29.—(AP)—Chairman Ashurst (D-Ariz.) of the senate judiciary committee asserted today there were fifty votes in the senate for the Roosevelt court bill and that it would pass "this year or next."

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JOAN BENNETT TO FILE FOR DIVORCE

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., April 29.—(AP)—Another of Hollywood's "perfect marriages," Joan Bennett and Gene Markey, is soon to be dissolved. The actress started many of her friends with the announcement she would file suit for divorce as soon as she finishes work in her current picture. She said she would change incompatibility with the film producer-writer, whom she married in 1932.

Tarzans Keeping School Promise

The county school superintendent's office reported today that Robert Edwards, 14, and his brother, David LeRoy, 10, Dark Hollow district lads, who played Tarzan for two weeks, returned to school last Monday and are enjoying it. Both lads are keeping their promise to Miss Lillian Roberts, Red Cross worker, to "be good boys."

Woman Arrested On Check Charge

Vera Madeline Brownson, 31, of 207 West Main street, was scheduled to appear in justice court this afternoon to answer charges of obtaining money by false pretenses.

Income Shares

Maryland Fund: Bid 9.51; asked 10.42
 Quarterly Income: Bid 17.16; asked 18.84

DETECTIVE BARES GUN-THUG TACTICS IN HARLAN COUNTY

Coal Company Hired Him to Hunt Down Union Men and Organizers Is Word at Senate Investigation

WASHINGTON, April 29.—(AP)—A former detective who gave his name as Bill "Trug" Johnson told senate investigators today that a Harlan county, Ky., coal company had hired him to help "some other gun-thugs" in "hunting down union men and organizers."

Testifying before the La Follette civil liberties committee, he described "the gang's" duties as "catching union men and taking them out and bumping them off."

Washington, April 29.—(AP)—A previous witness, Daniel Boone Smith, young commonwealth attorney for Harlan county, testified that he had accepted retainers from three coal companies ever since he took office in January, 1934.

MASONS TO SEE SPECIAL RITUAL

Masons of southern Oregon will assemble here Friday evening in a special meeting to witness exemplification of the work in the Master Mason degree on one candidate by a special degree team composed of members, employees of the Pacific Greyhound Stage company, who hold membership in lodges located between San Francisco and Seattle.

ALUMINUM COMPANY ESTOPS TRUST SUIT

PITTSBURGH, April 29.—(AP)—The Aluminum Company of America today temporarily halting the government's anti-trust suit seeking to rearrange the company's properties.

TWO PRISONERS KILLED IN BREAK

MOUNDSVILLE, Va., April 29.—(AP)—Two prisoners were killed and two critically wounded today during an attempted break from the castle-like walls of West Virginia state penitentiary.

Norman Hapgood, Author Passes After Operation

NEW YORK, April 29.—(AP)—Norman Hapgood, prominent author and editor and political associate of Alfred E. Smith in his terms as governor of New York, died today following an operation. He was 69 years old.

Weekend Queen



Students at the University of Oregon chose Betty Pownall, attractive brunette and campus activity leader, as queen of the junior weekend, the highest honor accorded at the institution of learning.

CREAM GRADING PLAN FOR BETTER PRODUCT EXPLAINED TO CLASS

Dairy workers of Medford and vicinity met today in the county courthouse auditorium to hear Dr. W. H. Wilster of Oregon State college conclude a series of meetings held for the purpose of explaining the new methods and changes in regulations and rules in the grading of milk, cream and butter, as passed by the last state legislature.

CENTRAL PT. MILL READY BY MAY 15

The Rogue River Sugar Pine company now under construction at Central Point, will be ready for operation by May 15, according to Chauncey Flory, one of the operators of the plant. Associated with the group also is C. H. Davis of Klamath Falls, an experienced mill construction foreman and timberman.

BASEBALL

(13 innings) R. H. E.
 Chicago 5 12 8
 Pittsburgh 6 13 0
 Shoun, Bowman and O'Dea, Boston; Brand and Todd.

(11 innings) R. H. E.
 Brooklyn 0 5 0
 New York 3 13 4
 Henshaw, Baker, Peterson, Jeffcoat, Clark and R. Moore; Fitzsimmons and Danning.

(11 innings) R. H. E.
 Boston 3 7 1
 Cleveland 12 13 0
 Philadelphia 4 13 1
 Hutchinson, Smith, Bush and Lopez; Walters, LaMaster and Atwood.

American. R. H. E.
 Detroit 3 7 1
 Cleveland 12 13 0
 Auker, Logan, Hatter, McLaughlin and Cochrane; Hayworth; Whitehill and Pritch.

R. H. E.
 St. Louis 0 8 1
 Chicago 12 10 0
 Walkup, Blake and Hensley; Stratton and Sewell.

R. H. E.
 New York 3 6 1
 Washington 2 6 4
 Pearson and Dickey; Weaver and Hogan.