

ASHLAND HIT BY SEVERE THUNDER, LIGHTNING STORM

Power Off Most of Night; Full Force of Storm Was Missed Here.

Fourth of a series of thunder and wind storms struck this district Friday night, with the Ashland area receiving the brunt of the storm's fury. Power and telephone lines were damaged and almost the entire city was in darkness from 9:45 p. m. until 6 a. m. Saturday morning. Damage, however, was much less than that in the Grants Pass and Rogue River areas from the Thursday night squall, considered to be one of the worst in recent years.

Lightning in the Ashland area was particularly severe and one of the flashes blew out main switches in the Ashland substation of the California Oregon Power company. Crews worked throughout the night and restored complete service by morning. Some 21 telephone lines were also out-of-order, it was reported, and were being repaired Saturday morning.

Louis Dodge, Ashland weather observer, reported a rainfall of .45 inches there and at the Southern Oregon Experiment station, Talent, .49 inches was reported. Thursday night .16 inches fell at the station.

Four additional fires were set in the Rogue River National Forest service, bringing the total in recent days to 54. All were small, however. Two of the new fires were in the Applegate and two in the Union Creek district. Forest service crews repaired the forest telephone lines Friday, after Thursday's storm, only to have them put out of commission again. Saturday afternoon only partial service was available.

Full force of the storm missed the Medford weather bureau, where little wind and but .04 inches of rainfall were reported. Friday's temperature of 93 degrees was the 15th consecutive day of 90 degrees or higher for this district, but Saturday was

somewhat cooler. Additional storms may occur over the weekend, the bureau reported and Rogue River Forest service officials stated that all rangers and fire fighters had order to stand by to handle emergencies.

Seth Bullis of the California Oregon Power company stated that crews were still at work in the Rogue River area repairing the extensive damage from the storm of Thursday night, but that little additional damage resulted from the Friday storm.

While some grain, corn and tomato plants suffered from the wind and heavy rain, no commercial damage to crops has been reported.

Superintendent E. A. Leavitt, of Crater Lake National Park, was in town Saturday and reported the heavy rains had damaged roads in the park to some extent but all are passable. Lightning which accompanied the storms kindled a number of fires, the superintendent said. These, he explained, were mainly extinguished by the rain though in some cases it was necessary for rangers to add their efforts where large dry snags had been fired.

Park Bear Invades Official's Garage To Get Cantaloupe

When the bears of Crater Lake National Park smell something good to eat they show no respect for property rights, rank or title.

As one of the scenic wonder's less-inhibited bruisers strolled past the headquarters home of Superintendent E. P. Leavitt last Thursday his nose suddenly registered the delectable odor of a cantaloupe. Cantaloupe being one of the things bears are fond of, Mr. Bruin immediately lost interest in his stroll and proceeded to the Leavitt garage where, in the rear of the official's auto, reposed the source of the beckoning, nose-tickling scent.

Standing on his hind legs, the huge animal lumbered about the vehicle until he came to one window until he came to one open a few inches on the driver's side. Hooking a catcher's mitt-sized paw in this opening, the fur-bearing burglar proceeded to rip the glass out bodily and fish for the cantaloupe, leaving the interior a shambles.

Park service attaches were surprised by the incident as the superintendent has long emphasized the danger of leaving anything to eat where the bear population may be tempted to violate the "break and enter" law.

SILVER STAR IS GIVEN GERHARDT

The Silver Star, for "gallantry in action," has been awarded to Maj. Gen. Charles H. Gerhardt, former commander of the 91st Infantry Division, Camp White, and now commander of the 29th Division in France. Word of the honor was received here in a letter from Mrs. Gerhardt, who is in Macon, Ga., with relatives. Gen. Gerhardt arrived at Camp White in July of 1942 and was here when the new 91st Division was activated in August. He remained about a year, leaving early in July of 1943 and later that month flew to England to join American forces overseas.

Dispatches released in this country June 30 stated that the general was in France as commander of the 29th Division.

BIRTHS

CATE — To Mr. and Mrs. Rufus, 1007 Reddy, July 29, 1944, boy, seven pounds, at Community hospital.

SMITH — To Mr. and Mrs. George, Ashland, July 29, 1944, girl, eight pounds, at Sacred Heart hospital.

EXPERIMENT FARM INVITES GROWERS NEXT WEDNESDAY

The Medford Experiment Station is inviting all pear growers to visit the station and inspect their experimental plots next Wednesday at 1:15 p. m., announces C. B. Cordy, assistant county agent.

Plots receiving moderate amounts of ammonium sulfate over a period of eight years will be compared to plots receiving no fertilizer. Yield records have been kept each year on the plots. More recently the effect of heavy applications of ammonium sulfate, alfalfa hay and straw have been studied. These plots will also be inspected and the results discussed by Dr. E. S. Degman, horticulturist in charge of the station.

The long time results of heavy pruning, moderate pruning and no pruning will also be shown. These plots are the basis for the bulletin on pruning recently issued by Dr. Degman. Anyone having read the bulletin will be interested in seeing plots first hand, Cordy said.

Larry Swanner assisting with the soils and the irrigation part of the investigations will illustrate recent developments in the soil moisture field. Plots showing the results from continued heavy and light irrigation over a period of years will also be inspected.

As some of the experiments are nearing completion, the field day will afford growers an opportunity to examine them and question the experimenters at first hand before the tests are discontinued.

FLYING CROSS TO LT. AARON AYRES OF JACKSONVILLE

At Eighth AAF Bomber Station, England—Second Lieutenant J. Ayres, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Ayres, and husband of Mrs. Violet W. Ayres, all of Jacksonville, has been decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross, it was announced by the commanding general, Eighth Air Force.

The citation which accompanied Lieutenant Ayres' decoration read: "For extraordinary achievement while serving as a pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress on a number of bombardment missions over Germany and enemy occupied Europe. Displaying great courage and skill, Lieutenant Ayres has materially aided in the success of each of these missions and his actions are an inspiring example for his fellow flyers. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lieutenant Ayres on these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States."

Prior to his entry into the Army Air Force, in 1942, Lieutenant Ayres was employed as a bookkeeper by the Medford Lumber company.

BROUGHTER AT BAPTIST The Rev. J. Whitcomb Broughter, Jr., pastor of the First Baptist Church, Glendale, California, will occupy the pulpit of the local Baptist Church, this morning and evening, in the absence of the regular pastor, the Rev. W. A. Dawes, who is on his vacation. Dr. Broughter's sermon topic for this morning is "The Philosophy of a Setting Hen" and this evening "They are either too young or too old."

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OBITUARY

LUTHER G. MARTIN

Luther G. Martin of Central Point passed away at the Community hospital at 12, July 29, after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage. He was born near Harrisburg, Ill., July 13, 1882, and moved to Kansas when a boy, where he lived the early part of his life. In December, 1918, he was married to Helen H. Hendrickson and one son was born to this union. Mr. and Mrs. Martin moved to Eugene, Ore., in 1923 and to Jackson county in 1942. He leaves to mourn his passing his widow, Helen Martin; one son, Monroe, of Fresno, Cal., and a nephew, Claudi Reilly, of Dallas, Texas. The Perl Funeral Home is in charge of the funeral arrangements, which will be announced later.

CASH J. ROGERS

Cash Jerome Rogers, a resident of Medford for the past month, passed away at 1715 N. Riverside Ave. on July 28, after a short illness. Mr. Rogers was born at Madison county, Iowa, on Aug. 23, 1880, being aged 63 years. He formerly lived in Provo, S. D. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Opal Rogers; two children, William and Jewel; three sisters, Mrs. Georgetta Carson, Mrs. Maud Bradley of Edgar, Mont.; Mrs. Alice Bradley of Edgar, Mont.; one brother, Herbert Rogers of Washington. Funeral arrangements are in charge of the Perl Funeral Home and will be announced later.

Closing time for Classified ads 9 a. m. — Too Late to Classify, 12:30 p. m.

TIN CAN SALVAGE CAMPAIGN OPENS IN COUNTY AUG. 7

Salvage operations in the county are to be speeded up in the next few weeks, with drives planned for both tin cans and paper. Reorganization of the county salvage committee, now headed by Wayne Jamison, has been completed and further plans for drives were made last week during the visit here of Floyd H. DeCamp, Portland, assistant executive secretary of the Oregon State Salvage committee.

August 7 has been set as the date of the tin can drive. Jamison stated yesterday, and service stations have been designated as collection depots. Citizens are asked to deliver cans to any station in Medford and trucks will transport them from the stations to Camp White where they will be disposed of through the army salvage depot. The cans should be washed, the ends cut out and put inside and then the can should be thoroughly flattened to conserve shipping space.

Since the last drive resulted in a considerable collection of broken bottles and other garbage which had to be sorted out at much loss of time, the committee states that service station

operators are to refuse to accept anything but properly prepared cans.

Cooperating in the tin can drive are all local oil firms, including General Petroleum, Standard Oil company, Signal Oil company, Shell, Gilmore, Union, Tidewater Associated, Texaco and Richfield companies.

It was further announced that plans are underway for designating a central collection depot for waste paper. The need for paper is very critical, DeCamp stated, and he urged citizens to save as much as possible. Paper must be bundled. Newspapers are to be laid flat and made into bundles about a foot high while magazines and books may be tied in 18-inch bundles. Card-board boxes should be flattened and bundled, one-foot high. Small waste paper, such as that consigned to office waste-baskets, is acceptable if it is boxed and the containers tied.

In order to cover rural areas, rural mail carriers will cooperate in the waste paper drive. Frank DeSouza is conferring with his rural carriers and specific instructions will be issued later. Some 1200 families are served by the rural carriers, Mr. DeSouza reports.

Working with Mr. Jamison on the re-organized committee are Mrs. W. Alex Kuehlthau, co-chairman; A. M. Cannon, D. O. Frederick, Herb Grey and George Green of Ashland.

The Edict of Milan in 313 A. D. proclaimed the principle of religious toleration for the first time in history.

\$10,000 AWARDED IN NATWICK CASE

A circuit court jury returned a verdict for plaintiff for \$10,000 damages, the full amount sued for Friday afternoon. The case was tried before an all woman jury, probably the first to be so tried in circuit court in this county. The case was likewise the first one tried in this district in which a soldier was involved in an action for damages in which the trial was had in his absence. The court permitted the case to be tried only after the interests and rights of the soldier had been thoroughly protected.

The evidence disclosed that five soldiers other than the defendant, Kenneth John Moyer, were riding in his automobile at the time of the collision, which occurred about one mile south of Camp White on the Crater Lake highway, and resulted in the death of Natwick. The depositions of the soldiers were taken last April and were read in court at the trial of the case. These soldiers were the only eye witnesses to the accident.

Newbury and Newbury were attorneys for the plaintiff and Charles W. Reames was attorney for the defendants.

GARAGES SINGED A grass fire which started late Saturday afternoon near the E.

G. Roseborough home, Sixth street and West Main, spread to two garages, the fire department reported. An open garage was considerably damaged while a few shingles on the second building were destroyed. Fire Chief Elliott stated that cause of the fire was unknown.

Russians Commend Cpl. William L. Hull

Cpl. William L. Hull recently received a special commendation from a Russian officer and also from him own commanding officers, according to a letter received by his wife, who resides at 556 Haven street. Cpl. Hull, stationed in Persia with an engineer's unit entrusted with duty in connection with the Russian-American supply line, stated that the nature of the commendation could not be revealed at this time.

The corporal has been in Persia for nearly two years. He formerly was employed in Klamath Falls with the Southern Pacific Railway company. Mrs. Hull is making her home here for the duration with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Gist.

\$300,000 FIRE

Galesburg, Ill., July 29—(U.P.)—A naphtha explosion caused \$300,000 damage early today at the plant of the Butler Manufacturing company, a war factory producing steel hangars and pre-fabricated buildings for the government. Firemen fought the blaze for six hours. No one was injured.

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