

MEDFORD'S POPULATION 17,176

Northwest Rivers Rise to Near Top Of Dikes; 4 Dead

Cloudburst Touches Off Flash Floods

By United Press

Four persons were dead Saturday as drenching rains and rising temperatures combined to send Pacific Northwest rivers perilously close to dike tops.

A cloudburst touched off a flash flood that engulfed a farm home and claimed the lives of an elderly couple and their son.

Soldiers Sandbagged Dikes
Soldiers worked doggedly at Agassiz, B. C., to sandbag weakening dikes as the Fraser river rose to 23 feet, three feet above flood level. Agassiz Reeve (May 20) James Fraser warned the town's 1,000 residents to keep alert for the next 48 hours.

Judy Giberson, 4, drowned in the swollen Cowlitz river near Longview late yesterday. The accident occurred during one of the worst electrical rainstorms in recent Longview history.

Weather men predicted the Kootenai river in northern Idaho would continue to rise above flood stage Saturday and reach 31.6 feet by Sunday. However, County Engineer Joe Vernon said residents of Bonners Ferry, annually threatened by floods, have shown no indications of evacuating the town.

Die in Flash Flood
Dead in the flash flood of tiny Tatum creek near Pomeroy were Herman Baden, 75, his 70-year-old wife, and their son, Carl, 46. Three other members of the family and about 40 other residents of the valley escaped.

Sheriff W. B. Grounds said Carl Baden had taken his wife, Roseanna, and their two teenage sons to a neighbor's house on higher ground when the creek began to rise after a cloudburst. He was escorting his parents toward safety when a 12-foot wall of water churned down narrow Skyhawk canyon. The Baden house was knocked off its foundations.

The Fraser river flood threat heightened abruptly Saturday when 90-degree temperatures melted mountain snow-packs. The river level climbed a foot and a half during the 24-hour period.

Dangerous soft spots in Fraser river dikes were being sandbagged at Agassiz, Mission and the Veddar canal.

Astoria Man Killed, Wife Hurt in Crash

Portland, Ore., June 17—(U.P.) An Astoria man was killed and his wife seriously injured Saturday night when their car went out of control on the Sunset highway 11 miles west of here and overturned in a water-filled ditch.

The couple's two small children were not injured.

The dead man was identified as Sam Quashnick, 42. He suffered multiple injuries and died at Good Samaritan hospital within an hour after the accident. His wife, Kate, was taken to the same hospital with face lacerations and serious arm, shoulder and leg injuries.

State Patrolman Fred Gibson said the two children, Rosemary, 2, and Ramona, 5, were in the back seat of the sedan, apparently, and escaped with only mild shock.

State Grange Favors Rogue River Project

La Grande, Ore., June 17—(U.P.)—The Oregon State Grange has reaffirmed its stand for the Rogue river project.

In a session lasting far into Friday night, the Grange convention spent more time on the Rogue issue than on any other matter. Then, with newly-installed Grange Master Elmer McClure in charge, the Rogue project was endorsed almost unanimously.

Catfish Derby Slated Today At Tou Velle Park 1:30 P. M.

Rogue river valley ascends into the piscatorial limelight today. This is National Catfish Derby day. The 14th annual derby, sponsored by the local members of the Medford 20-30 club, will be held at Tou Velle state park at Bybee bridge on Rogue river.

Formal activities of the day will commence at 1:30 p.m. when contestants may begin to register their fish. The program will get underway at 2 p.m. with a welcome from Richard Seluchard, master of ceremonies; introduction of Kingfish Frank Perl and Frank DeSouza, derby judges; and coronation of Queen Donna Smith.

Twenty-thirteen have invited the public to join in the fun and rivalry. The derby will be the feature attraction of a country-style picnic. Each fam-

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Dewey Not To Seek Governor Post But Open to Presidency

Finances and Health Given Among Reasons

Albany, N. Y., June 17—(U.P.) Thomas E. Dewey announced today he will not seek a third term as governor of New York but left the way clear in case he decides to run for president again.

Dewey said that for reasons of finance and health he was withdrawing from the active political scene when his term ends December 31, to become a private lawyer, "with some farming on the side."

But he added that he would continue to play an active role in international, national and state affairs.

Young Statesman
By his decision Dewey who was the "boy wonder" of politics when he sought the presidency before his 40th birthday, became at 48 the republican party's youngest statesman.

Dewey announced his decision, reached after months of deliberation and consultation with doctors, in just 10 words. They were:

"I shall not be a candidate for reelection next fall."

No Dictation Planned
"I will not attempt to dictate the choice of the GOP convention of any candidate for any office," he said.

"I will continue in the discussion of the issues affecting the welfare of the state of the nation, perhaps most importantly the most serious problem affecting foreign affairs and the cold war."

After his second defeat for the presidency in 1948, Dewey announced, "I will never again seek the presidency." Today, however, he pointed out that he had retired from public office twice in the past and then had run again, thus indicating that he might be available for another bid for the white house.

FBI Wire-Tapping Revealed in Talk Before Senators

Washington, June 17—(U.P.)—A key Amerasia case witness has informed senate investigators that he regards former Navy Lt. Andrew Roth as "a communist and the 'principal conspirator' in the Amerasia magazine stolen documents case."

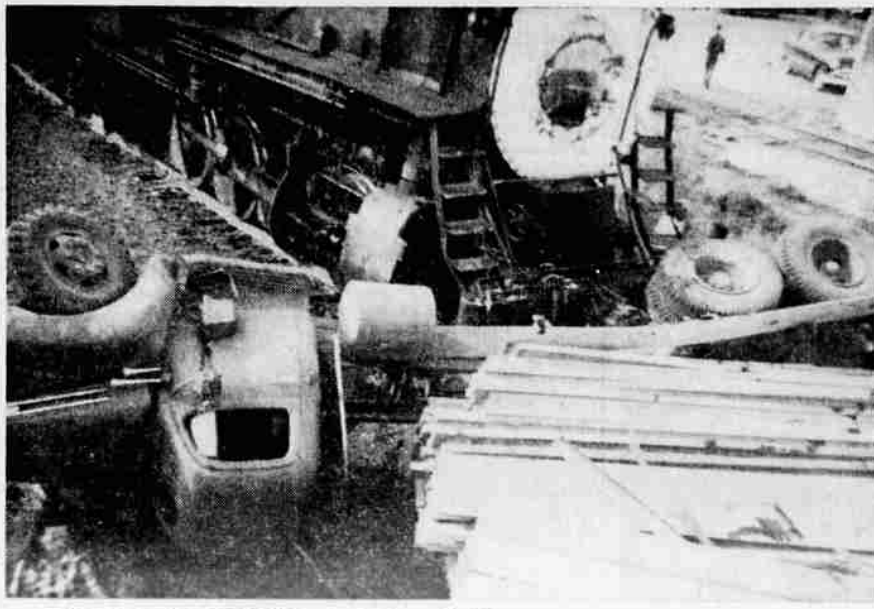
The witness was Emmanuel S. Larsen, himself arrested and fined in the 1945 case which hinged on the theft of hundreds of diplomatic and military papers. He testified secretly and under oath before a foreign relations sub-committee on June 5 and 6.

Testimony obtained tonight revealed that Larsen gave the sub-committee an almost incredible story of FBI wire-tapping, back-seat interviews with republican senators, diplomatic feuds and the influence of a potent bottle of "southern comfort" liquor.

Larsen also revealed that he recently testified before a state department loyalty board that he did not regard far eastern Diplomat John S. Service as a communist but believed that his diplomatic reports from China had a "communist slant."

California Population Estimated 10,000,000

Los Angeles, June 17—(U.P.)—California's 1950 population exceeds 10 million, and the state should gain six or seven congressmen by reapportionment, the Republican State Central committee said today.



COLLISION AT CROSSING—A Southern Pacific company locomotive and upset lumber truck are pictured here after the two were involved in a wreck at the Main street crossing at Central Point on Thursday. Although the truck was badly damaged, Driver Raymond A. Gibson, Trail, escaped without serious injury. Some damage resulted to the engine, which was partially derailed. A number of ties were torn up and the track had to be relevelled and relined.

Crater Lake Park Now Operating on Summer Schedule

Crater Lake, June 17—Full summer-time operations began at Crater Lake national park last week, according to Superintendent E. P. Leavitt, including public bus transportation to and from the park.

Overnight accommodations in the lodge and in cabins, and meal service at the lodge and cafeteria are now all available. Because of high demands Leavitt urged that reservations be made in advance, accompanied by a deposit.

All roads in the park—except the two main entrance roads from Klamath Falls and Medford—are blocked with snow. No camping is possible because of snow, but campers may use forest service campgrounds at Union Creek and Diamond Lake.

Bus Trips
Buses leave the Greyhound bus depot in Grants Pass at 4:30 p.m. and stop for passengers at Medford. The return starts from the park at 8 a.m. the park Grants Pass trip taking three and a half hours.

Two daily trips are run from Klamath Falls. Leavitt said the lake is particularly beautiful at this time of year, and the ground is still covered with about 43 inches of snow. The approach road between Prospect and Union Creek is particularly lovely because of flowering dogwood in bloom, Leavitt said.

Nightly lectures by ranger-naturalists are being given at the lodge, as well as information service by uniformed personnel at rim village.

Mrs. Eldene Frenger Postmaster Nominee

Washington, June 17—(U.P.)—Senate post office and civil service committees are considering the appointment of Mrs. Eldene F. Frenger as Central Point, Ore., postmaster.

She was nominated Thursday by President Truman. If the nomination is approved by the committee and confirmed by the senate, Mrs. Frenger will receive permanent appointment. She has been acting postmaster at Central Point.

Log-Hauling Hours on County Roads Limited

Restrictions on week-end log-hauling that were announced last week for state highways will also apply to county roads, Paul Rynning, county engineer, said today.

He reminded that, by order of the county court, there is to be no hauling of logs, poles or piling on county roads Saturday afternoons between May 23 and September 8. Throughout the year, log trucks are prohibited on county and state highways from 8 p.m., standard time, to 4 a.m., standard time, and on Sundays, New Years, Memorial day, Independence day, Labor day, Armistice day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The restrictions are ordered by both state and county authorities to minimize traffic hazards during periods of heavy passenger travel.

New York, June 17—(U.P.)—CIO marine radio operators ended a strike against the Moore-McCormack lines after only five hours of picketing today and passengers immediately began boarding the line's luxury ship, Argentina.

SCHOOL ELECTIONS MONDAY

Voters of Medford school district No. 49 will vote from 4 to 9 p.m. tomorrow on three candidates for one vacancy on the school board. Polls will be open at the girls' gymnasium at the senior high school.

In addition, all school districts in the county will hold annual elections and meetings.

Mayor Announces Change in Portland Form of Governing

Portland, Ore., June 17—(U.P.) Plans for a major change in Portland's form of city government were announced today by Mayor Dorothy McCullough Lee.

For 37 years, Portland has had the commission form of government, but under the proposed plan presented to Mayor Lee by 20-member committee, the city would switch to the city manager type, with some variations.

The committee was appointed 11 months ago and was headed by Attorney James G. Swindells, Matters Investigator.

It had been directed to find out "what form of government offers the best opportunity to achieve coordination, integration, efficiency and lack of duplication in the operation and conduct of the municipal services which the city government should perform for the people."

It also had been told to study the "advantages which might come from the merger of the functions of the government of our city with those of Multnomah county or with portions of other counties surrounding Portland."

The recommendations today were on the first objective and an initiative petition requiring 19,923 verified signatures was recommended as the best means of putting the plan before the people.

Central Point Budget Meeting on Tuesday

Central Point, June 17—A public meeting and a re-election regarding the proposed 1950-1951 city budget are scheduled here during the coming week.

The budget will be explained and analyzed at the meeting at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20, at the high school. At the election on Thursday, June 22, voters will be asked to authorize the city council to levy taxes amounting to \$4,513 outside the six per cent state constitutional limitation.

Residents rejected the proposal at an election earlier this month and the council called for the re-vote.

Pointing to misunderstanding at the time of the earlier election, City Recorder Arden Pinkham stated that all persons interested should attend the Tuesday meeting. Necessity for exceeding the six per cent limit will be shown.

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The total proposed budget is \$28,135, with estimated receipts of \$15,625, leaving \$12,510 to be raised by taxes. Last year the budget was \$36,056 with \$20,681 raised by taxes, of which \$15,023 exceeded the six per cent limit.

Election hours Thursday are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daylight time. The polling place is the city library.

CAROLINE MARS ON WAY

Honolulu, T. H., June 17—(U.P.)—The navy's Caroline Mars, carrying 144 passengers and crewmen, took off today from Pearl Harbor in an attempt to shatter the world's trans-ocean passenger-carrying record with a non-stop flight to San Diego.

B-26, Crew Saved From Destruction At Local Airport

An air force B-26 and its crew was saved from destruction late Friday afternoon by an alert and quick thinking operator at the civil aeronautics administration communications station at the Medford airport.

The ship's pilot contacted Earl Wescott, operator in charge here, by radio about 6 p.m. Friday, reporting that his direction-finding equipment was out of order and that he was icing up. Since he was not familiar with the terrain in southern Oregon, the pilot, en route from Portland to San Francisco, was hopelessly lost.

Wescott maintained contact with the ship and instructed the pilot to give him detailed descriptions of the country he was flying over. Since the station here has complete information about the terrain within a 200-mile radius of Medford, Wescott was soon able to determine, from the pilot's description, just where the plane was.

Compas directions were issued and then Wescott, from his microphone at the Medford airport, became the guiding hand at the ship's controls. First he guided the pilot to Grants Pass where he was instructed to follow the Rogue river until he was in sight of the Medford airport.

After a perfect landing, it was a grateful crew that shook the hand of Operator Wescott.

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WEATHER

FORECAST—Variable cloudiness today with few light showers over higher mountains. Warmer in afternoon. Monday generally fair with continued warm.

Highest Yesterday
Lowest Yesterday

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Alleged Bank Robber Faces Murder Charges

Portland, Ore., June 17—(U.P.) Wounded bank-bandit Wayne Long admitted to FBI agents here today that he stole the truck belonging to Walter Rucker, Portland carpenter whose body was found in a heavily wooded section near Estacada, Ore., a few miles east of here.

After Long's confession that he stole the truck, the FBI ruled out the assumption that Long forcibly abducted Rucker. Under Surveillance

Long was shot down by federal agents when he attempted to rob a bank here Thursday.

He had been under FBI surveillance since he left the Oregon state prison at Salem, Wednesday morning. The FBI had hoped he might lead them to prison buddy Joe Pinson, who escaped in 1949.

"I've got nothing more to say about where I got the truck," Long told FBI agents who questioned him in a local hospital after admitting he stole the vehicle. Long was placed in the Multnomah county jail after being treated for gun-shot wounds in hospital here.

Murder, Robbery Charged
Long is charged with armed bank robbery and assault on a federal officer in Multnomah county, while in nearby Clackamas county first degree murder charges are filed against him.

Leonard Lindner, Clackamas county district attorney, will confer with U. S. Attorney Henry L. Hess here Monday to determine in which court Long will stand trial.

During his talk with FBI agents, Long explained where he got the Rising automatic rifle he used in his ill-fated hold-up. The bandit said nothing, however, about a .45 caliber automatic pistol later found strapped to his leg.

Klamath Timber Co. Seeks CIO Ousting

Klamath Falls, Ore., June 17—(U.P.)—Employees of the Weyerhaeuser Timber company were circulating petitions today for a vote to oust the IWA-CIO local as bargaining agent for Klamath Falls timber workers.

The employees brought out the petitions after a meeting sponsored by the CIO, which the local members felt failed to give them a chance to voice their opinion.

A committee of Weyerhaeuser workers has been appointed by employees of the firm who want to break the strike. Some local members want a vote to be taken here with the possibility of ending the strike, rather than at Portland or Tacoma.

Union workers agreed there was a rebellion within the ranks of Klamath Falls members but they said it was mild.

Troutdale Aluminum Strike Settled

Portland, Ore., June 17—(U.P.) Federal Mediator I. I. Pickett today announced settlement of the two-week-old strike of AFL unions against the Reynolds Metals company's Troutdale, Ore., plant.

Terms of the settlement were not immediately learned.

Pickett said a contract was signed in his office at 2:15 a.m. and full operation of the big aluminum plant would be resumed sometime during the day. He said picket lines which have been halting supply trains would be withdrawn.

The 71 Boy Scouts and eight leaders of the Crater Lake Area council who will attend the national jamboree at Valley Forge, Pa., this year, will leave on two special railroad cars from the Southern Pacific depot here Monday evening.

Scouts will assemble at 11 a.m. at the Boy scout headquarters in Hawthorne park. During the day they will have their duffel and luggage checked, will have a quick check of their physical condition and will pack their trek carts by patrols.

To Wear Uniforms
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County Up 59.69%; Southwest Oregon Growth Greatest

Between 1940 and 1950 the population of Medford increased 52.25 per cent. It is now 17,176 persons. Ten years ago it was 11,281.

During the same time, Jackson county increased from 36,213 people to a population of 57,831 on April 1 of this year—an increase of 59.69 per cent.

These figures were reported Saturday by the bureau of the census district office in Eugene. They are preliminary and subject to revision.

Other Cities Totals
Here are other Jackson county census figures:
Ashland—7,702 now; 4,744 in 1940.
Central Point—1,657 now; 906 in 1940.
Jacksonville—1,183 now; 761 in 1940.

BEAR OUT ESTIMATES
The population figures for this county, taken as of April 1, generally bear out estimates which have been made over a period of more than a year. Some estimates for Medford had ranged as high as 20,000 or more, but mostly had been "between 17,000 and 18,000."

The growth of population in Jackson county is higher than the rate of increase in all of southwestern Oregon—58.88 per cent—which in turn is the highest yet encountered in the nation. Fastest growing county in the area was Douglas. Its population more than doubled.

This county still ranks as second-largest in the southwest Oregon area—following Lane county which now has 124,948. Gene Harris, census supervisor for the northwestern states and Alaska, said in Eugene Saturday that with the possible exception of certain areas in southern California, where counts are still incomplete, the seven southwest Oregon counties are the fastest growing. The preliminary area total is 364,397.

Lane county showed the largest growth, going from 69,096 to 124,948.

EUGENE AREA UP
The city of Eugene, largest in the area, had a total of 35,672. Harris said. The area within a six-mile radius of Eugene includes 72,820 persons.

Every incorporated city within the area has shown an increase. Some of the longest jumps were in Springfield, 3,805 to 10,771; Oakridge, 520 to 1,555, and Sweet Home, 1,080 to 3,620.

All figures given are "believed to be substantially correct," the census bureau said, but are subject to revision after returns from nonresidents are credited. "Material revision of the preliminary count is unlikely," it continued, but "it may possibly occur after careful examination of returns. Official announcement of population will be made from Washington, D. C."

Here are comparative totals for the seven southwestern counties:

	1940	1950
Coos	32,466	41,558
Curry	4,301	5,937
Douglas	25,748	54,064
Jackson	36,213	57,831
Josephine	16,301	26,313
Lane	69,096	124,948
Linn	30,485	53,623

Comparative figures for Medford and Jackson county during recent census counts are shown below:

	1910	Medford	Jackson County
1910	7,558	25,758	20,405
1920	11,007	30,918	25,956
1930	11,281	36,213	36,213
1940	11,281	36,213	36,213
1950	17,176	57,831	57,831

Some other comparative growth figures were given by the census bureau:

	1940	1950
City	5,854	10,076
Albany	5,253	9,586
Coos Bay	537	1,170
Drain	6,028	7,880
North Bend	4,282	5,980
Reedsport	1,421	2,278
Roseburg	4,824	8,205

In Medford itself, many of the overestimates of population were undoubtedly due to the fact that the city limits have not expanded to any marked extent in a number of years. At the same time, population within the periphery has grown by leaps and bounds—leading to the assumption that the population of the city itself had grown in greater proportion than it had.

Those who have followed population development closely say that a considerable portion of the county's population gain will be in the suburbs of Medford.

Bakers in Portland Go Out on Strike

Portland, Ore., June 17—(U.P.) Officials of Local No. 114, bakers and confectionary workers union, and representatives of Portland bakeries were meeting here Saturday night in an attempt to settle a walkout of bakers this afternoon.

The AFL Portland bakers went on strike and pickets were posted at three local plants, the Davidson, Keller and Continental bakeries.

Union officials said they expected operators of other bakeries in Portland to lock out their crews, causing a 100 per cent effective tieup of the industry.

The strike idles 400 bakers in "machine" or large shops and 100 men in retail shops.

Redding, Cal., June 17—(U.P.)—Redding Hurler Dick Styles gave up three hits and two runs to Willows in the first inning Saturday night then settled down to pitch perfect ball to take a Far West league game 7 to 2.

Bodies of Air Crash
Victims Recovered

London, June 17—(U.P.)—The bodies of eight air-crash victims were recovered from on Irish mountainside today, boosting the toll of the "five blackest days in air history," to 117 dead.

The eight men, the crew of a royal air force weather plane, perished yesterday in the seventh air crash since Monday.