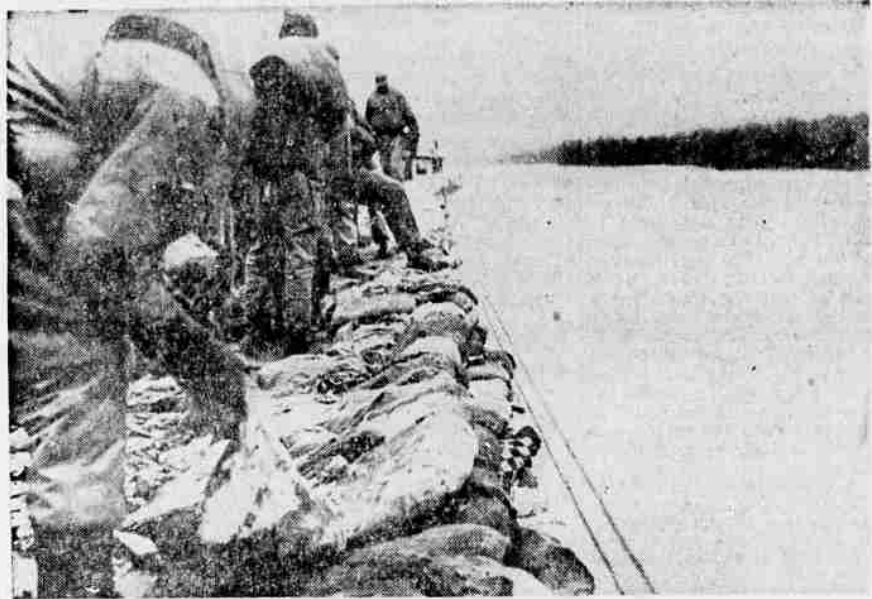




INFANTRYMEN BATTLE TO SAVE AIR FORCE BASE—Soldiers of the 94th Infantry from Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., who have been fighting the rampaging Missouri River from Nebraska on down the Big Muddy's course, are shown sand-bagging Sherman Air Force Base, Leavenworth, Kas. The infantrymen have kept inches ahead of the flood, but emergency directors fear seepage might flood the field and buildings.

Atomic Blast Tuesday Said To Show Totally New, Different Bomb

Las Vegas, Nev.—(U.P.)—Detonation of the nation's newest A-bomb in the Nevada desert on Tuesday revealed a weapon totally different from the great Bikini tests, in the opinion of some reporters who covered all three blasts.

This bomb dealt a fast, clean, lethal blow, exactly on schedule and exactly in conformity with the blueprints, and then was done with it.

The bombs of Bikini were more spectacular, with great vividly-colored cloud masses riven by continuous lightning. The awesome phenomena of the island bombs seemed to reveal a glimpse of the uncontrolled power of the universe, and imparted a rather terrifying impression of threatening to burst the limits of control.

Bomb Said 'Precise'
The latest Nevada bomb was precise in all its phases. It was dropped exactly on time. From a height of 33,000 feet it exploded within 200 feet of the pinpoint target, an achievement in precision bombing.

Three seconds after the blinding flash, which was seen at an official ground observation station in Idaho 429 airline miles away, the 1,500 troops who had

been exposed within four miles of the target center were told to come up from crouching positions in foxholes.

"And then came the only casualties," Brig. Gen. Frank Dorn told the United Press.

Shock Wave Hits
"We stood up as directed. The blinding glare subsided. We gazed in awe upon the great churning fireball over our heads. We opened our mouths as we gazed upward. We forgot the warning of the shock wave to come. It picked up sand and gravel, it hit us hard, and it gave the palates of 90 per cent of our personnel a neat sandblasting. Pfu!"

The only loose end to a remarkably tidy and mathematically precise detonation was the fate of the animals exposed to radiation in the forward foxholes, between the troops and the small area of hell on earth called Ground Zero.

It will be at least a month before the medical scientists will know what actually happened to their anesthetized pigs, their goats, sheep and mice. What they learn, they say, may show science how to help American soldiers and civilians in the grim atomic wars which the future may hold.

EFFECTS TOLD
Las Vegas, Nev.—(U.P.)—The Atomic Energy commission has disclosed that troops could have attacked an enemy strongpoint directly beneath Tuesday's atomic blast and fought there for more than two days without ill effects.

The disclosure came as the military, AEC and scientists began the most valuable phase of this 27th American nuclear fission test—the evaluation of results and effects, with a particular goal of determining the adaptability of the atomic weapon to tactical support of troops in the field.

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—The number of surviving members of the once-mighty Union Army was reduced to four Wednesday with the death of Douglas T. Story, 107.

Allies Discuss Ways To Hold West Together

Washington—(U.P.)—Secretary of State Dean Acheson revealed Wednesday the Western Allies have been discussing how to discourage nations from pulling out of the European Army once it has been formed.

He also disclosed that he has had some preliminary conference on the problem with members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Washington—(U.P.)—The defense Department has reported U.S. battle casualties in Korea now total 107,666, an increase of 295 since last week's summary.

Payment Complete On New City Hall Lot at Rogue River

Rogue River—Final payments for the lots on Broadway street in Rogue River where the proposed city hall is to be erected have been completed, according to Mrs. Orva Jean Cruise, city recorder.

The lots were purchased for \$1000, Mrs. Cruise said, and rough building plans call for a structure about 50 by 30 feet. The project is being financed by funds received from the sale of the old city hall building, holdover money from the current fiscal year and a labor fund. Mrs. Cruise pointed out.

"Our present plans," the recorder said, "call for the treasurer and recorder each to be present at the city hall two hours a day, six days a week. It is also planned to house the library in the same building."

The old city hall building, which also houses the fire department, is up for bid sale on or before May 6, Mrs. Cruise stated. She noted that the fire department would be ready to move out of the old building by July and into their new quarters which are in a brick building on Broadway now being renovated.

The city hopes to begin construction on the new city hall by summer, Mrs. Cruise concluded.

New York—(U.P.)—A 6 cent drop in wholesale food prices brought the Dun & Bradstreet index to the lowest level since the opening weeks of the Korean war, the agency reported Wednesday.

Dead line on Classified Ads: 5:30 p.m. for following day; 10 a.m. "ton day" noon Saturday for Sunday's in.



EIGHTEENTH CENTURY musical clock and pair of candelabra presented to President Truman by French Ambassador H. Bonnet to be placed in redecorated White House Red Room. (International)

Skunk Traps Trapper In Mountain Cabin

Truckee, Calif.—(U.P.)—When a man traps a skunk, that's not news. When a skunk traps a man that's different.

Those are the sentiments of Elk Westberg, a trapper. Martin Johnson, a neighbor of Westberg, said the trapper found a polecat in one of his traps after the animal had crawled to within three feet of the cabin's only door.

Very much alive, the trapped skunk made any exit from the cabin an unpleasant prospect.

For two days the trapper remained inside, unable to use the door. When help didn't arrive, Westberg remembered an old polecat stratagem.

"Seems you get their feet off the ground and they forget their potent weapon," Johnson said.

Westberg fashioned a noose at the end of a pole, placed it over the skunk's head, then jerked the skunk, trap and all, into the air. The animal's chemical warfare apparatus was immobilized and Westberg was able to leave the cabin.

Dead line Sunday Classifieds is at noon, Saturdays

Big Building Permit Granted to Church

A \$25,000 building permit has been granted to the Medford Church of Christ for construction of a church building at West Main and Chestnut streets, according to records on file in the city building department.

Work on the structure is expected to start within about a week, according to members of the church. The auditorium of the building will be 108 feet long and 36 feet wide. A two-story education department section will be 72 by 24 feet and will have space for 14 classrooms. Total seating capacity of the frame structure will be about 400 persons.

R. T. Burns will supervise construction and much of the work will be donated by church members. The church has been conducting services in the Medford Odd Fellows hall.

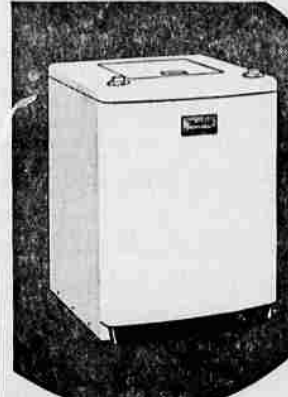
HE ASKED FOR IT
Springfield, O.—(U.P.)—City Manager R. M. Holsington was given a ticket for jaywalking Tuesday just 24 hours after he launched a traffic safety drive.



TERMINING President Truman's seizure of steel plants "an evil deed," C. B. Randall, Inland Steel Co. president, tells radio audience. It "discharges political debt to CIO." (International)

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