

Oregon Automobile Insurance Rates Are To Be Increased Sharply



EXHAUSTED—These are the men of "Item" Company who fought for and won the strategic height of Bunker Hill in Korea. Here, back from the nightmare of battle, dirty, exhausted and bearded, they rest wherever there is space.

Oil on Highway Blamed for Death Of Ashland Driver

Oil on the highway above Jacksonville was blamed for the death of an Ashland man late Monday.

State Police and County Coroner Carlos Morris said that a pickup truck driven by Clifford Fredrick Thorpe, 53, of 271 North Mountain avenue, Ashland, turned over after skidding on oil in the road about two miles above Jacksonville on Highway 238 shortly before 6 p.m., yesterday.

Thorpe was dead when police and ambulances arrived.

Officers reported that a large oil slick on the road appeared as though someone had dropped a drum of oil, and had reclaimed the drum without cleaning the oil from the roadway.

Thorpe's truck was eastbound at the time of the accident, according to eyewitnesses. Another vehicle following the truck also went out of control, it was reported, but the driver was able to avoid an accident.

Thorpe's body was taken to Ashland by Litchfield funeral home. Funeral services will be held there at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, and interment will follow at Mountain View cemetery. The family has requested that flowers be omitted.

Survivors include his wife, Maybelle; two sons, George B. and Richard B., and a daughter, Susan Caroline, all Ashland; and a brother and sister and his father in Los Angeles.

Mr. Thorpe moved to Ashland four years ago from Los Angeles, and was a building contractor, belonging to Carpenters union Local 2067, Medford. He was born in Flint, Mich., Jan. 23, 1899.

Annual Fair Opens Tomorrow Morning

Contests at the annual 4-H and FFA club fair will begin in earnest tomorrow morning, according to R. H. Cate, Jr., county agent in 4-H work.

A clothing patching contest and cooking demonstration will begin at 9 a.m. and a crops judging contest and forestry identification contest will commence the large agricultural section at 9:30 a.m.

Exhibit judging began Monday and is continuing today. Cate noted, for all types of projects and foods that have been prepared by county 4-H members.

The fair will continue on Thursday, Friday and Saturday with the auction sale on Friday at 7:30 p.m., and the style revue and special awards distribution scheduled Saturday at 8 p.m.

Salem—(U.P.)—J. J. Fitzsimons, Salem, has been appointed manager of penitentiary industries. George Alexander, superintendent of the Oregon state penitentiary said Tuesday.

Morse Glad To Work for Ike Despite Disagreement

Washington—Sen. Wayne L. Morse, R-Ore., informed Dwight D. Eisenhower Tuesday that he will be glad to campaign for him this fall although he disagrees with the General "on certain specific issues."

Morse wrote Eisenhower from London in reply to a letter in which the Republican presidential candidate called for an "unflinching effort" by all members of the GOP to assure victory in the campaign which lies ahead. Morse's letter was made public here.

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Communist Munitions Plant Bombed by UN

Panmunjom, Korea—(U.P.)—United Nations truce delegate Maj. Gen. William K. Harrison said Tuesday he believes the Communists want an armistice in Korea if the price is right. "I think they want an armistice," Harrison said. "It's just a question of what they're willing to pay for it."

Negotiations Again Receded

Truce negotiations were re-

cessed again Tuesday for the fourth straight week. Communist negotiators objected to the new recess asked by the UN, but did not put up much of a fight against it. They had nothing new to offer Tuesday and it appeared any progress toward an armistice would hinge on high level Soviet-Red Chinese talks now being held in Moscow.

The UN made a sharp attack on the Communists in Tuesday's 60-minute meeting—the longest in a month. Harrison angered North Korean Gen. Nam Il with a short statement in which he reviewed the "facts of the conflict."

The American general touched a tender spot when he accused the Communists of sacrificing "little North Korea" in their stubborn insistence on the U.N. returning Chinese "volunteer" prisoners of war who have chosen not to return to Communism.

Nam told Harrison, "Your attempt to sow discord is doomed to failure."

After the meeting Harrison said: "I think an armistice is possible, but I haven't the faintest idea when."

In other circuit court action, Herman John Newark, 41, Longvale, Calif., was put on probation for three years on a grand larceny charge. Clarence Myers, 57, route 1, box 101, Eagle Point, who was arraigned on July 31 for contributing to the delinquency of a minor, and Leland Henry Thomas, 52, of 308 "B" street, Eagle Point, who was arraigned on July 29, for also contributing to the delinquency of a minor, appeared before Judge Millard. The cases were continued until Judge Hanna returns.

Pleads Guilty

Paul Raymond Scofield, 49, Lake hotel, Medford, pleaded guilty to a charge of petty larceny and was sentenced to six months in the county jail by Judge Millard, according to Haviland. At the same time, a charge of larceny from a store against Scofield was dismissed.

Milton E. Morgan, 25, charged with armed robbery of the Christian market in 1948, appeared in district court for arraignment but entered no plea. The case was continued by Judge Rawles Moore until August 20 for further hearing. Morgan had been extradited from Rainey, La., and was returned last Saturday.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN

Cleveland 5 11 2

Boston 6 9 1

Wynn, Garcia 9, and Hegan; Brodowski, Benton 8, and White. Home run: For Cleveland—Easter.

Medford Man Bows Out In Golf Tournament

Seattle—(U.P.)—George Beecher, Medford, Ore., bowed out in the second round of the U. S. National Amateur Golf tournament here Tuesday when he lost 1 down, to Ray Billows, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

ANNEXATION HEARING DUE

A continued hearing on the annexation of a block north of Unit 1 of the Verde Hills subdivision is the chief item on the agenda for the city council at 7:30 p.m. today at city hall.

Sandy—(U.P.)—Clark Lund, 44, Boring log trucker, was crushed to death Monday when three logs fell on him as he was unloading his truck at Tupper's mill near here.

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Truman Quits Plan For Whistle-Stop Campaign Jaunt

Will Deliver Series Of Major Speeches

Washington—(U.P.)—President Truman has abandoned plans for a whistle-stop campaign this fall, but will deliver a series of major speeches on behalf of the Democratic ticket in pivotal Northern cities, it was disclosed Tuesday.

Authoritative Democratic sources said Mr. Truman "readily accepted" this restricted campaign role, assigned to him by Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson, the party's presidential nominee, and other Democratic strategists who met in Springfield, Ill., last week-end.

Tour Would Detract

The conferees decided Stevenson's big job is to make himself better known to the American people, and that any cross-country speaking tour by Mr. Truman would detract from Stevenson's own campaign.

Informants emphasized that Stevenson and his advisers had no desire to shunt Mr. Truman out of the campaign entirely. On the contrary, they said, the presidential role is regarded as the important one of "trouble shooting" for the Democrats in critical areas.

Mr. Truman's first campaign speech will be delivered in Milwaukee on Labor day. While no definite schedule has been worked out for his subsequent appearances, informants mentioned New York, Chicago and Detroit as likely spots for Truman speeches.

Given Southern Role

He is expected to carry the torch for the Democrats on such touchy issues as civil rights and labor legislation. The theory apparently is that Mr. Truman can woo the Negro and union votes on these subjects without necessarily stirring up as much protest among Southern Democrats as would ensue if Stevenson himself made such speeches.

Informants said budgetary problems, as well as strategic considerations, dictated the decision to limit Mr. Truman's campaign role.

Former Russ Captive Tells of Confinement

Berlin—(U.P.)—Charles A. Noble, 60, of Detroit, Mich., said Tuesday he was arrested by the Soviets in East Germany in 1945 and held without trial for seven years in Red concentration camps. He was released July 4.

Noble, a naturalized American but a native of Germany, said he was arrested in Dresden July 5, 1945, with his American-born son, John. He said John, now 29, was taken to the Soviet Union and is still there.

Noble said he was visiting in Dresden with his family when the war broke out in 1939. The Nazis, he said, refused to allow him to return to the United States.

Anthracite Miners Open Negotiations

New York—(U.P.)—Negotiations for a new anthracite coal miners' union contract opened here Tuesday with a management statement that the industry "couldn't possibly meet any wage increase."

The statement, made by Edward G. Fox, chairman of the 10-man industry negotiating committee, was countered by one from Thomas Kennedy, heading the union negotiating team.

He said: "I think he (Fox) is anticipating—probably a lot."

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Stevenson Statement Was Misinterpreted, Journal Editor Says

Portland—(U.P.)—A Portland newspaper editor Tuesday said Sen. James H. Duff "deliberately misinterpreted" a statement by Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois when he asserted the Democratic presidential nominee admitted there was a "mess" in Washington.

Tom Humphrey, editor of the Oregon Journal editorial page, said Stevenson used the words "clean up the mess in Washington" only in referring to a specific question put to him by the paper in a letter advising the governor it would support him in the presidential campaign.

Stevenson Quotes Phrase in Reply

Humphrey had asked Stevenson if he "would answer the question I hear most about your candidacy, that is: 'Can Stevenson really clean up the mess in Washington?'"

In his reply, Stevenson wrote: "As to whether I can clean up the mess in Washington, I would bespeak the careful scrutiny of what I inherited in Illinois and what has been accomplished in three years."

"Sen. Duff lifted the phrase out of context to make a political charge against the governor," Humphrey said. "It appears to be a deliberate misinterpretation."

Humphrey said Stevenson "merely said back to us what we had asked him."

Duff told newsmen at Denver Monday that Stevenson proved the necessity for a change of administration by admitting there is "a mess" in Washington.

Tax Assessment Hike Report Said Untrue

A spokesman for the county assessor's office today stated that reports originating in Gold Hill and Rogue River, to the effect that the tax assessment rate there has been increased 16.6 per cent, are without foundation.

The reports apparently originated when a committee of county property owners recently petitioned the county board of equalization for a change in the assessment rates in Gold Hill.

No Final Decision

The assessor's office spokesman said today that the equalization board considered the request, but he emphasized that no final decision has been made. It is the intent of the board, he said, to keep the present assessment rate unchanged. The state attorney general has been asked to rule on whether or not the board could assume jurisdiction in this matter, but has not yet sent an answer to the request for clarification of the board's powers.

The assessment rate in the three communities was lowered as a tax-relief measure during the depression, then raised in 1948. After this action, considerable opposition to the new rates was made known in the three cities, and late in 1949 a public hearing was held in Medford by the State Tax Commission, at which several hundred residents of the three communities protested the rates.

Conduct Survey

After the hearing, a group composed of a state appraiser, engineer, a representative of the county assessor, and members of the local tax assessment protests committees, conducted a survey of assessment rates, which resulted in the lowering of rates by 16.6 per cent early in 1950.

Most recent action in the long-disputed rate issue was the petition to the board of equalization, signed by property owners in areas adjacent to the three cities. It asked the board to "restore the assessed value of Rogue River, Gold Hill and Central Point, which were reduced 16 2/3 per cent in 1950, to their former assessed value in order to make these assessments correspond with the values of the rest of the county."

Signing the petition were Otto Bohnert, Homer A. Conger, Carl A. Hoover, Frank Hammond and Dixon Saltgaver, all of Route 1, Central Point, and H. E. Conger and E. H. Niedermeyer, both Route 2, Medford.

The assessor's office spokesman pointed out that a reappraisal program of all property in the county is now nearing completion, and that when it is completed, the dispute will become largely academic. The reappraisal job in this county is part of a state-wide program.

OSC Expects Large Crop of Freshmen

Corvallis—(U.P.)—The registrar's office at Oregon State College reported Tuesday a larger crop of freshmen was expected this fall than in 1951.

The office said that up to August 15, 1385 applications for admission were reviewed compared to 1238 at the same time a year ago.

HEADS BLOOD PROGRAM

Mrs. J. W. Burba, 300 Oakwood drive, has been named head of the Medford Red Cross blood program. She succeeds Mrs. Leston Huntley, 2439 Lyman avenue. The appointment was announced Monday by Col. Ben Stafford, Jackson county Red Cross chairman.

HOUSEWIVES ASKED TO HELP ENFORCE GROCERY CEILINGS

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Washington Declines Hike

A similar increase was turned down in the state of Washington by Insurance Commissioner William A. Sullivan, who asked for more information before authorizing the boost.

The Oregon increase was authorized for the 55 members in the state of the National Bureau of Casualty Underwriters. Independent companies will apply later this week for similar increases.

The boost will be about \$6 to \$7 in the Portland area for the class No. 1 combined rate on the basic \$5,000 to \$10,000 policy.

Third About Average

A one-third increase will be about average for the entire state, although the increases will vary in different districts. Exact schedules for districts will not be released until later. There may be slight reductions in some districts, but in areas where there have been population increases, the boosts will be greater.

Insurance men said the increases were requested because of increasing frequency and costs of claims, coupled with heavier settlements.

Housewives Asked To Help Enforce Grocery Ceilings

Arnall Reluctantly OK's Steel Boost

Washington—(U.P.)—The government formally authorized higher prices on steel and automobiles Tuesday, and enlisted the housewives of 54 cities to help enforce ceilings in grocery stores.

Three orders, destined to affect millions of American families, rolled off the mimeograph machines of the Office of Price Stabilization.

These were the highlights:

Steel

Price Stabilizer Ellis Arnall, still grumbling about having to do it, gave the steel industry the official nod to raise the price of carbon steel by \$5.20 a ton, and the prices of costlier alloy and stainless steels by 4.7 per cent across the board.

The price increases were part of the deal that settled the 55-day steel strike, but Arnall took the unusual step of stating in his order that the increases averaged \$2.36 a ton more than the industry reserved under price rules. He said he signed the order only because the White House told him he must.

Automobiles

Effective Saturday, automobile dealers will come under a new pricing regulation which permits each one to figure his own ceilings and his own "conditioning" charges for such services as tightening up any bolts the factory left loose.

Officials estimated the order will mean an overall rise of about 1 per cent in retail car prices—\$20 on a \$2,000 car.

Groceries

Arnall announced that beginning October 1, grocers in the 54 cities where there are OPS offices will be required to post charts showing their exact ceiling prices on various items. The idea is to let housewives see for themselves whether they are being overcharged.

The system was used generally in World War II, and has been used experimentally in recent months in Fargo, N.D.; Fresno, Calif., and Jacksonville, Fla.

The price lists will cover about 300 market basket items. Fruits and vegetables won't be listed, because they are exempt from price controls. Fresh meats, on which ceilings are set on a regional basis, will not be listed at first, but may be added later.

'Strange as it Seems' Feature Notes Odd Medford Animal Pair

Two Medford animals—a tiny runt pig and a pictured today in Elsie Hix's "Strange as it Seems," a regular feature on The Mail Tribune comic and radio page.

The item notes the unusual adoption of the pig by a pedigreed bulldog owned by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Clark, 4010 Crater Lake highway. The dog abandoned her pups to mother the pig. Her own youngsters were fed by eyedroppers.

On June 1 The Tribune printed a picture of the dog and her adopted pig.

ACCIDENT REPORTED

An accident involving a car and a log truck was reported to state police early today, but details of the crash were unavailable. The accident reportedly happened on the Greensprings highway about six miles east of Ashland, and though there was considerable property damage, the preliminary report indicated no one was injured. The investigating officer was not expected to file a detailed report until late this afternoon.

Communists Desire Peace, UN Truce Delegate Feels

Seoul, Korea—(U.P.)—Allied Superfortresses skirted a typhoon to bomb a Communist munitions plant in far North Korea with "excellent" results, returning pilots said Tuesday.

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140 Tons of Bombs Dropped

The 14 Superfortresses dropped 140 tons of bombs on the factory, using "improved electronic aiming methods" because of overcast skies.

It was the first time in the Korean war the factory has been bombed. The factory consists of 17 buildings of steel and concrete and turned out 1,000 anti-tank grenades and 3,000 to 5,000 hand grenades a day.

Civilians Warned

Civilians had been warned by leaflets to clear out of the area.

Other Superfortresses bombed a military target at the West Coast town of Sakwanni and the Red storage area at the Kyo-mipo steel mill below Pyongyang.

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Property Damage Protection To Be About Third More

Increases To Vary In Different Areas

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Gold Hill Park In Highway Plans

Portland—(U.P.)—The State Highway Commission Tuesday agreed to attempt to buy a quarter-mile of river frontage at Gold Hill, Ore., for a state park to be named after Ben Hur Lampman, associate editor of the Oregonian.

Although it is not normal commission policy to name state parks for individuals, State Park Superintendent Chester H. Armstrong told the commission here an exception should be made for the proposed park on the Rogue river.

The proposed state park would replace a present city park of Gold Hill, known as Ben Hur Lampman park. The city park has a three-fourth-mile river frontage.

Lampman, Oregon poet laureate, was editor of the Gold Hill News from 1912 to 1916 before joining The Oregonian.

Ralph Cake To Join Eisenhower's Staff

Portland—(U.P.)—Ralph H. Cake, former Republican national committeeman from Oregon, said Tuesday he will join the headquarters of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower at Denver on Wednesday.

Cake is to be assistant to the political chief of the GOP nominee's staff, Gov. Sherman Adams of New Hampshire. He said there was no thought of moving the Eisenhower headquarters from Denver to the East Coast, although the general will leave Sunday for his first major political address in Philadelphia.

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