

Weather

FORECAST — Variable high clouds through Sunday night. High today 52 to 54, low tonight 36 to 37.

Temp. — 56
Highest yesterday — 56
Lowest yesterday — 36

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SHOWING SWINE—Two Jackson county 4-H boys are pictured showing their Hampshire swine for placing during one of the events at the 4-H and FFA fair. They are Cecil Thames, Roxy Ann 4-H club (left) and Clifford Bigham, Sams Valley 4-H club. Thames won the swine showing event.—(Anders photo)



FITTING LAMB—Jerry Winetrou, of the Medford West Side 4-H club, is shown above fitting his lamb for showing at the annual 4-H and FFA fair at the Jackson County fairgrounds last week. He was one of some 500 or more county youngsters who participated in the four-day event where farm youngsters display their skills and abilities.—(Anders photo)

LOCAL FOG DISPERSAL STUDY SAID PROMISING

An evaluation of results of fog-dispersal experiments, conducted in 1950 and 1951 for United Air lines by two Medford pilots, has been made available for the first time. Results were said to have been variable but promising.

UAL's conclusions drawn from its evaluation was that the results were "uncertain," and that the company should not renew its agreement for further experimentation.

However, certain aspects of the report on the tests, prepared by Henry T. Harrison, manager of weather service for UAL, indicated that there were significant results in some instances.

The experiments were conducted by Harvey Brandau and Gene Kooser between November, 1950, and the following November. Twenty-six of the 42 tests were conducted by Brandau and Kooser over the Medford airport using their BT-13 airplane; ten were made over Arcata, Calif., and six were made out of the Portland airport by UAL using a United DC-3 airplane.

In Harrison's summary, he said:

"It is apparent that the first 31 seeding tests (at Medford and at Arcata) were followed by an abrupt and marked uptrend in ceiling and visibility which was equivalent to a change from sub-minimum conditions to weather values well above minimum operating limits. When we consider the odds which would prevail against duplicating any such composite trends in a random selection of daytime weather observations, the evidence is very strong that the major part of these clearing trends was achieved through artificial manipulation."

The last 11 tests produced no improvement, Harrison stated. Brandau and Kooser since have stated the reason for the difference in results appeared, at least to some extent, to result from the different types of planes used, as the most successful experiments were with the BT-13, while those from the UAL-owned DC-3 were variable.

The fliers, who used a super-saturated salt solution injected into hot exhaust gases, now believe the difference in the ex-

haust systems of the two planes had much to do with the relative failure of the later tests, although they also believe that the amount of seeding material fed into the exhaust stacks, which was changed between tests, had much to do with the change in results.

The company's conclusion was that it, as a scheduled air carrier, was not in a position to justify and conduct developmental work along basic research lines. Harrison said the company should remain as an "interested observer" of an extension of "a novel technique by a pair of promising and capable inventors who have already established themselves firmly in the new field of artificial weather modification through their work on hail prevention in the Rogue River valley."

"The company fully appreciates the potentials of the (Brandau-Kooser) process," the company report added, "as exemplified by the successes in many of the first 31 tests, but believes that further development will be necessary before the method could be employed routinely for the purpose of clearing fog from airports. The method, as currently developed (1951), is handicapped by what United considers to be a fairly serious weakness, namely the necessity for the frequent flying at levels dangerously close to the ground."

Since these experiments, which concluded nearly two years ago, the two Medford fliers have conducted other experiments on their own, and claim a more consistent success in fog dispersal than they had during the UAL experiments.

They plan to continue with their work in the hope that they can convince airlines of its practicability. The UAL evaluation of a year ago stated that developmental work should continue, and that the airline "sincerely hopes that the two partners will find it possible to continue."

From time to time during the fog dispersal experiments, when noticeable results were obtained, they were reported in The Mail Tribune, which quoted weather bureau officials, bystanders and its own reporters on the fairly spectacular results obtained in some of the tests.



RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP—Six youngsters who participated in one of the rabbit showmanship contests at the annual fair at the fairgrounds last week are shown in the picture above. Left to right, they are Margaret Stone, Evans Valley 4-H club; Velma Piele, Upper Rogue club; Donald Mann, Southwest Medford club; Charles Badcock and Anne Buck, both Evans Valley club, and Donna Brown, Applegate club. Young Badcock placed first in this event. An unidentified spectator stands in the background. —(Anders photo)

4-H, FFA Fair Ends As Awards Presented; Dormitory Dedicated

One of the largest Jackson county 4-H and FFA club fairs in history closed last night at the county fairgrounds with presentation of special awards.

Among closing activities of the annual fair was the dedication of the new dormitory in honor of the Bigham family. The dormitory will be called Bigham hall.

Members of the family still active in 4-H work and present at the ceremony were Mrs. Mary Myers, a leader for 19 years; Bill Bigham, a leader for 15 years; Albert Bigham, a leader for 10 years; Earl Bigham, a leader for six years. The entire family attended the ceremony. They have a record of more than 50 years of leadership in 4-H club activities and nearly 100 years of 4-H club membership.

Dairy Awards
Curtis Candy company awards to the champions of all dairy breeds were presented by Emmet Gott, local representative of the company. Awards went to John Caster, Central Point, Purebred Holsteins; Melvin Smith, Sams Valley, Shorthorn; Beverly Nelson, Griffin Creek, Guernsey; Larry Mongold, Eagle Point, Jersey; Laurel Higinbotham, Central Point, Grade Holstein; Robert Rosebaum, Central Point, Red Poll; Jean Bitterling, Antelope, Grade Guernsey; and Carlos Goddard, Wagner Creek, Grade Jersey.

The Pierce Hereford trophy went to Doreen Bohnert, Antelope. The George Nichols trophy for the outstanding fat lamb exhibitor went to Julie Joy, Bellview. Doreen Bohnert won the Allen Owens showmanship trophy for the outstanding showman of beef females and Mildred Gail, Gold Hill, won the Don Nichols showmanship trophy for the outstanding showman of beef steers.

Wine Swine Trophy
Benson Foley, Howard, won the Harold Frye Jr., swine trophy and Larry Mongold, Eagle Point, won the Jersey Cattle club award for the Grand champion Jersey exhibitor.

The Big Y Feed store show halter to the youngest exhibitor of dairy cattle went to John Davis, 9, of Gold Hill.

The A. T. Lathrop Berkshire award went to Norman Ditsworth, Wagner Creek. The Marianne Birdseye showmanship award for the champion dairy showman went to Dick Biles, Gold Hill.

Laurel Higinbotham, Central Point, won the Far Hills Holstein trophy for the outstanding exhibitor of Holstein cattle, and Beverly Nelson was judged the outstanding exhibitor of Guernsey cattle and was awarded the Guernsey Cattle club trophy.

Win Second Time
For the second year the Gold Hill dairy won the Lapine Herdman trophy, and also for the second year the Antelope beef club took the Calf Manna trophy for the outstanding livestock club.

There was a definite increase in the size of the fair this year, Rufus Cate, county agent for 4-H club work reported, especially among the younger members. There were 40 in the beginners showmanship dairy competition, he said.

The crowds were reportedly very good this year and Cate said they had a more than capacity crowd Friday night.

The grand champion of the style show last night was Doreen Bohnert, Antelope. She also won the Larry Schade cooking trophy.

Champion winners for Future Farmers of America were Mike Clark, Oak Grove, Angus cow; Kenneth Bigham, Sams Valley, Hereford cow, and Eugene Monia, Central Point, Holstein heifer.

Dairy showmanship winners were 1st Don Johnson, Central Point; 2nd, Bob Robertson; 3rd, Don Williams, Central Point; 4th, Morton Gossett; 5th, Mike Clark, Oak Grove; 6th, Eugene Monia, Central Point.

Beef showmanship winners were 1st, Kenneth Bigham, Sams Valley; 2nd, Marvin Bohnert; 3rd, Eddie Head, Central Point; 4th, Richard Morse, Table Rock; 5th, Mike Clark, Oak Grove; and 6th, Norman Barnes, Central Point.

Thirty FFA young men participated. All are members of Crater High school chapter.

British Physicist Warns World To Watch Out for New 'C-Bomb'

London — (U.P.) — A British nuclear scientist warned the world Saturday to watch out for the C-bomb.

It might wipe out the human race at one shot, he said.

The bomb would be a deadly refinement of the hydrogen bomb, which the Russians have learned to produce along with the United States.

Start Work on Bomb
Now that the atomic method of destruction appears to have struck a balance on both sides of the Iron Curtain, some physicists have quietly put aside

their data on the A-bomb and H-bomb. They have started, instead, a new docket under the initial "C" for cobalt, according to the scientists who asked not to be identified.

The cobalt bomb, as far as can be ascertained, is still only an idea. But the scientist said its operation would depend on "simple and well-established" principles which leave little doubt as to its feasibility.

The idea is to make a bomb big enough and powerful enough to release radioactive dust that would contaminate most of the

150 More American Prisoners Released From Red Captivity

Another 400 Slated To Gain Freedom Today

Panmunjom, Sunday — (U.P.) The Communists freed another 150 American prisoners of war today to bring to 1,709 the total of Americans released from Red captivity in the past 19 days. Will Reach 7,820 Total

Altogether the Reds will release 400 prisoners today—the Americans and 250 South Koreans. That will bring the total of Allied prisoners freed in Operation "Big Switch" to 7,820. They will be returned in four groups beginning at 9 a.m. and at the same time the Allies will return another 2,400 North Korean prisoners.

The Korean prisoner of war exchange has less than two weeks to go and there are 4,943 Allied prisoners—including 1,604 Americans—still waiting for freedom in North Korean camps according to Communist figures quoted at the July 27 armistice signing.

There was one sign which gave rise to a slight hope the Communists might send home more men than they promised. They said at first they would send home only 14 Canadians. Already they have returned 16. Some Held Back

Allied officials have long felt that the Reds did not report all their prisoners. And returns have revealed some POWs were held back to serve prison sentences for "non-cooperation." Communist sources have not commented on those revelations.

Jackson County's Schools Announce First Class Days

Opening dates for Jackson county high schools and grade schools were announced here Saturday by public and private schools officials.

Four schools are scheduled to open Sept. 1. They include Rush-Sterling, Lone Pine, Prospect and Oak Grove.

Sept. 3 has been set as opening day at four other schools, including Eagle Point, Elk-Trail, Shady Cove and Butte Falls.

Schools which will open Sept. 8 are Jacksonville, Griffin Creek, Ashland, Rogue River, Applegate, Evans Valley, Howard, Rogue River academy and St. Mary's at Medford. West Side has set a tentative date of Sept. 8 depending upon completion of the school's building program by that date.

The four Medford grade schools, Medford junior high school, Central Point grade school, Crater high school, Phoenix and Talent will open Sept. 14. Medford senior high school will open Sept. 21.

Sister Mary Gladys, who has been transferred here from St. Mary's academy, Portland, will be sister superior at St. Mary's of Medford during the coming year. Sister Mary Gladys, who was with St. Mary's of Medford about 15 years ago, replaces Sister Robert Mary, who has been transferred to Tacoma, Wash.

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Others named as outstanding for their teams were Clark Cubbage, and Miles Boardman, outstanding state linemen; and Leon Hittner, Central Catholic, city lineman, and Roger Williams, Jefferson, city back.

LEONARD STEEGE FREED FROM RED PRISONER CAMP

There is happiness in the Medford homes of two former prisoners of war this week end. Mrs. A. H. Webster, 401 East 12th st., Saturday was notified that her Marine Corps son, reported missing in action last month, was released by the Communists Friday.

Williams Heading Home
And Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Williams, 48 Mace rd., received a telegram from the Army notifying them their son, an ex-POW, is on the high seas, and will land in San Francisco next week.

Mrs. Webster's son is Pfc. Leonard E. Steege, 20, who was reported missing last July 19, only three months after he arrived in Korea. His last letter to his mother was received July 15, four days before his capture, and a letter to a Medford friend was written the day before he moved up to a frontline observation post and was captured.

Thrilled By News
Mrs. Webster was "thrilled to death" at the news of her son's safety and release. A telegram she received from the Marine Corps Saturday said his condition is satisfactory, and that he will be brought back to this country by ship soon.

"The happiest moment of all will be when I get to see him," she said. Her son had been in the Marines for about 3½ years.

The Williams family Saturday received a telegram from the Army saying their son, Cpl. Henry F. Williams, is now aboard the U. S. Naval Transport Gen. Hase, and is scheduled to arrive at the San Francisco Port of Embarkation on Aug. 29—next Saturday. The Williams plan to meet him there.

Will Get Leave
He will be processed at either Camp Stoneman or Ft. Mason, and given leave without delay. Corporal Williams was a prisoner in North Korea for almost 2 years, 3 months.

As far as is known, there is one other Medford man who is still in Communist hands. He is Sgt. Harvey L. Rogers, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Rogers, 1491 Thomas rd. He was captured April 23, 1951, and his parents have received eight letters from him, the most recent one last April.

San Rafael, Calif. — (U.P.) — Raymond C. Hodge, 37, has entered a plea of innocent to the charge of murdering Roy V. Kappahn, whose hacked and beaten body was found on Mt. Tamalpais last June.

Sport Bulletins

Pounding Pitcher Paul Gehrman for 21 hits, including a home run by Dick Wenzel, the Coos Bay-North Bend Lumberjacks bounced the Medford Cheney Studs 15 to 9 in a Southwest Oregon Baseball league encounter last night at the fairgrounds. Medford scored five runs in the fourth frame on four hits, three walks and an error.

Mill City — (U.P.) — Defending champion Corvallis was dealt a 2-1 upset by Grants Pass in the first round of the 1953 Oregon State softball championships here Saturday. The Grants Pass nine sparked by the pitching of Vern Collins, who struck out 10, scored six winning runs in the sixth inning by bunting three hits.

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PFC. LEONARD E. STEEGE
Medford Marine POW Released

Former FBI Agent Named To Conduct City Police Study

Howard Bobbitt, former special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Portland, now practicing law there, has been selected to make a study of the Medford police department. Mayor Diamond Flynn reported Saturday.

Bobbitt, in addition to his law practice, still handles some investigative work. Mayor Flynn said, and was the most highly recommended of the men who were suggested for the Medford police study.

Bobbitt will visit Medford Tuesday morning for interviews with city officials, the mayor reported, and the final decision as to whether he will be assigned to the job will be made by the city council at a meeting that evening.

Voted by Council
The council last Tuesday voted, 6 to 2, to employ an "outside" investigator to review the department's operation, and to make any recommendations he felt necessary for improved service and operation. The department has been strongly criticized during the past month, after a Camp White member died after being confined in the city jail over a week end.

A grand jury report said the department had been "grossly negligent," and it recommended that a new chief of police be retained. The council later voted to retain the chief, but decided to employ an expert to review the department.

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New Premier Fazlollah Zahedi

Mossadegh To Undergo Trial As Traitor, Shah Declares

Tehran, Iran — (U.P.) — The Shah of Iran came home from exile to a hero's welcome Saturday, and his government announced that deposed premier Mohammed Mossadegh would be tried as a traitor.

Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, in a speech over radio Tehran, shortly after his arrival, thanked the people and the army for their support in last Wednesday's uprising which overthrew Mossadegh.

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Soviets Promise Wide Economic Aid To Eastern Germany

Step Said Preliminary To Reunification Plan

Moscow, Sunday — (U.P.) — Russia called today for an early German peace conference and also said that Russia has promised to grant sweeping economic concessions and millions of dollars in aid to East Germany.

A Communique on the Soviet-East German negotiations here also said that Russia has promised to grant sweeping economic concessions and millions of dollars in aid to East Germany.

In Near Future
The communique said a peace conference should be held in the "near future," with German representatives "taking part at all stages" in the preparation of a peace treaty.

It also called for creation of a provisional government by "direct agreement between Eastern and Western Germany" to carry out free national elections for the government of a "united, democratic, peace-loving Germany."

(Today's announcement included no new Soviet approach to the German problem and apparently was a propaganda measure intended to influence the elections scheduled Sept. 6 in Western Germany.)

Pledges POW Release
The communique also pledged Russia to take "certain measures" toward releasing German prisoners of war sentenced for crimes committed during World War II "excepting those who committed particular crimes against peace and humanity."

(This evidently was meant to be understood by grieving Germans as a promise that the Russians are ready at last to return the thousands of Germans who vanished into their prison camps during the war.)

Economic concessions promised by the communique included:

1. Elimination of preparations payments as of next Jan. 1.
2. Limitation of the East German occupation costs to five per cent of East Germany's annual government revenue.
3. Presentation to East Germany of all Russian enterprises on its soil.

4. Cancellation of East Germany's postwar debts to Russia.
5. Extension of a 485,000,000-Ruble (nominally, \$121,250,000) credit and shipment of 590,000 rubles (\$147,500,000 at the official rate) worth of goods to East Germany over and above those provided for in existing trade agreements.

The additional shipments are to include food, coal, iron, copper and cotton, the communique said.

East German negotiators accepted the Soviet offer to ease their economic burden with "satisfaction and gratitude," the communique said.

Paris — (U.P.) — American military authorities have tentatively earmarked from four to six atomic artillery battalions for transfer to Europe within the next year, usually reliable informants said Saturday.

The Shah was welcomed at the airport by cheering crowds and stood tearfully as government officials threw themselves at his feet.

Crowds along the welcoming route slaughtered young sheep in thanks giving to Allah for the Shah's safe return.

The 33-year-old Shah flew home to Tehran Saturday morning from Baghdad to end his six-day exile imposed by Mossadegh.

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