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Unseasonal Oregon Rains Bring Gloomy Predictions From Farms

By UNITED PRESS

Farmers and extension service farm experts Saturday made gloomy predictions concerning the damage of unseasonal August rains to Oregon crops.

Continued light showers over much of Oregon Friday and predictions of more of the same Sunday presented no encouragement to farmers in the middle of their harvests.

Grain growers in Polk county faced serious losses because of the week's unseasonal rains. With hundreds of acres of vetch, wheat and barley in the process of harvest or nearly ready, rains have driven crews from the harvesting machinery.

Fall Wheat
The whole picture was complicated by late spring rains which delayed beginning of the harvest. Fall wheat was disappointingly light and much of it fell while still green.

Barley faces discoloration or overripeness if rains continue, resulting in downgrading or loss.

Dr. Don D. Hill, Oregon State college farm crops department head, estimated that one half of the Willamette valley's hatched malting barley crop is in danger of discoloration and sprouting, with consequent downgrading.

He said he sees similar weather damage possible for large amounts of oats, wheat and

vetch. Vetch also is threatened by mold, he said.

Dr. Harry O'Reilly, extension plant pathologist, recommended immediate anti-blight spraying and dusting of potatoes in the Portland area and along the coast. O'Reilly also noted an outbreak of flower and leaf spot in gladiolus.

A bright spot in the weather picture was pointed out by Rex Warren, extension farm crops specialist. Pastures are getting a late summer boost, certain weeds are germinating in time to be destroyed by fall tillage operations and the weather is favorable for pasture seeding on non-irrigated lands.

500 Volunteers Searching For Missing Berry Picker
Government Camp — (U.P.) — About 500 volunteer searchers Saturday fanned out over the wild Mt. Hood area in search of 60-year-old Ralph C. Day, missing on a berry picking expedition since last Sunday.

Search operations Friday were a disappointment. About 150 men combed a 15-acre, brush covered area on the mountain investigating the possibility that Day may have fallen from a bluff above.

Search Difficult
Jim Ralph, assistant ranger at the Summit ranger station, said the search was concentrated

in the area under the bluff. He said the brush was about head high and made searching extremely difficult.

Ralph said Friday's search crew was smaller than those that participated earlier in the week, but that he expects from 250 to 500 over the week end.

Facilities Provided
The ranger advised volunteers to bring their own rain gear and a sleeping bag. He said they can sleep at the Cascade ski club and the Clackamas county Red Cross will provide free lunch.

To encourage searchers, a reward of \$500 has been offered by C. L. Robinson, nephew of the missing man.

Day is a son-in-law of Dr. C. T. Sweeney, former Medford physician, now residing at Carmel, Calif.

Portland Man Elected To National DAV Post

Kansas City, Mo. — (U.P.) — Samuel E. Booth of Portland, Ore., was elected third junior vice commander of the Disabled American Veterans at close of their annual convention here Friday.

Howard W. Watts, Indianapolis, Ind., was named national commander.

The group will hold its 1954 convention at Miami, Fla.

He then dismissed a charge of passing without sufficient clearance against the motorist.

Plenty of Idiots on Road, Judge Declares

Baytown, Tex. — (U.P.) — E. W. Buelow, acting corporation court judge, lectured a traffic violator as follows:

"You've heard it said that the good lord looks after little children and idiots. We're all a part of the Lord's scheme of things and we must help him in his work. So it behooves us to look after the idiots and, goodness knows, there are plenty of them on the roads."

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Two Witnesses Say Vermont Professor No Longer Commie

Burlington, Vt. — (U.P.) — Two character witnesses testified Saturday they thought a University of Vermont professor once was a Communist but said they believed he had no present Red affiliations.

The witnesses appeared on behalf of Prof. Alex B. Novikoff, 40-year-old biochemist of cancer expert who was suspended because he refused to answer certain questions before the U. S. Senate Internal Security subcommittee.

They testified before the University's 29-member Board of Review which granted the hearing at Novikoff's request. Though Novikoff originally asked for a public hearing, he changed his mind Saturday and asked that the press be barred. The board, however, refused and Novikoff's attorney said he would not allow his client to be questioned.

Dr. William B. Roberts, another biochemistry professor, said he had known Novikoff since 1948 and had "no evidence" indicating his colleague was "disloyal."

Asked by board counsel Louis Lisman if he thought, Novikoff ever was a Communist, Roberts said: "I think he probably was."

Rabbi Max B. Wall, spiritual leader of Novikoff's congregation, said in answer to a question that he thought Novikoff once was a Communist but was "positive" that he is not now a Red.

Alert Baby Sitter Saves Lives of Four

Portland — (U.P.) — Four children were alive Saturday thanks to the alertness of a baby-sitter who smelled gas in their apartment.

The sitter, Patty B. O'Brien, 14, was credited by Officer Elmer A. Loos with saving the lives of the children of Mrs. Lenora Adams, Portland.

The children, Lewis, 2; Brian, 3; Bruce, 7, and Brady, 8, were playing in a bedroom when Patsy, sitting in another room, smelled gas, turned on, in a circulating heater by one of the children. She took the youngsters downstairs to the home of Mrs. Paula M. Yankey, who telephoned the gas company and the police.

Five Charges Brought Against Cory; Court Sets Bail at \$39,500

Roseburg — (U.P.) — Five counts ranging from illegal possession of a firearm to kidnapping Saturday faced a 34-year-old ex-

convict accused of forcing at gunpoint a woman to accompany him on an automobile trip.

Operating Limits Set for Air Lines

Washington — (U.P.) — A Civil Aeronautics Board official said Saturday that some feeder-line airports, particularly in mountain areas, may have to lengthen their runways or lighten plane loads by Oct. 1.

That is the effective date of new operating limitations for DC-3 and Lockheed Lodestar planes operated by scheduled airlines. The limitations were approved by the CAB last April. Feeder airlines gather passengers from small, remote airports and carry them to trunkline airports, mainly for transfer to trunkline airlines. The feeder airline fleet is made up almost 100 per cent of DC-3's.

The new regulations require longer runways or, as an alternative, lighter plane loads than are currently required for DC-3 and Lockheed Lodestar planes operated by schedule airlines.

New Navy Policy Set For Doctors, Dentists

Washington — (U.P.) — The Navy has announced a new policy designed to make a Navy career more attractive to young physicians and dentists.

The policy permits Medical and Dental Corps officers to resign from the service after four years of active duty. It also provides that officers who choose to stay in the Navy will become eligible for post-graduate training after completion of one tour of sea or foreign shore duty.

The charges were filed Friday by Douglas County District Attorney Robert Stults on a complaint brought by Roseburg Attorney William H. Jones against William Frank Corey, Roseburg, who is accused of forcing Jones' wife to accompany him against her will.

\$39,500 Bail Set
Bail set by Judge A. J. Geddes totaled \$39,500 for all the counts.

Corey, who police said has a prison record, was charged with kidnapping, assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and robbery with a dangerous weapon, illegal possession of a firearm and larceny of personal property.

Corey pleaded innocent of the larceny charge and asked for preliminary hearings on the other counts. He said he had no dates for preliminary hearings would be set until an attorney had been named to represent Corey.

Corey was arrested by Medford police Wednesday night on a tip from the proprietor of a Shady Cove restaurant who told officers the woman made known her plight while she and Corey were eating.

Mrs. Jones told police Corey entered the place where she was employed Wednesday and forced her at gunpoint to enter his car.

The larceny charge involved theft of a revolver belonging to Jones. The robbery count accuses Corey of taking \$1800 which Mrs. Jones obtained by cashing a check.



PLAN DEFENSE—Singer Dick Haymes (center) checks over documents to be used as defense in deportation hearings in Los Angeles with his attorneys, David Marcus (left) and Robert Eston. The Argentine born crooner faces deportation charges because he allegedly entered the U. S. illegally after a visit to see Rita Hayworth in Honolulu.



'Trouble Shooter' Sought in Slaying Of Union Organizer

New York — (U.P.) — Police Saturday sought a former \$2,000-a-month "trouble shooter" at Yonkers Raceway suspected of engineering the ambush slaying of powerful union organizer Thomas L. Lewis outside his Bronx apartment.

The strong arm "trouble shooter," a man with a long criminal record, was said to have been fired from his lucrative racetrack post last June at the insistence of Lewis. Lewis organized the tracks' employees and represented them as president of Local 32—A of the AFL Building, Service Employees union.

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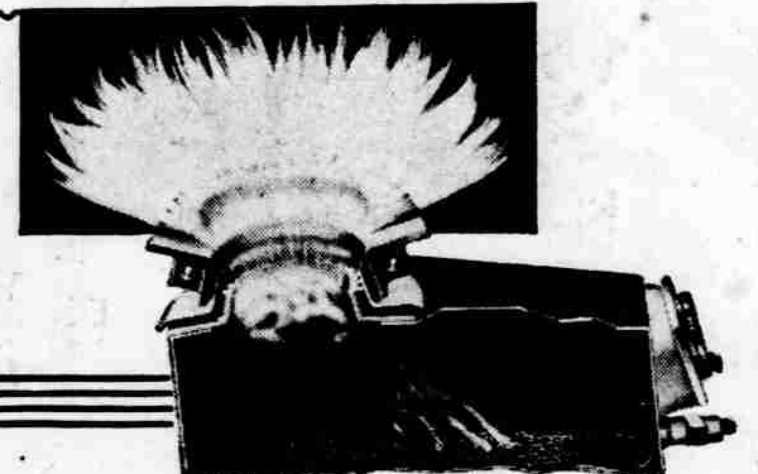
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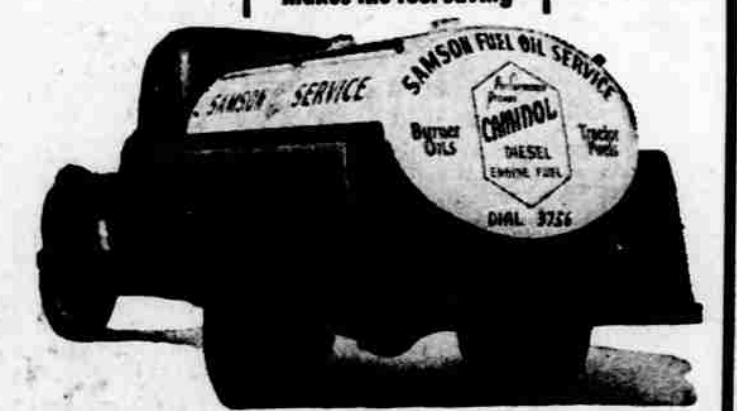
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