

# Icy Arctic Air Front Hits East and South

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A new front of icy arctic air marched eastward Saturday bringing a fresh round of frigid weather to the shivering Atlantic seaboard and the South.

The wintry blast, sharpening the edge on a cold wave that has gripped the Midwest for days, plunged temperatures below zero as far south as northern Missouri and central Illinois and Indiana early Saturday.

The mercury hovered near zero through Ohio, and freezing temperatures were common nearby to the Gulf states as the cold front made its way toward the East Coast where it was expected to arrive later Saturday.

## 'Sound of Our Own' Feature of Band Organized in City

A newly-formed band, which has "a sound of our own," will record its first music today and will make its first television appearance on Monday.

The organization is Hal Sheppard and His Orchestra. His 17 musicians are from Medford and vicinity and the band has been formed mainly for television work.

Music "A Mixture"

Sheppard, who formerly was with the Billy May and Ralph Flanagan orchestras, said the new organization will play "on the sweet side." He said the music will be "a mixture of Glenn Miller and Stan Kenton" but that the orchestra will have "a sound of our own."

Television debut will be from 6:30 to 7 p. m. The television shows will be in partnership with Colleen Hope, who is doing all the choreography. Recordings being made will be released soon on an independent label, Sheppard stated.

Others Featured

The orchestra will feature Bobby Rinard, vocalist and guitarist, who has had bids from several recording companies. Arranger is Ernie Hood, who also arranges for the Stan Kenton orchestra. Kenton is recognized as the "father of progressive music" and his organization as the No. 1 jazz band.

Sheppard is formerly of Chicago. He came to the west coast with the Flanagan band. When it broke up to return east, Sheppard stayed on the coast. He has been a professional musician eight years and had a band in the east. It broke up when he entered the Air Force, in which Sheppard served two years.



**SCORE DISCUSSED FOR NEW ORCHESTRA**  
Ernie Hood, arranger for the new Hal Sheppard orchestra here, discusses a score with Sheppard, while others look on. Left to right are Blaine Trickle, bassist with the band; Sheppard; Sheldon Allman, featured per-

former at the Y club here; Hood; and Bob Rinard, vocalist and guitarist. The 17-piece band, formed from musicians of this vicinity, will play "on the sweet side." It will make its television debut Monday.

—(Landis-Shangle photo).

## LeRoy Williams, Utility Firm Named by Local Safety Council

LeRoy V. Williams, 1316 West Main st., a Medford fireman, Friday evening was named winner of the Medford Safety Council's 1954 individual award for outstanding accomplishment in the field of safety.

Top industrial award went to California Pacific Utilities company.

In presenting the award to Williams, Emerson Anderson, past chairman of the council, noted that Williams has donated 275 hours of his time during the past year to instruct 160 students in 13 classes in Red Cross first aid work.

First Aid Stations

Another basis for the award, Anderson declared, was Williams' work in setting up six Red Cross first aid stations throughout the county. The first of these stations is now in operation in the Applegate area, and a second is being formed at Shady Cove, Anderson said.

The California Pacific Utilities company award was accepted by Martin Sands, vice-president and division manager. Anderson stated that the firm's award was based on an improved safety record during the past year, and on a widespread safety education conducted by employees of the firm.

with the idea "it won't be me," he said.

"We can't completely build safety into cars when we must depend on people," the speaker stated. "We can't legislate brains or human responsibility." Always Risks

Noting that there are always risks involved in driving a car, Capt. Lansing said these risks must be calculated every inch of the road. "It isn't just the people who speed or drink that cause accidents," he said. "It can be you and me when we let down our absolute concentration for less than a second."

Only 15 per cent of the population is accident prone, the speaker declared, but he added that "everyone at some time has been a part of that 15 per cent."

Pointing to the excellent safety record compiled by truck and bus lines, Capt. Lansing declared that accidents can be controlled.

New Safety council officers for the coming year were installed by Dr. William Thompson. They included Allen Cameron, chairman; R. L. Palmer, vice-chairman; Aubrey Loper, secretary; Clyde Fichtner, treasurer, and Mrs. Carol Waltemire, director. Fred Robinson, elected to serve as director for the coming year, was unable to be present at the meeting.

The session was held in the Pioneer room of the Jackson hotel. Entertainment was provided by the Medford high school Madrigal Singers.

## Trailer Owners Set Meeting for Feb. 5

A meeting will be held Feb. 5 at the Valley Center Trailer court, 3410 North Pacific highway, for all trailer home owners in the area.

One of the major topics to be discussed will be taxation of trailer owners, and legislation on the matter.

At a recent meeting, the name of the local trailer group was decided to be the Organized Mobile Home Owners association of Oregon, with headquarters at Roseburg. New officers will be elected shortly.

The group has retained a lawyer to prepare a bill to be presented to the state legislature as a substitute for the law now in effect on taxation.

## Holifield Charges Data on A-Blast Effects Withheld

Washington — (U.P.) — Rep. Chet Holifield (D-Calif) accused the administration Saturday of jeopardizing national survival by suppressing information about the "ugly effects" of A-bombs and H-bombs.

Holifield, a veteran member of the Senate-House Atomic Energy Commission, called on President Eisenhower to make public now secret data which he said is essential to civil defense planning.

"Suppression of the facts regarding atomic-hydrogen weapon effects is not only an insane policy of self-deception," Holifield said, "but it is a threat to national survival."

Urges Legion Efforts

Holifield, addressing the American Legion's National Security Council, urged the Legion to spearhead a nationwide movement to make federal agencies reveal what he called the inadequacies of the U. S. civil defense program.

Earlier, Civil Defense Administrator Val Peterson had reported

ed it may be two years yet before most American cities can expect as much as four to six hours advance warning of an enemy nuclear assault. Peterson said most cities now have up to one hour warning time. But he added there is no guarantee of any advance notice at all.

Wants Cautious Approach

Then, in a panel discussion following Holifield's speech Peterson said the government must take the "cautious approach" on H-bomb information. He said he hopes "We don't carry this business of being cautious too far so that we stifle some good defense ideas."

"But, he added, "there are times when you don't like to talk about this business because you might give confidential information to the enemy."

Holifield said America's civil defense program is "tragically inadequate." He added that Congress never will appropriate sufficient funds for civil defense unless the public is told the facts.

## Ike, Dulles Resting; Ease in Tension Seen

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles left Washington Saturday for separate vacations, signifying an easing of the Far East tension which gripped Washington earlier this week.

Mr. Eisenhower arrived at his Augusta, Ga., vacation retreat for a week end rest after signing the Formosa defense resolution which cleared the Senate Friday night.

Dulles planned to leave about the same time for the Bahama Islands and a week of fishing.

Both officials will be protected during their absence by high speed communications circuits with Washington. If a new crisis develops, the President can be back here in less than two hours and Dulles in less than four hours.

last night and possibly Sunday night at the Augusta National Golf Club. White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerly said Mr. Eisenhower would return to Washington late Sunday or early Monday.

Dulles' fishing trip will be his last opportunity for a rest before he goes to Bangkok, Thailand, for a conference Feb. 23 of foreign ministers of nations which have signed the Manila Pact.

Within the limits posed by possible emergencies, Mr. Eisenhower planned to do no work over the week end. As he always does in Georgia, he was to spend

**Eugene Police Round Up Nine Beating Suspects**  
Eugene — (U.P.) — Police rounded up nine persons Saturday in an attempt to find a pair of hoodlums who beat and robbed a truck mechanic here.

Most of the persons under arrest were picked up in the hobo jungles near the Eugene railroad yards.

Victim of the beating was William B. Pitchford. He was assaulted as he was repairing a truck in the downtown area.

Currently 92 per cent of all U.S. farm trucks are classified as light vehicles, rated at 1 1/2 ton capacity or less. Eight per cent rate over 1 1/2 tons.

Before leaving Saturday morning, Mr. Eisenhower held a breakfast meeting with Governors Arthur B. Langlie of Washington and Paul Patterson of Oregon, and Sherman Adams, the assistant to the President. Langlie and Patterson came here primarily for a Civil Defense conference.

## Book Gives Data on Social Security

Social security information, as it applies to additional household employers since Jan. 1, is given in the new booklet, "Do You Have a Maid?" according to W. V. Nusbbaum, district manager of the Medford social security office.

The booklet was just issued under the joint sponsorship of the Internal Revenue service and the Social Security administration. Copies may be obtained by writing or visiting the Medford social security office, 33 North Riverside ave.

Because of the broadened coverage of domestic workers, many more household employers are now required to report the cash wages paid their employees. The booklet describes the first step to be taken by every employer of domestic help who pays an employee \$50 or more cash wages in a calendar quarter of the year.

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