

Cold Front, Tornado Dot Weather Map; Vast Forest Fires Raging in Southland

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A cold front which touched off a death-dealing tornado drove deep into Dixie today and high March winds fanned vast forest fires in three southern states.

The unpredictable March weather was turning its full force on the Southland.

A cold wave moved into the northern Midwest, but spring-like temperatures dominated much of the nation. Ohio river flood waters were falling and gentle winds flowed across the Southwest "Dust Bowl" area.

But in South Carolina's peach-growing belt two persons were dead, at least five were injured and scores of homes were destroyed or damaged in the wake of a vicious twister.

Air Masses Clash

The tornado, springing from the leading edge of a bank of cold air, raked three South Carolina counties Sunday night with ripping winds and hail the size of golf balls.

The small farming town of Ridge Spring got the worst of it. Almost every other building in town was destroyed or damaged and two persons, Buck Coats, 60, and Ree Ann Cary, 3, were killed as they ran from a tenant house.

The nearby towns of Edgefield, Johnston, Monetta and Batesburg also were hard hit and widespread damage was reported in the area's big peach orchards.

Accompanying rains spread over northern Alabama, northern Georgia and most of South Carolina.

But the moisture didn't get as far south as the areas in Georgia, Alabama and Florida where huge forest fires raged through

tinder-dry woodlands.

To the north, the weather relented on areas which weathered flood waters, tornadoes, and disastrous dust storms last week.

The swollen Ohio river, sending its flood crest rolling down towards the Mississippi, was dropping rapidly in Indiana.

It hit a 44.5 flood crest at Evansville Sunday and 80 families driven from their homes in the area were not expected to get back until mid-week.

Upstream, the falling waters yielded three bodies in Ohio. They brought to at least seven the total of Ohio flood victims.

In the Southwest, government weathermen foresaw no resumption of the savage winds which

Rain, Snow Dumped On Most of Oregon

Portland — (U.P.) — Just how March comes in or goes out seems to have little effect on what happens in the middle of the month—weatherwise, that is.

The weatherman played a dirty trick on Oregon's spring gardeners yesterday and last night by dumping a lot of rain and some snow on most of the state. But the forecast for tomorrow calls for improvement with a return to sunny skies predicted for most areas.

A light snow covered most of western Oregon this morning, but it quickly melted. In eastern Oregon there was snow on the ground.

Temperatures were expected to continue cold throughout the state tonight with daytime temperatures a little higher tomorrow.

churned up dry topsoil into huge orange and chocolate clouds last week.

The situation was still serious, however, and Colorado congressmen feared little could be done

Youths Enjoy Brief Escape From School

Chehalis, Wash. — (U.P.) — Fourteen inmates of Green Hill Academy, formerly the Washington State Training School here, escaped from the institution at 1:15 a. m. today, but five of them were recaptured less than two hours later.

Superintendent Robert Venemon said four boys were recaptured in Toledo, Wash., at 3 a. m. Another youth was caught in Centralia about the same time. A search continued for the nine boys still at large.

Venemon said the boys broke out of their cottage by taking the keys away from cottage supervisor Ron Butler after threatening him with a chain.

Mystery Shot Fatal To Retired Rancher

The Dalles — (U.P.) — State police and Sherman county authorities are investigating the shooting of Thomas Jefferson Coyle, 72-year-old retired rancher from Grass Valley.

Coyle was found shot to death Friday afternoon about 3½ miles south of Grass Valley Dr. Homer Harris, director of the state crime laboratory, has been called in to help investigate the shooting.

State police said the body was found near Coyle's pickup truck with a shotgun and three empty shells nearby.

to save the state's winter wheat crop.

Pride Aims at Joint US-Nationalist Plan

Taipei, Formosa — (U.P.) — Vice Adm. Alfred M. Pride, commander of the U. S. Seventh fleet, leaves today after 10 days of conferences aimed at formation of a joint U.S.-Nationalist command.

There was no official comment but unofficial sources said the command would begin operating sometime in April to strengthen military cooperation between U.S. naval and air units and the Nationalist armed forces.

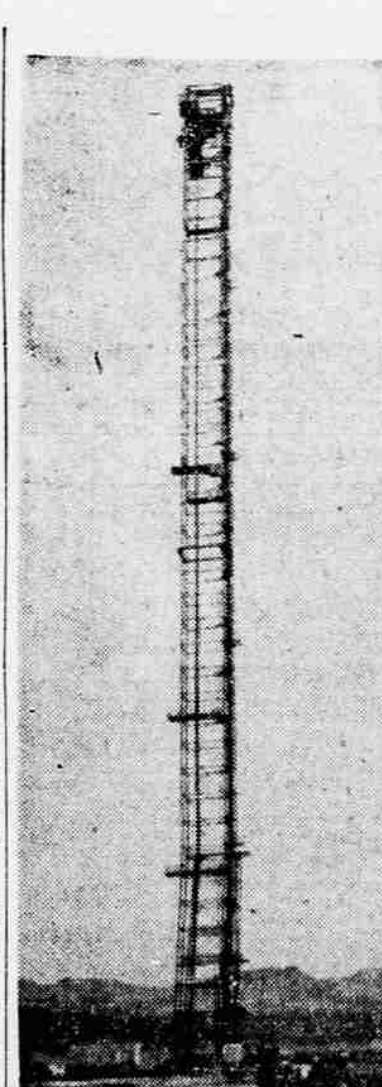
Gen. James A. Van Fleet, former United Nations commander in Korea, will visit Formosa soon to inspect Nationalist military installations and forces, American sources reported.

Another American military figure, Marine Gen. Alan Sharples, was inspecting Nationalist Marine training facilities. He arrived Friday on a 10-day stay.

Ten Most Wanted Insects in Oregon

Salem — (U.P.) — The FBI has its list of "10 most wanted men." Well, the State Department of Agriculture, not to be outdone, has compiled a list of Oregon's "10 most-wanted insects."

On the list of the "10 worst" insect pests are irrigated-land wireworms, root weevils, grasshoppers, codling moth, cherry fruit flies, pear psylla, green peach aphid, common cattle grub, spruce bud worm and Douglas fir beetle.



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Libel Bill Up for Final Action In House; Light Calendar Slated

Salem — (U.P.) — A measure to limit libel damages to actual damage suffered when a newspaper or radio station commits libel inadvertently then makes a retraction, was up for final action in the House today.

Another measure up for final House action would extend the time or veterans to pay off their state farm and home loans from the present 20 years to 25 years.

A state judicial council to strengthen Oregon's judicial system would be set up under terms of a measure before the House for final action.

Both House and Senate had light calendars today, six mea-

sures up for final action in the Senate and five in the House, including a House - approved joint memorial asking Congress to provide funds for water resources investigations.

Auto Driver Cited Following Collision

Leavy W. Bigger, Camp White, was cited for failure to yield the right of way following an accident on Highway 62 at the entrance to Camp White Saturday evening, according to state police.

The investigating officer said Bigger's car was not involved, but that it entered the highway forcing cars driven by William W. Brazz, Grenada, Calif., and Leroy V. Kreigher, 419 Newtown st., Medford, into a collision.

Also Saturday evening a car driven by Lester Raymond Adkins, Lake Creek, left the Brownsboro road about four miles east of Eagle Point. He told the investigating officer he had been forced off by an approaching car. The officer took him to Community hospital for treatment of cuts about the face. The car had to be towed away.

MOTORISTS CONFUSED

San Francisco — (U.P.) — The city planning department took the wrappings off one-way signs on two downtown streets Sunday to speed the heavy flow of traffic. It took police four hours to unsnarl the jam of confused motorists.

Another Senate measure would authorize officers of other states to return parole violators to Oregon.

The House Labor and Industries committee will hold a hearing tomorrow afternoon on a Senate-approved measure providing that women receive the same pay as men for doing the same work.

A Ways and Means subcommittee will hold a hearing Wednesday on a bill to set up state meat inspection. The House Livestock committee voted 4 to 3 in favor of the bill.

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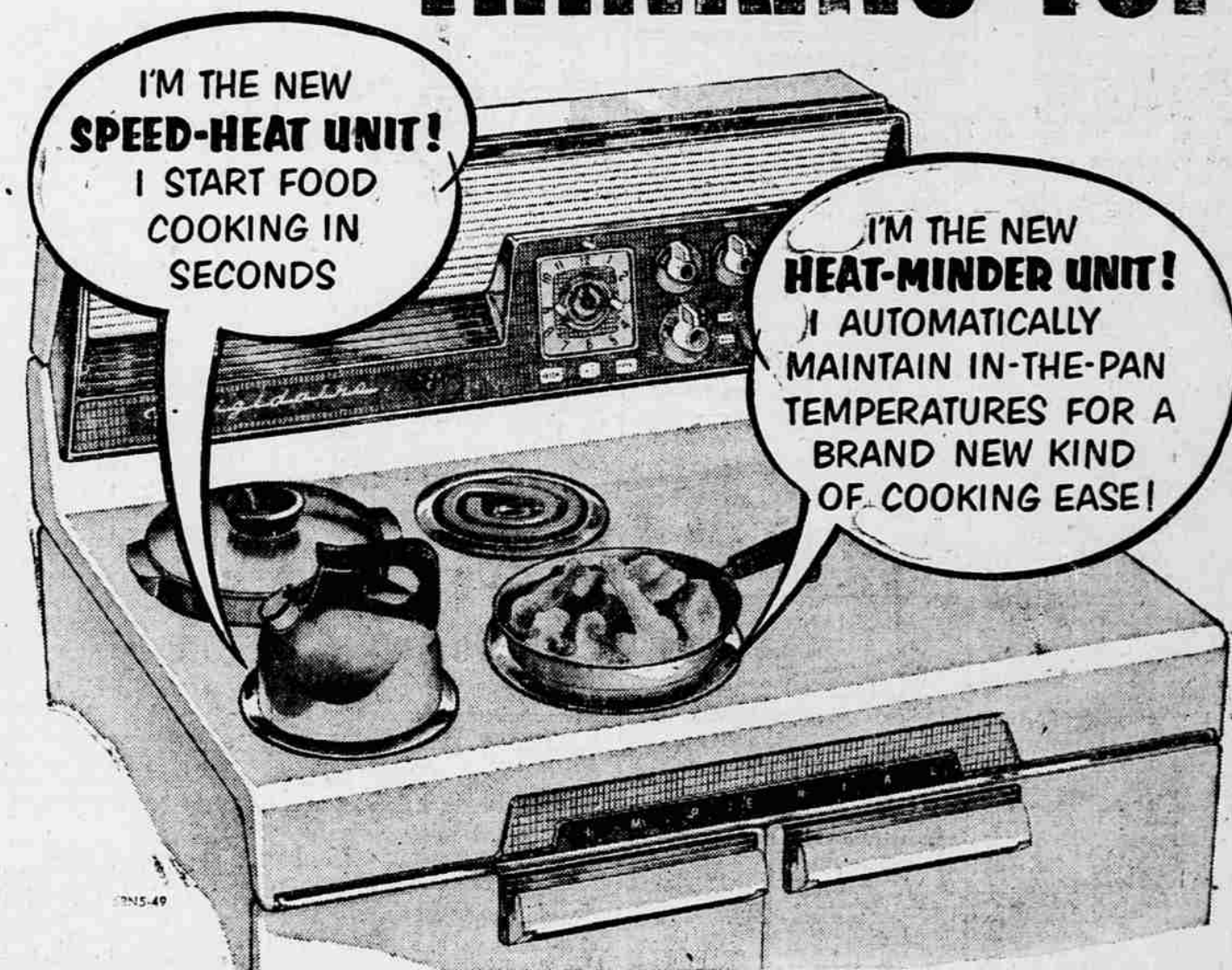
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