



RECRUIT TRAINING—Shown above is part of the recruit training class of Company A, 186th Infantry, Medford unit of the National Guard. The class is made up of new enlistees with less than four months service in the Guard. Pictured above are Privates Louis Nickel, James Martin, Donald Jenkins, Phillip Austin, Albert Peabody; second row, Larry McDonald, David Wright, Jared Black, Fritz Rumble, William Mason, Jimmie McKee; third row, Robert Thomas, John Hawley of Headquarters company, Melvin Saltmarsh, Edward Robinson, Robert Mason, Donald Rowden; fourth row,



PROPER POSITION—Lt. Donald M. Ivie, executive officer of Headquarters company, 186th Infantry, Medford unit of the National Guard, demonstrates the proper sitting position with the new sniper scope. Members of the class are, left to right, first row, Sgt. Milton A. Kornstad, Pfc. Michael W. Hawkins, Pfc. John A. Bellack, Pfc. Robert E. Larson, Pfc. William J. Wyman, Pfc. Ronald L. Negles; second row, Pfc. Jack H. McCandless, Pvt. Eugene D. Wingham, Pfc. Stanley D. McClanahan, Pvt. George F. Perreard, Pvt. Ronald A. Muir, and Sp3 David R. Ashton. Besides being executive officer, Lt. Ivie is the motor officer for the battalion, and is a special staff officer to the battalion commander. Lt. Ivie, along with Lt. Jack Phillips, platoon leader of Company A, are directors of the one-day recruiting drive here Sunday, Feb. 19. The one-day campaign nationwide is expected to recruit about 75,000 enlistees for the National Guard, to bring the organization up to the full quota set by Congress. There will be open house at the North Bartlett st. Army in connection with the drive.—(Baker's Photo).

Snow NW Families

By UNITED PRESS
An icy snow storm marooned families in the Pacific Northwest today and flooding rains pounded the Southland.

The Northwest cold and snows closed schools and blocked roads in Eastern Washington's Douglas and Okanogan counties. Many Douglas county families, marooned for four days by drifted roads, were reported running low on food and fuel.

Mercury 20 Below
Temperatures plunged to 20 degrees below zero in the snow-bound area and forecasters could see no immediate warmup. At Seattle, a 17-above reading made it the coldest Feb. 15 on record.

Sub-zero cold also gripped the Rocky Mountain states, along with snows which were expected to mount to blizzard proportions in Colorado and Wyoming by tomorrow. Low temperatures early today included 29 below at both Cutbank and Lewistown in Montana and 17 below at Sheridan, Wyo.

Temperatures were balmy in the Southland, but they teamed up with torrential rains which triggered flash floods at New Orleans and Hot Springs, Ark.

Water Over Curbs
The water lapped over street curbs at New Orleans, where more than three inches of rain pounded down in two hours yesterday. Car backwashes forced the water into stores.

Earlier, the worst flood in 33 years sent water running four feet deep down Hot Springs' Central ave. A woman was swept to her death from the top of her car. Flood water crashed through store windows. Damage was estimated to be at least \$250,000.

Violent weather claimed two other lives in Dixie. A tornado killed one person near Sugar Loaf, Ark., and a pilot died

...this jet F84F Thunderbolt crashed while trying to make an instrument landing in Florida.

European Rivers Clogged by Ice, Floods Threatened

London—(U.P.)—A threat of floods by ice-choked rivers today spurred new fears in weather-plagued Europe where at least 584 persons have died in the worst cold wave of a century.

The latest count of victims claimed by cold and snow and weather-triggered accidents showed: France 150; Italy 111; Germany 65; Yugoslavia 58; Britain 39; Denmark 31; Portugal 22; Greece 17; Turkey 17; Sweden 15; Austria 14; Switzerland 14; Holland 12; Belgium 10 and Spain 9.

Flood Threats
The threat of floods rose because ice clogged many of the great inland waterways which criss-crossed Central Europe and heavy snows fell in many areas.

On the Rhine river, ice jammed the narrows by the fabled Lorelei Rock, backing up a 13-mile stretch of water 15 feet deep. Highways and railways were closed and homes in the village of Lorch were evacuated.

U. S. Army Engineers stood by at Kitzinge, 75 miles down river from Frankfurt, ready to blast an ice jam that plugged the Rhine for more than six miles.

An ice pack that has clogged the Danube in Southern Bavaria was crunching slowly down river toward Vienna under the pressure of pent up waters. Another huge floe was moving down from Hungary on the Austrian capital.

River Frozen
The Inn river was frozen solid for a 25-mile stretch along the Bavarian-Austrian border.

With predictions of a break in the cold later this week, experts expressed concern that the rivers would not be able to contain the expected flow from melting snows.

But there was still no immediate relief in sight for the millions suffering through the third week on an unprecedented cold spell. The icy front moved down from Siberia Feb. 1.

New Snow Storm Moves in Northwest

Portland—(U.P.)—A snow-laden storm moved into the Northwest from Canada today.

The weather man predicted about three inches of snow would fall in the Portland area overnight, tapering off Friday.

Snow was reported early today as far south as Toledo, Wash. The snow came on the heels of a cold wave which sent temperatures plunging below zero in parts of Eastern Oregon. Baker had 8 below, Burns 5 below and Bend and Redmond 1 below. Portland had 18 above, Salem 18, Medford 14, Roseburg 14, Brookings 27, Astoria 20, Newport 18 and North Bend 23.

County CD Officials Participate in Test

Jackson county civil defense personnel, public schools, and other organizations and officials took part in a statewide civil defense air test warning at 10:10 a.m. today.

The Medford key point at state police headquarters received the first test warning from Salem and contacted the Jackson county sub-key station at the city police station.

Police officers contacted the county civil defense headquarters, various key points in surrounding cities, all public schools and related county officials and civil defense personnel.

The statewide air tests are made about once a month.

Weather
FORECAST: Cloudy with light snow tonight and Friday. Low tonight 20. High Friday 38.
Temp. Highest yesterday 33
Lowest this morning 14
Prec. to 4:30 a.m. today .03

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Benson Blames Wage Hikes for Farmer Squeeze

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson charged today that wage increases for labor were largely responsible for the cost-price squeeze on farmers.

Most of the wage increases for labor in the food industry, Benson said, were "paid for by ranchers and farmers—who paid it by taking lower prices for meat animals."

He also charged that more than half the wage increases for food processing and distribution since 1947 were unjustified.

Approves Soil Bank Plan
Benson referred to "excessive" wage increases as "round after round of soft wage settlements" in a speech prepared for delivery before the Western States Meat Packers association. He coupled the labor attack with praise and condemnation of the farm bill approved by the Senate Agriculture committee. He approved the administration-backed soil bank plan contained in the bill but said he was "distressed" at the committee's vote to revive "90 per cent rigid, wartime emergency supports on basic commodities."

"Wage increases that reflect a corresponding gain in labor productivity are clearly justified," Benson said. "But when wages outrun labor productivity, the result is increased costs. On equipment and production support for which he is the consumer, the farmer pays the cost."

"Between 1947-49 and 1955, wage rates in food processing and distribution increased 43 per cent.

"Less than half of this increase was offset by gains in labor productivity. More than half became an increase in the labor cost per unit of food handled. In these years the retail price of food rose 11 per cent, but the wage cost per unit of food processed and distributed rose 26 per cent. Clearly farmers absorbed some of the difference—and their prices were correspondingly depressed," Benson said.

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Missing Fliers Found

Coffee and Other Supplies Dropped For Stranded Pair

La Grande—(U.P.)—Karl Singhr, 29, and Harry Rutledge, 42, both of Kennewick, Wash., were rescued at 12:15 p.m. today by a ground party at the site of a light plane crash in the Blue mountains near here.

La Grande—(U.P.)—A ground party equipped with snowmobile left here today to rescue two Washington fliers, stranded in deep snow and sub-zero weather in the Blue mountains of eastern Oregon since Tuesday.

The ground party, composed of six men, was expected to reach the two fliers early this afternoon.

Earl Snyder, director of the State Board of Aeronautics, flew over the area west of here this morning and dropped coffee and other supplies to them. He said they appeared to be in good condition.

Sighted in Clearing
The pair, Karl Singhr, 29, and Harry Rutledge, 42, both of Kennewick, Wash., went down in their light private plane Tuesday afternoon.

A search plane reported late yesterday sighting the pair and the plane in a small clearing about eight miles due west of La Grande. Both men were walking about and appeared to be unhurt.

Ted Grote of Joseph and Jack Kriezenbeck of Enterprise were flying the craft and sighted the wreckage at 3:43 p.m. yesterday. They said the plane apparently made a forced landing and nosed over in a hilly section. As they flew over the spot both men waved and showed no indications of being injured.

Fire Serves As Signal
The two men were down near some old buildings, the searchers reported, and had a fire going to serve both as a signal and to protect them from the bitter cold. Temperatures in the area dropped down to nearly 10 degrees below zero last night.

Snyder took off immediately upon receiving word of the plane's location and dropped food, a portable radio and sleeping bags.

Attempts were launched to take a Sno-cat in to bring the men out but operators were unable to get the machine started. It was decided to wait until daylight before sending the rescue mission in.

Singhr, a Kennewick trailer dealer, was piloting the plane when it disappeared on a flight from Halfway, Ore., to Pasco, Wash.

Lima, Peru—(U.P.)—A revolution has broken out in the city of Iquitos in the Upper Amazon river region, the government announced today.

TAX OFFICIALS ACT TO END CONFUSION

A statement regarding property taxation in Jackson county was issued today by the chief state and county assessing officers.

They said they hoped it would clear up confusion which has arisen over procedures used in assessing property in Jackson county for the current tax year.

The matter arose when State Tax Commissioner Samuel B. Stewart reported at a recent meeting here that real property in the county this year was being taxed on a basis where "true cash value" was figured at 100 per cent of "market value."

A statement in reply to this which challenged some of Stewart's statements was issued later by the assessor's office. The joint statement issued today follows:

Clarify Confusion
"It is the hope of the State Tax Commission and the Jackson County Assessor's office that confusion arising from recent conflicting statements about property taxes in Jackson county this year can be clarified by this joint statement.

"The facts are these: 'Real property in Jackson county for the current tax year was assessed on a formula which resulted in 'true cash value' being figured at 100 per cent of 'market value.'

"This was done as the result of a misunderstanding somewhere between the two offices.

"However, it should be understood that the net result of this action is negligible to virtually all taxpayers. Since the formula applied to all real property taxpayers in the county, there was no inequity created among them.

The only inequity was that real property was taxed on a slightly different basis than was personal property, and the difference in most cases, if any, amounted to a few cents. In the case of large property tax payers, the maximum difference would amount to only a few dollars.

Formula Corrected
"The formula has been corrected and will be applied correctly in coming tax years.

"The reasons for what tax increases there were lie elsewhere, but are not to be found in any single reason. In some cases they resulted from more realistic appraisals of property under the reappraisal program. In all cases they reflected a large increase in the overall tax levy, resulting from increases in the budgets of the county and of most school districts and some communities and other taxing units.

"It is our conviction that the work being done by groups making a study of property taxation and budgeting in Oregon is valuable, and may lead ultimately to simplification of taxation procedures, many of which have their origin in the last century, and which we feel to be unnecessarily complicated and confusing to the average taxpayer."

Samuel B. Stewart, State Tax Commissioner. Robert G. Fowler, County Assessor, acting through Mrs. Elva Jennings, chief deputy assessor.

Regional Reclamation Director in Medford
Harold Nelson, regional bureau of reclamation director, will be in Medford tonight and has expressed willingness to discuss flood control possibilities with those interested. Lee McAllister, bureau area engineer in Salem, has announced.

Nelson will accompany McAllister to Illinois Valley Friday to survey projects proposed in that area.

President Ditches Campaign Thoughts For Quail Hunting

Thomasville, Ga.—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower sidetracked thoughts about seeking a second term today and mapped a different sort of campaign—with shotgun against southern Georgia quail.

There was a threat of rain but the President was hopeful. He planned another try, weather permitting, for the quail that eluded him in two hours of roaming the pine and brush-covered acreage of Treasury Secretary George M. Humphrey's "Milestone" plantation Wednesday.

Anxious To Hunt
Mr. Eisenhower was so anxious to hunt—his first such outing since his heart attack last Sept. 24—that 15 minutes after he arrived at the Humphrey estate from Washington Wednesday afternoon, he had changed from his brown business suit into hunting clothes and was ready to go with his 410-gauge shotgun.

He and Humphrey climbed into a hunting "roadster," a four-wheeler vehicle drawn by two white mules and with room for the hunters sitting on leather-covered seats atop a compartment for bird dogs and drove for two hours in search for quail.

Other Possibilities
Mr. Eisenhower has plenty of other recreational possibilities if his quail hunt continues to be poor. He brought his paints and easel with him, plus his bag of golf clubs. Within a few days, he may try two or three holes of golf at the Glen Arven Country club outside Thomasville.

"Friendly crowds greeted the President and Mrs. Eisenhower almost the entire 43 miles from Spence Air Force Base to the plantation and he responded frequently by getting to his feet and waving with one arm, then the other to the people cheering him.

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Fire almost destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Fennell, 150 Winema way, early this morning and the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Hawkins, 738 West 14th st., was considerably damaged in another morning blaze.

The fire at the Fennell home was not discovered until it was well underway, since the family was not at home. Chief Richard Krupp of the Central Point Rural Fire Protection district said. They have been vacationing at New Orleans, La.

Flames Through Roof
Flames were burning through the roof of the three-bedroom structure when they were noticed and reported to the rural district by Arthur J. Churchman, 105 Winema way, about 3:20 a.m.

Krupp said the nine firemen dispatched to the scene with four vehicles were successful in preventing spread of the flames to a carport and garage. The fire apparently started in the master bedroom, Krupp stated, but the exact cause was not known.

Firemen were severely handicapped by freezing weather. Since the area is not in a water district, all water used had to be hauled to the scene. Krupp said special precautions had to be taken to prevent freezing.

Clothing Saved
He said that some clothing and furniture, partially damaged, was saved and is being cared for by relatives.

Fennell is sales manager for Double Dee Lumber company, Tolo.

Fire at the Hawkins residence about 5:55 a.m. apparently originated from the stovepipe or flue and the ceiling and wall of one room and the attic and roof were damaged. City firemen said they were told that Hawkins built a fire in a wood stove about 4:30 a.m. and went back to bed. He was awakened by the sound of the fire.

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