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FORECAST — Considerable cloudiness with occasional light rain or snow through Monday. High today 40, low tonight 26. High Monday 42. Temp. — 40. Highest yesterday — 23. Lowest yesterday — 13. Precip. — 0. To 5 p.m. yesterday — Trace

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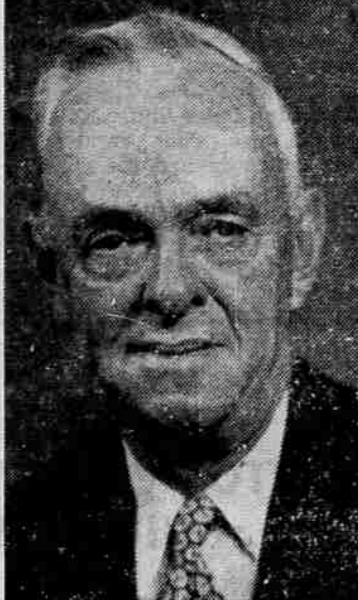
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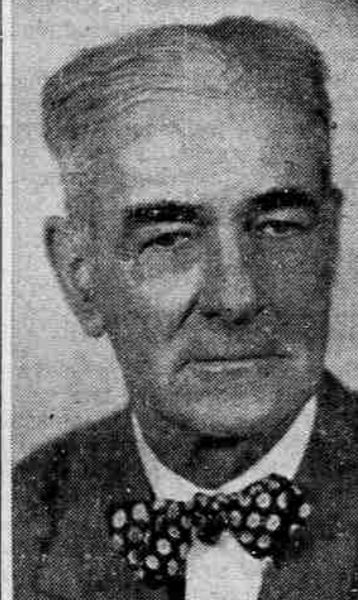
Worst Military Crash In Country's History

Valletta, Malta — (U.P.) — A transport plane carrying British troops home to England from Suez crashed on takeoff Saturday killing 50 persons. It was the second worst disaster in British aviation history. All 49 men and one woman aboard the four-engined York airliner perished. The victims included 45 Royal Air Force men going home from service in the Suez canal zone, four civilian crewmen of the chartered plane and the stewardess. Early reports said 51 were killed, but a Scottish Airline radio officer believed to be on board arrived safely in England aboard another plane. Worst Military Crash The accident was Britain's worst military air crash. The only British air death toll to exceed it came in the Avro Tudor crash that killed 83 at Llandow, Wales, in 1950. The low-slung, high-winged airliner lifted off the runway at Malta's Luqqa airfield about 1:00 p.m. Seconds later it stalled and smashed to earth in a burst of fire. Seats in the Scottish Airlines, Ltd., plane faced backwards, a safety specification of the war office for chartered troop carriers. But the impact squashed the plane into a silver splash of smouldering metal, making the safety precaution useless. The plane had made a lunchtime spot on the British-owned Mediterranean island, roughly half way between Suez and Gibraltar, before flying on to England. While British and Maltese crews worked through the afternoon to recover the bodies, the British Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation in London ordered investigators to fly here today for an inquiry. Eighteen months ago the backward-facing seats were credited with saving the lives of 45 troops when another Scottish Airlines York crashed on takeoff. Authorities said the pilot, British civilian Capt. Frank Coker, apparently tried to crash-land the plane in a field.

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MELVIN LATTIE Commissioner Candidate (Brainerd Photo)



RAWLES MOORE Seeks Judge's Office (Brainerd Photo)

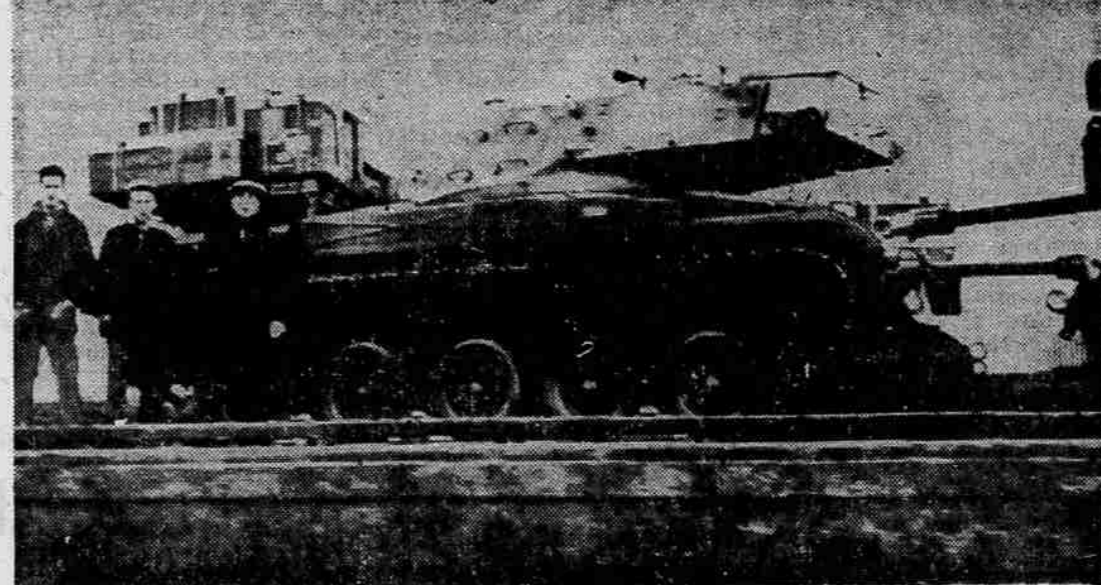
Melvin J. Lattie, prominent valley orchardist and businessman, Friday filed his candidacy for county commissioner. In 1944, Lattie moved to Jackson county with his wife and son, James, from California where he had been affiliated with the Pacific Clay Products company as national sales manager of the pottery division. A native of Malden, Mass., Lattie was educated in Milton, N. H. He spent several years working on his father's farm and for three years supervised highway construction in Carroll county in New Hampshire. At present, Lattie operates an orchard. He has been a director of Southern Oregon Production Credit association for several years, and of Southern Oregon Sales, Inc. He also has served on the Phoenix school board, is master of the Phoenix Grange, and is currently serving on the tax and resolutions committees of Pomona Grange. The family are members of the First Presbyterian church of Medford.

District Court Judge Rawles Moore filed his candidacy Friday for re-election to the non-partisan office in the May 18 primary. He has served since 1950, for the first full term since district court was created by the legislature in 1949. A graduate of George Washington university law school, Judge Moore and his wife have resided in the valley since 1917, when he established a law practice in Medford. Their daughters, Mrs. Kenneth R. Beebe and Mrs. Harvey D. Fields, live in Medford and a son, David, is a geologist in Casper, Wyo. During Moore's studies at the university, he was a student of U. S. Supreme Court Justice John Marshall Harlan, grandfather of the present Justice Harlan.

No Hope Seen for Overriding Veto Of Natural Gas Bill

Supports Say Action For 'Political' Gain

Washington — (U.P.) — Friends and foes of the hot natural gas bill agreed Saturday that President Eisenhower's veto made it a cold dead duck in 1956. They said there is no hope of getting the necessary two-thirds majority to override the veto—especially in the house, which passed the bill by only six votes. Also, there appeared to be no inclination to start over with a new bill this year despite Mr. Eisenhower's statement that legislation on the same lines is "needed." Deep in Gloom Deep in gloom, supporters of the bill raised a cry that the president vetoed the measure for "political" gain in an election year. And a number of congressional leaders said publicly and privately that the president's action showed he is a candidate for re-election. The president said he vetoed the bill because of the "highly questionable" activities of some "private persons" in pressing for its passage. That was an obvious reference to circumstances surrounding the now famous \$2500 campaign contribution from an oil company attorney rejected by Sen. Francis Case (R-SD). Mrs. Eisenhower lashed out at "efforts that I deem to be so arrogant and so much in defiance of acceptable standards of propriety as to risk creating doubt among the American people concerning the integrity of governmental processes."



EMBARGO LIFTED—An M-41 Walker Bulldog, one of 18 Army standard light tanks awaiting shipment to Saudi Arabia, is shown aboard a barge at Brooklyn to be transferred aboard the SS James Monroe for shipment. The Administration last night ordered an embargo on Middle East arms shipments lifted. —(NEA)

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"This examination has taken place and it was confirmed that all licenses (for Middle East shipments) conformed with the above criteria," the statement said. "The president has, therefore, decided to permit the export of those items covered by outstanding valid export licenses for the Arab states and Israel which have not already gone forward." The statement added that requests for arms which have not been approved and any future requests would be subject "to the most careful scrutiny in the light of policies" set forward in a 1950 American-British-French declaration and in acts of congress. Consideration will be given also under "a continuing review of the situation in the area," it said.

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Wrong Next-of-Kin Notified by Marines

Niles, Calif. — (U.P.) — A Marine transport plane that crashed near here carried 40 Marines to their deaths instead of 38, the Marine Corps announced Saturday after the tragedy was compounded by the notification of the wrong next-of-kin of many of the fatalities. A "grievous and serious error" was blamed for the mixup that resulted in death notices being wired to the families of 32 Marines who were not aboard the four-engine plane that smashed into a fog-veiled ridge Friday. Wires were also sent to the families of the five crewmen and one hitch-hiking Marine aboard the plane but these were correct, a corps spokesman said. 34 Passengers Capt. W. R. Swindell, public information officer, at Camp Pendleton in southern California, said last night the passenger list contained 34 names. Maj. R. J. Meeker, PIO at El Toro Marine base, confirmed that five crewmen and a hitchhiking Marine boarded the plane there. Ground parties last night completed removal of the bodies from the remote area of southern Alameda county in California's "aerial graveyard" just east of San Francisco bay. Swindell said the corrected casualty list would be released today at about 8 p.m. PST. A Marine spokesman at El Toro Marine base in southern California gave this explanation for the snafu: Five Marine transports left El Toro Friday for Alameda Naval Air station near Oakland, Calif., with 160 Hawaii-bound troops. List Switched By accident, the passenger list for planes 3 and 4 were switched. When El Toro learned that plane 3 had crashed, it sent the passenger list for plane 4 to Washington headquarters which notified relatives of Marines on plane 4. The list of five crewmen and the hitch-hiking Marine were correct because it was compiled apart from that of the passengers. The error came to light yesterday when a San Diego woman, notified that her son had been killed, telephoned El Toro to report she had heard from him in San Francisco. The Marine Corps rushed to correct the mistake but in many cases it was too late. The 32 Marines were ordered to telephone home immediately. 'Grievous Error' "It was a grievous and serious error," the base spokesman said. Meanwhile, the Marine Corps, Army and Navy assembled 150 men to remove the bodies after a 15-man Corps board of inquiry conducted an official investigation. A preliminary investigation showed that the pilot was about six miles off course as he "let down" to land at Alameda Naval Air station. The plane was only six minutes from a landing when it crashed. The crash scene was in the approach area to several East Bay air fields. It was the third major air crash in that area in 4 1/2 years, and brought to 123 the number of persons killed.

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Memorial Dinner Tickets on Sale

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Washington — (U.P.) — Sens. Wayne L. Morse and Richard L. Neuberger Saturday asked four government groups to investigate the proposed merger of International Paper Co. and Long-Bell Lumber Co. The Oregon Democrats made their request to the Federal Trade Commission, Justice Department, Senate Judiciary Committee and Senate Small Business Committee. They said in a joint statement that International is the world's biggest paper producer with large timber holdings in the U. S. Long-Bell, they said, is the nation's second largest lumber company. "If consummated, such a union of two corporate giants would have far-reaching economic implications, especially for the state of Oregon," the senators said.

President Steps Up Pace of Activity

Thomasville, Ga. — (U.P.) President Eisenhower went gunning for quail again Saturday, sharpening his shooting eye like a true sportsman and testing his stamina as a matter of practical politics. In playing golf and spending long hours with a shotgun in the broom sage fields of the Milestone plantation of Treasury Secretary George M. Humphrey, Mr. Eisenhower was accomplishing several purposes: 1. He was getting relaxation and forms of recreation denied him since his heart attack of last Sept. 24. 2. He was following the advice of his doctors by stepping up his rate of physical exertion to toughen him for more active days ahead in Washington. 3. He was finding out for himself just how much body endurance he has in the wake of a coronary thrombosis, finding out where to expect the point of undesired fatigue.

County Planners To Meet February 27

The first regular meeting of the Jackson county planning commission will be held Monday, Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the courthouse. The nine-member commission is expected to form policies and complete organization, according to President John Pletsch. Named to the commission in by the county court were Pletsch; Edwin W. Gebhard, Central Point; Edward S. Strother, Shady Cove; Stuart V. McQueen, Medford; John Niedermeyer, Jacksonville; Lloyd Selby, Ashland; Edward F. Bolt, Gold Hill; Don B. Whalin, Medford; and David B. Lowery, Phoenix. Members of the court also will attend the session. The commission was formed "to develop a pattern for the physical and economic development of the county," County Judge J. Rodne, Keating said.

