

# Tornado Barrage Spreads Wide Destruction

## Ike Wins Wisconsin Test

### Democrats Claim Moral Victory For Kefauver

#### Democratic Backers See Farmer Revolt

Milwaukee, Wis.—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower beat Sen. Estes Kefauver in Wisconsin's "popularity contest" presidential primary election Tuesday.

The Democrats claimed Kefauver's showing amounted to a moral victory. The Republicans said the results proved little.

With 3,219 of the state's 3,323 precincts reporting, the vote was:

Eisenhower 416,212; Kefauver 318,058.

The President got about 55 per cent of the vote and Kefauver pulled in about 42 per cent. John Chapple, whose slate opposed the Eisenhower delegation, got about 3 per cent and 17,162 votes.

#### Sees 'Farm Revolt'

By comparison, Mr. Eisenhower had 61 per cent of the vote in November, 1952, when he defeated Adlai E. Stevenson, 979,744 to 622,175.

Kefauver's supporters said his total pointed up a "farm revolt" and made him front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination. The Eisenhower partisans said Kefauver had failed in his bid to woo Republicans and farmers in Wisconsin.

The disagreement stemmed from the different views of the party leaders took of the primary as a real test of voter feeling.

#### 50-50 Split Expected

Republican State Chairman Philip Kuehn, Milwaukee, said before the election he expected the split between the parties to be about 50-50.

Democratic State Chairman Philo Nash, Wisconsin Rapids, said any Democratic total beyond 25 per cent—the share his party had in the 1952 primary vote—would be significant.

The primary, watched closely as a midwestern test of the two candidates' voter appeal, technically was an election of party delegates for the national conventions.

#### Won on First Ballot

Kefauver won the 28 Democratic convention votes before the first ballot was cast—he was unopposed on his side of the ballot.

Mr. Eisenhower swept the 30-member Republican convention delegation easily from Chapple, an Ashland, Wis., editor who headed a "pro-American" late in the GOP primary.

### Indians Are Moved to California Hospital

Mrs. Rosie McDonald, 84, and her sister, Mrs. Nellie Griffin, 82, were transferred from Community hospital to a hospital in Crescent City, Calif., by Medford Ambulance yesterday.

Both are full-blooded Yurok Indians from Smith River, Calif., who were critically injured in an automobile accident Feb. 6. They have been hospitalized here since the day after the accident, when they were brought here from a Grants Pass hospital.

Mrs. McDonald suffered a leg fracture, and Mrs. Griffin had a broken arm and leg. Mrs. Griffin's husband, Seelye, driver of the car at the time of the accident which involved another car and a logging truck, was released from the Grants Pass hospital several weeks ago after treatment for a broken arm.

Portland — (U.P.) — The city council will hold a hearing June 13 to decide whether to place the water fluoridation issue before the city's voters in November.

### Syria Warns Great Powers To Leave Palestine Alone

United Nations, N. Y. — (U.P.) — Syria warned the great powers today to keep hands off Palestine.

Russia, backing up the Arabs, added a warning that it would not permit action by the U. N. Security Council to be used as a pretext to justify Western military intervention in the troubled Middle East.

Soviet Delegate Arkady A. Golev, arguing for elimination of a statement that the Palestine question endangers international peace and security, told the council all the words might be "used later to justify separate action, that is, action outside the Security Council."

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**CANDIDATES STRUT STUFF**—A dozen candidates for political office can be spotted in the picture above, snapped last night during the "old-fashioned political rally" sponsored by the Eagle Point Grange. The event, which was preceded by a torch-light parade in the streets of Eagle Point, was the brainchild of Charlie Hoover, lecturer for the Grange, who is

shown at left above shaking hands with one of the candidates. Jimmy Dunlevy (the portly gentleman in the senatorial hat lighting the lamp at the right) was a chief aide in the project. County Judge Rodney Keating (behind lamp) was picked as best-dressed of those wearing 1890-style garments. All the candidates attending could not be squeezed into the picture. —(Brainerd photo)

### Large Crowd, Most Candidates Attend Political Rally

Eagle Point—A packed hall greeted the majority of Jackson county's political candidates last night at the Eagle Point Grange's old-fashioned political rally. A torch light parade preceded the rally.

C. C. Hoover, general chairman, presided, assisted by women of the Grange dressed in old-fashioned garb. They escorted guests to the stage, including Karl and William von der Hellen, members of the valley's first football team, and C. H. Racey Moore, who played during the time Prink Callison coached.

**Humorous Debate**  
Ralph Jennings, Jackson county sheriff in 1916, related some law enforcement assignments, and Hoover and James Dunlevy engaged in a brief humorous debate followed by a recitation by Hoover.

Mrs. Lottie VanScoy, Eagle Point, was crowned queen of the "Eagle Point Grange Political season," and County Judge Rodney Keating, a candidate for delegate to the Republican national convention, was selected the best dressed candidate.

A special event which brought applause from the audience was a comedy boxing bout between District Judge Rawles Moore and Attorney O. H. Bengtson, who is seeking the district judgeship. The only blow struck was when Dunlevy, acting as Judge Moore's second, tripped over the water bucket and hit the stage.

### Neuberger Continues To Single Out McKay

By UNITED PRESS

The battle of words for Oregon's upcoming primary election was growing hotter today as Sen. Richard L. Neuberger continued his attack on Interior Secretary Douglas McKay and at the same time came under fire of two Republicans.

Neuberger spoke in The Dalles last night and singled out McKay as exemplifying what he called the administration's "deliberate slowing industrial expansion of the Columbia Basin." Neuberger said McKay supported the \$800,000,000 Upper Colorado project but "claimed there was not sufficient money in the U. S. treasury for the \$308,000,000 Hells Canyon dam."

Mrs. Frederic W. Young, secretary of the Republican State Central Committee, defended from an attack by Neuberger the pollbook signing bill that

was passed by the 1955 Legislature. She said Oregon's law was patterned after a model law of the National Municipal League which also requires voter identification at the polls. "Sen. Neuberger is a member of the league committee which backed the model law," she said.

Neuberger yesterday called on Gov. Elmo Smith to call a special session to repeal the law which he said would discourage voting. It requires voters to sign their names twice.

Gov. Smith indicated he would call no special session.

Robert A. Elliott, a member of Philip Hitchcock's campaign committee for Jackson county, labeled Neuberger as Sen. Wayne Morse's "hatchet man" in the primary senatorial election involving Hitchcock and McKay.

Elliott charged "Neuberger is in Oregon making vicious, bickering, name-calling attacks against Secretary McKay. It is the hope of both Neuberger and Morse that they can incite enough Republican party sympathy for Secretary McKay that this sympathy vote will defeat Hitchcock in the primary."

Hitchcock said he had been accused of "not knowing who I'm running against. There may be confusion in the mind of a man who would make such a statement, but none in my mind. I'm running against Wayne Morse."

**DOW-JONES AVERAGES**  
New York—(U.P.)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 518.68, up 2.77; 20 rails 171.64, up 0.23; 15 utilities 67.14, off 0.03; and 65 stocks 182.27, up 0.58. Sales today were about 2,760,000 shares, the same as yesterday.

### Hearing On Saturday Courthouse Closure Set

A public hearing on proposed Saturday closure of the Jackson county courthouse will be held at 1:30 p.m., April 20, in the county court room, it was announced today.

Courthouse personnel requested a hearing on the proposal. The courthouse is now open Saturday mornings, but several other courthouses in the state are closed all day.

The county court has indicated it wants to conduct the hearing before work on the county budget is completed.

### Smith Won't Call Special Session On Election Laws

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Elmo Smith said today he had no intention of calling what he termed a "costly" special session of the state Legislature to repeal election laws passed by the 1955 session.

Gov. Smith charged that Sen. Richard Neuberger (D-Ore.) had done an about-face when he asked for a special session in a speech before the Portland Central Labor Council Monday night.

He explained that the present election laws were aimed at protecting the voting heritage of all voters, Democrats and Republicans alike.

**Advocated Signatures**  
"Neuberger recently was one of those who advocated in a nationally circulated report that a voter be required to sign his name before being permitted to vote," Gov. Smith said. "Yet this week he demands repeal of the new Oregon election laws which, to avoid fraud, require a voter to properly identify himself."

Gov. Smith said Neuberger's actions were "political and utterly lacking in sincerity."

"At no time has he contacted the governor's office with a special session proposal, although he was in Salem Tuesday and with-in walking distance of the capitol," Gov. Smith declared.

The governor said Neuberger was one of 14 members on the committee on model voter registration system sponsored by the National Municipal League of New York.

**Should Be Identified**  
Among recommendations of the committee was one that every voter should be identified at the polls before being permitted to vote by requiring him to sign his name and by a comparison of the signature with the one already on the registration record, the governor said.

The governor said the objection that the signature requirement would slow up elections was discounted by the committee as having been disproved by actual experience throughout the country.

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower went to the Burning Tree Club for lunch and an afternoon round of golf.

### 49 Persons Dead, Property Damage Reaches Millions

More Than 500 Reported Injured

By UNITED PRESS

Tornadoes and storms that battered a dozen states in a two-day barrage left 49 persons dead, more than 500 injured and hundreds homeless.

Property damage soared into the millions.

The twisters and storms spread destruction from Oklahoma to Michigan.

The Grand Rapids, Mich., area suffered the severest blow. The death count there rose to 24 as rescue crews searched debris.

The Michigan twisters, spawned last night at twilight, struck the surrounding area and narrowly missed Grand Rapids, a city of 250,000.

#### Many States Hit

Elsewhere, tornadoes and storms spread destruction in Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas and Kansas.

In Michigan, one twister swept in from Lake Michigan, narrowly missed Holland, and swung north toward Grand Rapids.

The tornado ripped communities south of Grand Rapids. The bodies of 17 victims were recovered at Hudsonville and six at Standale, a Grand Rapids suburb.

#### Twin Twisters

In Wisconsin, six persons were killed late yesterday at Berlin and two at Bancroft. More than 50 were injured in twin twisters, 16 seriously.

At Berlin, a town of 5,000, 40 employees of the Sands knitting mill were injured. The twister, of 30 seconds duration, ripped roofs from buildings, smashed cars and snapped trees 10 feet from the ground.

Five persons were killed in Tennessee and Mississippi late yesterday as twisters ripped through Dixie's "tornado alley."

Two were killed and 60 injured at Lexington, Tenn., where the Red Cross set up emergency shelters and kitchens for 75 homeless families.

Two others were killed and a dozen injured in Dyer county, Tenn.

At Anthonston, Ky., an 83-year-old woman was killed when a tornado blew her farm home into a pond.

On Monday, the first day of the siege, tornadoes killed five persons at Drumright, Okla., and two in Kansas, at Toronto and Grenola.

In addition, three persons were killed in Texas traffic accidents blamed on one of the worst dust storms in memory.

### Appointments Being Made for Bloodmobile

Appointments for blood donations between 1 and 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, when the Bloodmobile will be at the Elks temple in Medford, may now be made by telephoning Red Cross headquarters, 3-3813, blood drive officials said today.

Medford's quota is 250 pints. Anyone between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive, in good health and weighing at least 110 pounds, is eligible to give blood, officials said.

Potential donors under 21 years of age must have written consent from their parents or guardians.

Salem—(U.P.)—John F. Deininger of Oregon City has been appointed as a member of the Oregon Potato Commission.

### President Thinks Farm Bill in Present Shape Will Be of Little Farmer Help

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower said today that it is problematical whether the farm bill in its present shape would be of any help to farmers.

The chief executive said he still hopes Congress will produce a sensible bill this year, but he thought any benefits from the so-called soil bank would be so late as to be negligible this year.

**Vote Gratitude Expressed**  
Mr. Eisenhower in a meeting with reporters also expressed gratitude over the heavy vote cast for him in the Wisconsin preference primary yesterday.

He declined to analyze his vote as compared to that of Democratic Sen. Estes Kefauver.

Other highlights of the news conference:

1. He declined to join with his chief assistant, Sherman Adams, in recent broad criticism of

### FREWAY ROUTES LIMITED TO TWO

Possible routes for a new freeway in the Medford area have been pretty well narrowed down to two, W. C. (Dutch) Williams, deputy state highway engineer, told the Medford Rotary club yesterday.

They are a route paralleling Genesee st. east of Bear creek, and one skirting the east foothills near Hillcrest orchards, he said. Each would cost approximately the same, Williams reported, and he indicated the state highway commission would welcome community reaction to the two proposals at a public hearing scheduled here in May.

#### Limited Access

Whichever route is selected, he said, would have limited access, and would have no curve greater than two degrees. The

Genesee route would extend over Jackson and Main sts., and would block no city streets, the engineer stated. The eastern route would be about two miles further away from the downtown area, and would go through some valuable orchard lands, Williams explained. He said that careful study of routes on the west side of the valley have virtually eliminated them from serious consideration.

Williams recounted some of the history of Oregon's 86-year-old highway system, and he estimated that \$800,000,000 have been spent during that time, about half for new construction and half for maintenance. About \$1,000,000,000 will be needed to build Oregon's system up to first class status, he said.

#### Federal Bill

If the highway construction bill now before Congress is passed and approved by the President, Oregon's share will be a "satisfactory" \$50,000,000 per year for 15 years, Williams stated, with the two major inter-regional highways, 99 and 30, receiving the largest share. Highway 99 will be entirely four lanes throughout with controlled access, and will reduce driving time between Medford and Portland by four hours, he estimated.

This project could be completed within 10 years if the funds are available, Williams said, but if they are not, Oregon, after spending \$40,000,000 per year on its highways in recent years, will have to cut that program about in half.

Mark A. Goldy, Rotary program chairman, introduced the speaker. The meeting was at the Jackson hotel.

### Woman Who Set White House Fires Under Observation

Washington — (U.P.) — A middle-aged woman who tried to set fire to the White House and Executive Office Building underwent medical observation today.

She told Secret Service agents she set the fires Tuesday because she "had a lot of trash and just wanted to burn it."

The woman set the first in a series of five fires in the famed Red Room of the White House while President Eisenhower worked in his office about 80 yards away.

#### No Appreciable Damage

However, the President never was in any danger. None of the fires caused an appreciable damage.

She told Secret Service agents her name is Mrs. Julia M. Chase, but she said she did not know where she came from. She said she was born in Hagerstown, Md., 53 years ago.

The woman set her first fire in the ornate Red Room at 10:30 a.m. (EST) while hundreds of tourists were viewing the public rooms of the White House.

Police said the woman dropped a folded newspaper on a chair just behind a rope used to channel the flow of sightseers. Inside the paper were three books of matches, a small cellophane bag, some wadded-up paper napkins and scrap paper. She lit a fourth book of matches, threw it down in the paper and moved on with the tourists.

#### Fire Extinguished

A policeman saw the matches flare. He quickly folded the paper and put out the fire before it could reach the trash and other materials.

A similar fire broke out at 11:20 a.m. in the library on the fourth floor of the nearby Executive Office Building—the old State Department building.

Other fires broke out in the building at 11:30 a.m. in a second floor women's rest room, at noon in a first floor women's rest room and at 3 p.m. in another second floor rest room. All were quickly extinguished.

Police had searched the building for hours before a woman detective spotted the woman at the 3 p.m. fire.

### 26,119 Residents Are Registered to Vote

A total of 26,119 Jackson county residents have registered to vote in the May primary election, the county clerk's office has announced.

Republicans to date total 14,398, and Democrats 11,192, with 529 "miscellaneous" registrants.

Since March 29 a total of 126 Republicans, 181 Democrats and four independents have registered. Deadline for voter registrations is April 17.

### Education Conference Meeting Here Tonight

The Jackson County regional meeting of the White House conference on education will be held at 7:30 p.m. today at the Medford High school. The meeting is one of a series of follow-up of the national conference in Washington, D.C., last November.

The conference is designed to report significant developments from the national meeting and to evaluate local and state education problems in the light of national developments.

On the program tonight are Mrs. Victor E. O'Neil, member of the state board of education; Mrs. Joy Hills Gubser, assistant superintendent of public instruction at Salem; and a panel of four for discussing state and local tax problems and their relations to education.

### No Jackson County Animals Condemned

Salem—(U.P.)—Findings of the state pilot meat inspection program in Jackson and Josephine counties, released today, showed that no animals were condemned on live inspections.

Inspectors condemned two beef carcasses and 520 parts of carcasses.

The two counties were the 11th area in which the program has been conducted. Nine plants in Ashland, Medford and Grants Pass were under continuous inspection from March 5 to March 23.

During the pilot survey, inspection teams are also checking on unsanitary practices and conditions. Results of the survey will be presented to the 1957 Legislature.

So far, all of western Oregon except Coos and Curry counties and all of central Oregon from The Dalles to the California border has been inspected.

### Weather

FORECAST: Variable cloudiness tonight and Thursday. Chance of a few showers in mountains. Low tonight 35-38. High Thursday 50.

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| Highest Yesterday   | 64    |
| Lowest this Morning | 37    |