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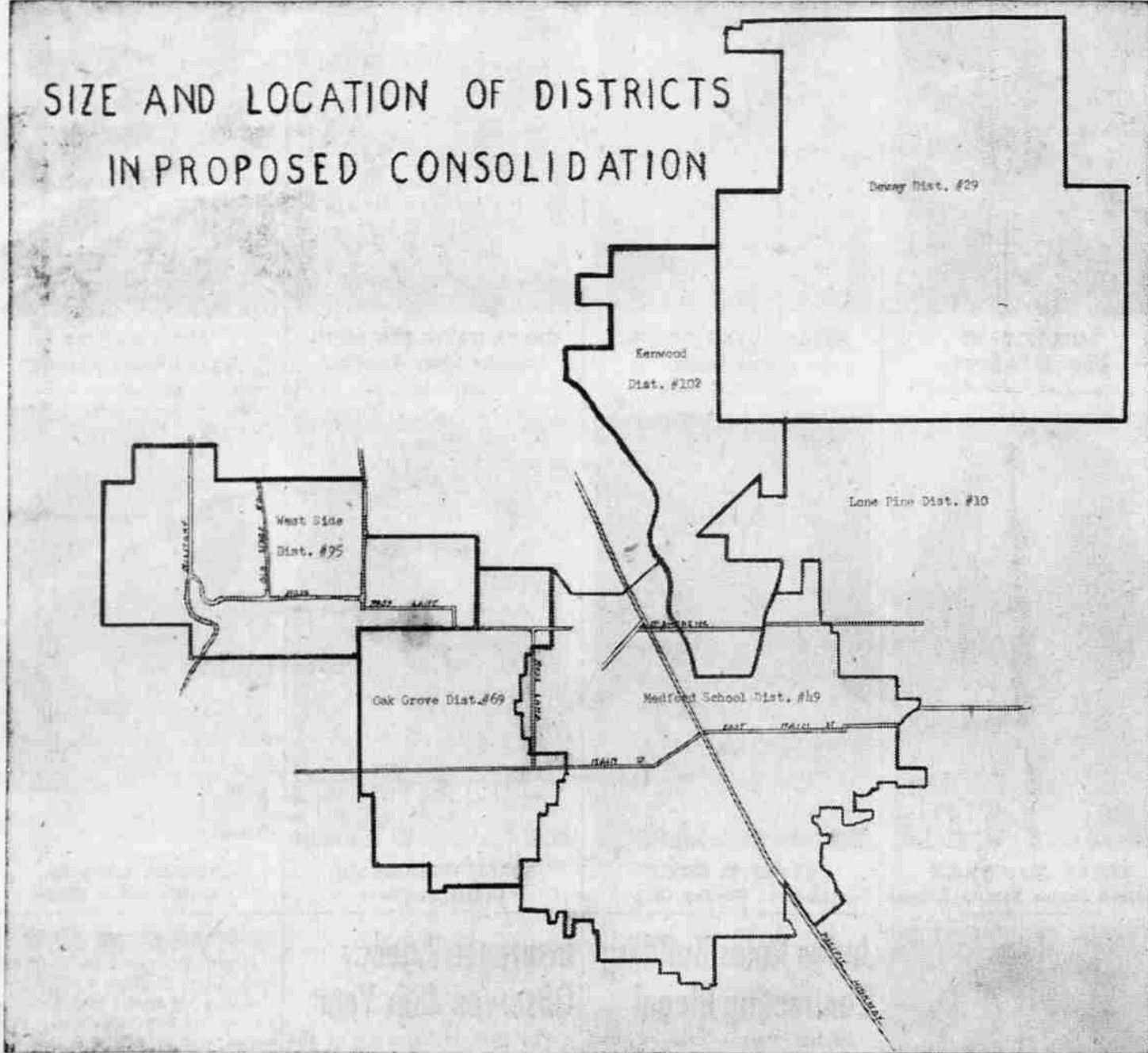
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Weather

FORECAST — Generally fair today and Monday with high thin cloudiness at times. High today 65; low tonight 32; high Monday 68.

Highest yesterday Temp. 60
Lowest yesterday Precip. 41
To 10:30 p.m. yesterday Precip. 43

SIZE AND LOCATION OF DISTRICTS IN PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION



CONSOLIDATION VOTE MONDAY—Residents of Medford, Oak Grove and West Side school districts (outlined above) will vote Monday, April 9, to determine whether the three will consolidate. Polls will be open from 2 to 8 p.m. in the Medford district in the girls' gymnasium, Medford High school, Oak Grove in the Oak Grove school; and West Side at the West Side school. Consideration of consolidation resulted

from the belief of many authorities that the mutual economic and educational interests could best be served by the change, school officials said. The Dewey and Kenwood districts will be merged with the Medford district in June by the county board. Oak Grove and West Side would not be included in the Medford budget until the 1957-58 school year.

Water Supplies Ample

Ample water supplies for irrigation this season, and a heavy run-off, were predicted in two forecasts made here Friday.

Water supplies in the Rogue and Umpqua river basins should be well above average for the April through September irrigation season, W. T. (Jack) Frost, snow survey supervisor for the Soil Conservation service, announced at the annual water forecast meeting here.

The meeting was jointly sponsored by the Rogue and Sam's Valley-Beagle soil conservation districts.

Heavy Snowpacks
Heavy snowpacks on the two watersheds, coupled with exceptionally wet soils, are expected

Portland—(U.P.)—Storage in seven major Northwest power reservoirs at the end of March was far above that of the 10-year average from 1944 to 1953. It was reported Saturday.

Hollis M. Orem, engineer in charge of the geological record center here, said storage was about 4,052,000 acre feet more than last year and about 3,515,000 feet more than the 10-year average.

to boost summer streamflow about one-fourth above average, Frost reported.

Farmers are now looking for light rains to wet surface soil dried by an unusually dry March. But deeper soil was reported in excellent condition and should help maintain irrigation supplies at above average flow into late summer.

Water content of the snow cover on Rogue river watersheds is 82 per cent greater than last year and 83 per cent higher than the 15-year average from 1938 to 1952. The Bear Creek-Little

Butte snowcourse measures two-thirds above normal and nearly double the 1955 water content.

Applegate, Illinois
Snow cover on headwaters of the Applegate and Illinois rivers are more than double last year's pack. The Applegate is 83 per cent above average and the Illinois is well over twice the 15-year average.

The Rogue river, as metered above Prospect, is forecast to discharge a total of 400,000 acre feet from April through September, 26 per cent higher than average. Streamflow of the Rogue below South Fork was forecast at 835,000 a.f., and the flow at Grants Pass is expected to hit 1,100,000 a.f. for the six-month period, about 30 per cent over average.

Applegate streamflow near Copper is forecast for 220,000 a.f., 90 per cent more than average. Flow of Illinois river at Kerby is expected to be 315,000 a.f., 75 per cent above normal.

Storage reservoirs for the region are nearly full or expected to fill. Present storage in Hyatt reservoir is 7,200 acre feet and should near its 16,000 capacity

for adequate supplies to the Talent Irrigation district. Net inflow to the reservoir for the next six months was forecast at 8,800 a.f., 47 per cent over average.

Emigrant reservoir, which holds about 8,000 a.f., is now practically full.

The Fourmile and Fish Lake reservoirs serving the Medford and Rogue River Valley Irrigation districts are also expected to fill. Jack Hoffburr, manager of the Medford Irrigation district, reported Fourmile now storing 6,400 of its 16,000 a.f. capacity.

Frost forecast the Fourmile lake net inflow for the next six months at 10,400 a.f., about 50 per cent higher than average.

Fish Lake Reservoir
Fish Lake reservoir is now holding 5,155 a.f., only 3,000 short of capacity, with an expected inflow of 22,000 during the next six months.

Hoffburr is hopeful that good stream flows and soil moisture will delay drawing from the reservoirs until mid-June. Last year Fourmile and Fish lakes were tapped in mid-May and ended the irrigation season with no useable supplies.

It may be possible this year to end the season with carryovers of 2,000 a.f. in Fish lake and 8,000 in Fourmile, it was indicated.

March precipitation averaged about 60 per cent of normal in southwestern Oregon, breaking the long sequence of wetter-than-normal months, according to the forecast by R. D. Church, meteorologist in charge at the U.S. Weather Bureau here.

Forecasts Lowered
Although runoff forecasts have been lowered slightly, Church said, they still call for maximum flows. Key April through September flow forecasts, in thousands of acre feet and per cent of the 15-year average include Rogue river below South Fork, 1,030,000 or 151 per cent, and Upper Klamath lake inflow, 1,050,000 or 200 per cent.

Church said that high flow volumes will likely cause flooding at vulnerable points in the Klamath and interior basins during the runoff period. West of the Cascades in the lower reaches of the Rogue and Umpqua rivers, flooding will not occur unless the snow-melt is accompanied by heavy rain, he predicted.

The only time in 50 years of record that the Rogue river has exceeded bankfull capacity at Gold Ray dam between April and September, Church said, was April 13, 1937, when the river rose to 10.7 feet after about three inches of rainfall in the headwaters.

Gromyko Blames West For Arms Cuts Holdup

Copenhagen, Denmark—(U.P.)—Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko said Saturday the world is "not nearer but farther" from agreement on disarmament.

Group Urging Oil Industry To Donate Blood This Week

Representatives of the oil industry from southern Oregon are being urged to donate blood when the Red Cross bloodmobile visits Jackson county next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Norm Buwick, chairman of the Medford Oil Information committee, and Lloyd Leonhardt, chairman of the southern Oregon OIC, said employees and representatives of oil companies and independent dealers are being contacted. The drive for blood donors will include heating oil distributors, they said.

The bloodmobile will be in Medford between 1 and 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, and in Ashland Wednesday, April 11.

Jackson county's quota this visit is 250 pints, and Mrs. J. A. Burba, chairman of the Red Cross blood bank committee, said he hopes residents will again top the quota. At the February visit, more than 300 pints were collected.

An average of 125 pints is used monthly in Jackson county. Mrs. Burba noted, which means that the reserve is almost gone.

Appointments may be made for Tuesday by calling the blood bank office, 3-3813, and for Wednesday by contacting Mrs. H. S. Ingle in Ashland, 7221. The bloodmobile will be at the Elks temple in both cities between 1 and 6 p.m.

Stevenson Challenges Estes to Oregon Race

By UNITED PRESS

Adlai E. Stevenson Saturday challenged Sen. Estes Kefauver to slug it out in the Oregon primary, but Kefauver spurned the challenge.

Kefauver in turn suggested that he and Stevenson meet in a head-on fight in South Dakota. The two leading Democratic presidential contenders suggested the broadened battle lines as they threw off their kid gloves in an increasingly bitter fight for the presidential nomination.

Stevenson, the 1952 Democratic presidential candidate, announced in Chicago that he will challenge the Tennessee senator in a bid for write-in votes in the Oregon presidential preference primary May 18. He made the announcement after kicking off a weekend meeting of Stevenson-for-President groups from 22 states.

No Oregon Contest
Kefauver, campaigning in New Jersey, replied that he had decided "not to make a contest" in Oregon. The senator said he would not object to friends campaigning for him in the state but said he will make no official efforts for write-in votes.

Kefauver fired back that it would be "interesting" if he and Stevenson should meet in the South Dakota primary. This was not a challenge, Kefauver said, just a suggestion that Stevenson was welcome to meet him in the primary of "a good farm state."

The campaign between Stevenson and Kefauver was developing into donnybrook, with each man accusing the other of "fouls" in their fight for the nomination.

Winter Blows Back Into Western States

Chicago—(U.P.)—Winter blew back into the Midwest Saturday to cap a weird week of weather that included summery breezes, killer tornadoes, dust storms, drenching showers and snow flurries.

Residents of parts of Wisconsin and Minnesota were pelted with up to three inches of snow today, while rain covered the middle Mississippi valley to the east coast.

Malenkov Surprises Newsmen With Visit Abroad Red Twinjet Airliner; Asks for Increased Trade With Britain

London—(U.P.)—Former Soviet Premier Georgi Malenkov Saturday waved aside Russian and British security guards and escorted western newsmen on a surprise tour of Russia's new TU-104 twinjet airliner before flying home to Russia.

The pudgy Communist put in a final plug for increased trade between Russia and Britain in a farewell statement. He also again expressed his appreciation for the warmth of his reception by the British people during his three-week tour.

Malenkov told reporters he would "have much to tell" Premier Nikolai Bulganin and Soviet Party Chief Nikita S. Khrushchev when he arrived in Moscow. "And what I have to say is all good," he added.

Most British circles believed Malenkov's visit was in the nature of an "ice-breaking expedition." They felt the affable minister of power was sent here to pave the way for the visit April 18 by the Soviet leaders.

Couple's Engagement Raises Party Bars

Washington—(U.P.)—Bipartisan Social Note:

Robert D. Bradshaw, clerk in the office of Democratic House Speaker Sam Rayburn, and Nancy Lefevre, assistant secretary in the office of House minority leader Joseph W. Martin Jr., are engaged to be married Aug. 25.

Benson Indicates He Will Ask Ike To Veto Farm Bill

'Legislation Not Acceptable' Is Claim

Washington—(U.P.)—Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson indicated Saturday after a conference with President Eisenhower that he will ask him to veto the election-year farm bill unless it is revised.

"The legislation is not acceptable to me," Benson told White House reporters. "There will have to be some changes to make it a good bill."

It was the third time in less than 24 hours that Benson had gone to the White House to discuss with Mr. Eisenhower and his advisers what the administration should do about the politically-explosive bill.

The measure, approved Friday by a Senate-House conference committee, contains many features objectionable to the administration. It would set aside the administration's flexible farm program with a one-year restoration rigid high support prices for basic crops and would boost 1956 supports for half a dozen other farm products above levels already fixed by Benson. But it also would authorize the administration-sponsored \$1.2 billion soil bank.

In his brief encounter with newsmen Benson shed no light on what kind of price support compromise the administration would propose in an 11th hour move to revamp the bill when it comes to a showdown vote in the House and Senate next week.

Presidential Press Secretary James C. Hagerty indicated this will be decided Monday when the President meets again with Benson and with congressional Republican leaders.

M-T Women's Section Receives OPW Award

The women's section of the Medford Mail-Tribune received a first and two second place honors Saturday by the Oregon Press Women meeting in Eugene.

Mrs. Olive Starcher, Mail-Tribune women's editor, reported from Eugene Saturday night that the Sunday women's section of the paper was judged best of its kind in the state. The daily women's section of the Mail-Tribune was rated second and Mrs. Starcher's Sunday column, Potpourri, also took second place honors.

The Oregon Press Women's group is comprised of newspaper women throughout the state. The spring conference, which opened Saturday and will conclude this morning, is being held on the University of Oregon campus.

French Battle With Rebels in Algeria

Algiers, Algeria—(U.P.)—French security forces battled diehard "Army of Allah" rebels in strife-worn Algeria Saturday while riots and extremist violence harassed Tunisia and Morocco.

While violence wracked the two big territories in northwest Africa, Spain was granting independence to its protectorate in Morocco. A joint declaration ending the 44-year protectorate was signed in Madrid today.

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Activity Increasing For Averell Harriman

Washington—(U.P.)—Democratic pipelines carried reports Saturday of a gradual stepup in organized activity aimed at winning the presidential nomination for Gov. Averell Harriman of New York.

This activity was understood to call for quiet efforts to line up potential convention support for the New Yorker and for a series of public endorsements from state and party officials around the country.

Malenkov gleefully pointed out that the carpet running down the middle of the cabin was green, not red.

Malenkov and Soviet Ambassador to London Jacob Malik personally guided the newsmen through the plane. But they stopped short of the cockpit which from the outside revealed the TU-104 to be the only commercial airliner in active service with a plexiglass bombardier's window.

Dag Hammarskjold Confers With Aides About Middle East

Receives Support From British in Brief Stop

Rome—United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold arrived here last night and immediately huddled with aides on the explosive Middle East crisis.

Hammarskjold flew in from London where he paused briefly to receive assurances of British support on his urgent mission to prevent all-out war in the Middle East.

The UN diplomat received an informal briefing from Henri Vigier of France, political adviser to Palestine Truce Chief Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, and Henry Labouisse of the United States, chief of the U.N. Palestine Relief and Works Agency. Declines Comment

Hammarskjold declined comment on reports he might see Pope Pius XII. Vatican sources said they so far have received no request from the UN diplomat for an audience.

Sources said British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd urged a strengthening of the UN Palestine truce supervisor force and giving supervisors the use of helicopters. Neither Hammarskjold nor Lloyd would comment on what was said in their hour-long talks before Hammarskjold continued his journey.

The secretary-general is scheduled to meet in Rome today with Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns of Canada, chief of the Palestine truce commission, before going on to the Mideast itself in mid-week.

At London airport, Hammarskjold said his first stop after Rome will be Beirut, Lebanon, and from there he will go to Cairo. He refused to say when he would visit Israel or other Arab capitals on his 30-day mission ordered by the UN Security Council.

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Mrs. E.A. Faber Killed in Crash In Salem Area



MRS. EVERETT FABER Dies in Auto Collision

Salem—(U.P.)—A prominent Medford area woman was killed and five persons injured in a flaming, two-car collision four miles south of here on the Salem bypass Saturday morning.

Dead is Mrs. Everett A. (Beulah) Faber, 49, Central Point. State police said she was struck head-on by a car driven by E. C. McClain, Lebanon, at about 10:05 a.m.

McClain, his wife, Leona, daughter, Eldona and Karen, and his mother-in-law, were all injured in the crash and taken to Salem Memorial hospital. Extent of their injuries has not yet been determined.

Headed North
Officers said McClain was headed north and passing a string of cars when he collided head-on with Mrs. Faber, who was alone in her car. Both autos burst into flames, police said. Mrs. Faber was south-bound after visiting relatives in Portland.

Survivors include her husband, prominent Medford and Central Point business man and vice-president of KBES-TV, a daughter, Mrs. Richard Stratton, Central Point; a son, Donald A. Faber, Central Point; and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Faber was active in many valley civic and social groups. She was to have been installed April 14 as grand guardian of the International Order of Job's Daughters of Oregon and was a past guardian of Central Point Bethel No. 38, which she helped organize.

Other Activities
A past worthy matron of Nevita chapter, Order of Eastern Star, she also was a charter member of Roxey Ann court No. 20, Order of Amaranth.

She was long a member of the First Methodist church and had been serving as secretary of the Western Jurisdiction of the Wesleyan Service Guild, the highest district office.

Funeral services are pending. Perl Funeral home will be in charge.

Senate Committee Censures Attorneys In Gas Bill Case

Washington—(U.P.)—Senate investigators Saturday censured Superior Oil company attorneys John M. Neff and Elmer Patman for "galling irresponsibility" in allegedly trying to sway the vote of Sen. Francis Case (R-S.D.) on the natural gas bill.

But they said that "there was neither a bribe nor an attempt to bribe" involved. The blue-ribbon committee added in its final report on the sensational incident that Superior Oil President Howard B. Keck must share whatever blame attaches to his two employees because he was "remarkably lax" in directing their activities.

Issuance of the report ended one phase of the turmoil which began during Senate debate on the gas bill when Case disclosed he had rejected a \$2,500 campaign gift from Neff. The Senate passed the bill, 53 to 38, and set up the committee to investigate.

Measure Vetoes
But President Eisenhower vetoed the measure with a blast at "arrogant" tactics of lobbyists supporting it. The Senate then set up another eight-man committee to conduct a broader lobbying inquiry. The gas bill affair will be its first business.

The report said Neff, lobbying "in an inept fashion" for the bill, clearly made the \$2,500 campaign contribution offer for Case "for the purpose of influencing the senator's vote." But there was no bribe attempt.

It said it had "some difficulty" in determining what Case was complaining about when he brought the incident to the Senate's attention. Case was "unclear" about it, the report said. But the committee said it "does not intend to cast any reflection upon Sen. Case."

He said such a force in this country "may prove to be the one way of safeguarding the Negroes of the southern states in the exercise of their inalienable American rights to vote, to be equally educated, to be respected and not to be discriminated against."

Neuberg, whose remarks were contained in a speech prepared for delivery to the annual dinner of the council against discrimination, is author of a book about the Mounties.

He said Canada never had a "wild west" compared to that of this country because of the Mounties.

Hat Passed to Buy McKay Cabinet Chair

Washington—(U.P.)—Top Interior Department officials passed the hat Saturday to buy their retiring boss a farewell present—his black leather cabinet chair.

Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay has quit his job to enter the U. S. senatorial race in Oregon. He is seeking the seat now held by Sen. Wayne L. Morse, a Democrat.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said it is customary for a retiring cabinet member's staff to purchase his chair for him. The chairs each bear a plate with the official's name engraved on it.

Cabinet chairs cost about \$115. McKay has invited all employees of the department to his office next Friday to bid them farewell. He said he will fly home to Oregon on April 15.