



FIREPOWER—Shown above is a four-second time exposure arc lines created by tracer bullets, fired by National Guardsmen Saturday night during a fireproof demonstration at the Camp White range. Some 400 to 500 persons witnessed the demonstration, which was given as part of week end range qualification activities by 60 men of Company A, 1st Battalion,

Medford National Guard, with Lt. Jack Phillips in charge. The men shown in the picture are riflemen, except the men second from left, with a light machine gun, and at the far right, an automatic rifleman. The smooth arched lines are the bullets' trajectories, and the confused pattern at right are ricocheting bullets. —(Birchfield photo)

Tornado Kills 18

Small Alabama Community Bears Brunt of Storm

Birmingham, Ala. — (U.P.) — Rescue crews searched through 150 smashed homes today for victims of the vicious storm which struck a tiny suburb Sunday, killing at least 18 persons and injuring more than 100 others.

McDonald's Chapel bore the brunt of a 45 mile squall front that raked the Southeast Sunday. A tornadic wind slammed through the heart of the mining community of 1,009, leaving a fourth of the residents homeless.

The houses looked like piles of timber in a lumber yard. Over a wider area homes were roofless, overturned or battered.

While the Red Cross sheltered some 400 persons in a Methodist church and in a union hall at nearby Ensley, Ala., dozens of other survivors walked through the debris hunting relatives.

Many Bodies Unidentified

Roscoe D. Whitley, Red Cross director, said the nightlong confusion was made worse by the fact that seven of the bodies were too mangled to identify.

A crew of 50 searchers forced their way into rooms buried under debris and pried up mounds of planks in their hunt for victims. They found one body draped in a tree.

None of the survivors saw the funnel of a tornado but their descriptions of a sudden roar and wind lifting them through the air bore out the tornadic force of the storm.

Eddie King, a 45-year-old Negro, who with his 17-year-old daughter, was injured, said he just "floated out into the yard" when the wind yanked his frame house from its foundations.

The Rev. W. J. Lucas, another resident, said he and his two young sons held on to each other to keep from being blown away when the wind struck with a roar that sounded "like a freight train."

Squall Hits Birmingham

Hours later a squall line lashed back at this industrial city with winds clocked up to 71 miles per hour at the airport weather station. No further damage was reported, however.

Severe thunderstorms with torrential rains, hail and wind clocked in gusts at near-hurricane force hit Shreveport, La., Centerville, Ala., and Atlanta, Athens and Cumming, Ga.

Portland — (U.P.) — Joseph Patrick Walsh, 45, has been ordered held under \$5000 bail pending arraignment on an indictment charging him with attempted robbery last January of the Metropolitan branch of the U. S. National bank here.

Dental Health Survey Starts In Medford, Ashland Schools

Three Medford dentists examined teeth of first, third and fifth grade students at Jackson school today as part of the dental health survey under way in Medford and Ashland.

Results of the Ashland tests, made last week, are expected tomorrow in a report from Dr. David Witter, director of dental health for the state board of health.

Students in the first, third, fifth and seventh grades will be examined in all schools of both cities before the survey is completed, according to Miss Dorothy Collard, supervisor of nurses, Jackson county health department.

Dentists will examine children at Roosevelt school tomorrow; Hedrick Junior high, Wednesday; Lincoln school Thursday morning; McLoughlin, Thursday afternoon; and Washington, Friday.

Jefferson students were examined last Friday.

To Find Problems

The extent of dental health problems among children is expected to be determined through the tests, as well as the number of children receiving dental care.

The county health department, Southern Oregon Dental Society, Oregon state board of health and Medford and Ashland schools are cooperating in the survey.

Israelites Warned of Stern Tests Ahead on Eighth Anniversary

Jerusalem — (U.P.) — Israel observed its eighth independence day today with a glow of pride hardly dampened by a warning that the difficulties lying ahead "will be greater than those of the Palestine war."

The warning of the stern tests still ahead came from Premier David Ben-Gurion who told Egypt that "for every blow the Egyptian army delivers against us we shall return two."

Border tension was easier

Thornton Denies Labor Charges

Salem — (U.P.) Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton today denied charges that his office was "biased against the rights of labor." Thornton had recently been criticized by labor leaders.

Executive boards of the State Federation of Labor and the State Industrial Union Council Saturday endorsed Republican Carl Francis as a candidate for attorney general.

Missing Boy Scouts Found Near Eugene

Eugene — (U.P.) Two Boy Scouts missing since yesterday in rugged country of Eastern Lane county, walked out of the woods today, apparently none the worse for their night in the open.

The Fall Creek guard station radioed to state police that the boys, Lester Hedgecock, 15, and Tom Fresse, 12, were in excellent condition.

The two were members of a Boy Scout camping party. When they were reported missing, Norman Wilson of Dallas and his bloodhounds, well known for rescue work in Oregon, went into the area.

The Scouts walked out of the woods about four miles from the Fall Creek guard station, east of Springfield.

Weather Favorable For Tree Pollination

Present warm weather is favorable for bee pollination of the valley's orchard trees, C. B. Cordy, county horticultural agent, reported today. He said rain would hinder pollination, and would thus be unfavorable for pear production this year.

Cordy added that D'Anjou pear trees are now in full blossom, and that Bartlett's are approaching full bloom. Barring unfavorable conditions the trees should be perfect for the annual Pear Blossom festival next Saturday, he indicated.

Three-Offense Suspect Leaves Jail on Bail

Donald Milton Straus, 23, route 2, Gold Hill, was released on \$210 total bail Sunday afternoon after spending the night in the city jail on hit and run, reckless driving and no operator's license.

City police said they arrested Straus Saturday night following an accident at Fourth st. and Central ave., involving Straus' auto and a car operated by Lawrence A. Dinneen, Grants Pass.

Police Officer Plays Part of Cowpoke Today

Medford Police Officer Don Pursel played the part of a cowpoke early this morning when he rounded up two Jersey cows which were grazing on the high school practice field, and drove them into a South Holly st. pasture.

Pursel, who said he'd given up life on the open range several years ago, drove the patrol car to chase the bovines several blocks up South Holly st.

Owner of the pasture notified the cows' owner, David W. Byers, 1526 Myers lane. Pursel didn't say whether Byers would get a bill for feed from the high school.

Radio Highlights

President Eisenhower will discuss his veto of the farm bill in a radio address this evening. It will be broadcast over both radio stations KYJC and KMED starting at 7 p.m.

Firepower Shown By National Guard Company Saturday

More than 60 men of Company A, First Battalion, 186th Infantry, of the National Guard, took part Saturday and Sunday in range training and a fire-power demonstration at the Camp White range.

Lt. Jack C. Phillips, platoon leader, was in charge. He reported a "high percentage" of qualifications during the training. Weapons used included .30 caliber light machine guns, Browning automatic rifles and M-1 rifles.

Many Spectators

The demonstration, first one held by the company, was part of a weekend training and was watched by 400 to 500 spectators, Lieutenant Phillips said.

He added that the group included the largest number of recruits ever to join the company, the result of the recent successful drive. Those who failed to qualify in the weekend firing will have another opportunity when the entire battalion meets May 20.

Southern Oregon Rail Line Aired

Salem — (U.P.) — Public Utilities Commissioner Charles Helzel today received a memorandum from Clifford W. Ferguson, director of rail transportation, on legal aspects of a proposed extension of Oregon Electric railroad into southern Oregon over tracks of the Southern Pacific.

Ferguson said it was his opinion that the Interstate Commerce commission had no power to compel one carrier to grant trackage rights over its line to another carrier, except in declared emergencies.

"The Interstate Commerce commission has no power to compel the SP&S and the Oregon Electric to extend its lines into southern Oregon," the memorandum continued.

Petitions to the SP&S have been circulating in southern Oregon, Ferguson said, setting forth the lack of competitive rail service in the area, as well as the unprecedented industrial growth, and requesting that action be started to extend the Oregon Electric from Eugene to Ashland and Powers over SP tracks.

Ferguson said, however, that SP&S and Oregon Electric had every right to petition the ICC for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing them to extend their lines into southern Oregon.

Cave Junction Man On Bail in Gold Case

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Two men arrested Saturday by secret service agents on charges of attempting to sell black market gold to an undercover agent were free under \$1,000 bail today but face possible indictment Wednesday when the case against them is presented to the grand jury here.

The men held were Guy Pye, 59, Auburn City, a miner, and Elberg S. Osbourn, 49, Cave Junction, Ore., timber salesman.

They were arrested when they attempted to sell gold valued at \$2,940 in the United States. The gold was in three bars and two lumps weighing 84 ounces and testing 24-carat fine. Paul Paterni, head of the Secret Service office here, said the pair had been under investigation for three months.

Midnight Is Deadline For State, Federal Tax

State and federal income tax returns must be in the mail by midnight tonight or taxpayers will find themselves charged with interest on overdue payments.

An extra 24 hours was added to the April 15 deadline when it fell on Sunday this year.

Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday. Increasing cloudiness Tuesday night. Low tonight 36. High Tuesday 70.

Highest yesterday	Temp.
Lowest this morning	36
	45
	Trace
To 4:10 a.m. today	Trace

LIKE VETOES FARM BILL

Message To House Tells of Regret In Official Act

Administration To Take Four Steps

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower today vetoed the farm bill.

In a message to the House of Representatives, Mr. Eisenhower said he acted with "intense disappointment and regret."

Bill Improper

Because he found the bill before him improper for improvement.

President Eisenhower still has an opportunity to get his farm program enacted, despite his veto of the controversial farm bill, according to Congressional Quarterly.

How this can be done, through enactment of additional farm measures, is told in an exclusive CQ article on Page 4 of today's Mail Tribune.



DISCUSS FARM BILL—Secy. of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson (left) is shown as he conferred with President Eisenhower in Augusta, Ga., on the controversial omnibus farm bill. The President has reportedly taken the politically-fateful decision to veto the measure and will back up his action with a first-person report to the people via radio and television.

McKay Opens Drive For Senate Job With Blast at Sen. Morse

Portland — (U.P.) — Private citizen Douglas McKay wasted no time today in attacking Sen. Wayne Morse, the Democrat he hopes to unseat in November.

McKay, whose resignation as interior secretary became effective yesterday, landed late last night at Portland International airport. He went to Salem for a welcome home reception today and then was to head for eastern Oregon for a week of campaigning.

The 62-year-old former governor handed reporters a statement in which he accused Morse of playing the role of a medicine man with a magic political brew. "It's composed of a little bit of Republicanism, a little bit of Democratic party principles and a lot of socialism and opportunism—but the flavoring is 100 per cent pure Morse oratory," he said.

McKay said Morse's bitter personal attack on President Eisenhower had ended the senior senator's usefulness to Oregon.

McKay said he no longer was bound by restrictions placed upon a cabinet officer. "I'm just Doug McKay and I am going to talk frankly and honestly, as I always have," he said.

Referring to Phil Hitchcock, a rival candidate for the Republican senatorial nomination, McKay said that if the voters make him their choice in the May primary "I will support him to the limit in the general election."

Hitchcock, using a small plane, campaigned in central Oregon yesterday in the area around Bend and Prineville.

Salem — (U.P.) — The Oregon Statesman, a Salem daily newspaper, published by former Governor Charles Sprague, Sunday gave editorial backing to Phil Hitchcock in his fight to gain the Republican nomination for the Senate from Douglas McKay.

Previously the Statesman had supported McKay in his campaigns for public office.

The Statesman said the Republican party needed "fresh and aggressive leadership" for the coming "critical" election and questioned the wisdom of McKay's late entry into the senatorial race.

Pressured Into Running

The newspaper said McKay was "pressured into running by top political brass in Washington."

However, the newspaper said the primary reason it was supporting Hitchcock was that "he carries the potential of high statesmanship which we like to attach to a United States senator." The editorial said the future of Oregon Republicans depended to a great extent on the outcome of this year's elections.

Ashland Fire Chief Dies in Portland Hospital on Sunday

Ashland — Harry D. McNair, 58, Ashland fire chief, died Sunday morning in the Veterans Administration hospital in Portland.

Funeral services will be held in Ashland Mortuary chapel at 10 a.m. Thursday.

Members of Elks Lodge No. 944, Ashland, will be in charge of the services, with the American Legion conducting grave-side services. Committal will be in Ashland Mountain View cemetery.

Mr. McNair was born Sept. 16, 1897, in Marysville, Mo. He came to Ashland from Idaho Falls, Ida., in 1923, and had been a member of the Ashland fire department since, and chief since Jan. 1, 1950. He was a member of Elks Lodge, American Legion, and the 40 & 8, and was manager of the Ashland Kiltie band.

When he first came to Ashland, he operated the garage which is now the Shrine warehouse. He moved to Yreka in 1935, but returned to Ashland in 1937. He was a veteran of World War I, and spent some time in the National Guard.

Married in 1949

On Aug. 24, 1949, in Ashland, he was married to Eloise Mackie, who survives.

Other survivors include a sister, Mrs. Thomas Wasley, Idaho Falls, Ida.; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Foster Seaver Jr., Ashland, and Mrs. Gary Keener, El Monte, Calif.; a niece, Mrs. Dean Snarr, and a nephew, Richard Wasley, Idaho Falls.

State Funds Allotted To Jackson County

The secretary of state's office has allotted \$106,430.70 from county revenues to Jackson county, the county court said today.

The sum of \$105,309.43 from motor license fees was allocated to the general road fund. The general welfare fund was allocated \$206.84 from the amusement device tax, and \$914.43 from the alcoholic beverage tax was also allocated to the general welfare fund.

Deadline for Registration

In order to vote at the May 18 primary election you must:

1. Be correctly registered by 8 p.m., Tuesday, April 17. You must re-register if you:
1. Have not voted in one state-wide election within the past two years.
2. Have moved into another precinct or to another county in the state.
3. Have changed your name by marriage.
4. Desire to change from one political party to another. (It is preferable, but not essential, that you re-register if you have moved within your precinct or have had your address changed by order of the post office.)

You may register from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the county clerk's office in the courthouse or with the deputized registrar for your precinct.