

Heavy Rain Inundates Section of Prineville

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Streams Overflow; At Least 10 Homes Reported Flooded

State Highway Covered by Water

Prineville — (U.P.) — Central Oregon's water-starved ranchers said today they had prayed too hard for rain and a downpour of 1.12 inches in a 12-hour period ending this morning forced dozens of streams out of their banks and flooded at least 10 homes in the southeast section of Prineville.

The Crooked river rose 5 1/2 feet since early this morning, fed by five days of steady rainfall. It was still raining hard at midday.

Highway Covered
At least eight inches of rushing flood waters poured across the state highway between Prineville and Post and muddy waters were backed up to doorsteps of homes on South Main st. The rising river caused sewage to back up and water was standing from four to eight inches deep over wide sections of the city.

Streams along Highway 26 to John Day and Boise, Ida., overflowed their banks and washed boulders and debris onto the pavement about 15 miles east of Prineville.

Reservoir Filled
Ochoco reservoir was filled and water was thundering over the spillway for the first time in years. Normal average rainfall here is 9 inches. Total for the year to date is 6.55 inches. More than an inch fell since 7 p.m. yesterday.

Ranchers said the greatest potential threat was Ochoco creek. And not the larger Crooked river. The creek is now running bank full and one county bridge deck was under five inches of water.

Bend Newspaper To Support Hitchcock

Bend — (U.P.) — The Bend Bulletin today took an editorial stand in favor of the candidacy of Phil Hitchcock for the Republican nomination for United States senator.

The Bulletin, edited and published by Robert Chandler, said its stand was taken "with full appreciation of the many and varied public services performed in and for Oregon over the last 30 plus years" by Douglas McKay, former governor and interior secretary who is Hitchcock's opponent in the May 18 primary election.

The editorial in today's edition of the newspaper said "Hitchcock, however, represents a brand of enlightened political thinking which the Republican party should welcome. It is the type of political thinking which has been lacking in the Oregon branch of the Republican party in recent years."

40-Hour Work Week Approved in Ashland

Ashland — The Ashland city council has approved a five day work week, starting June 1, for city employees.

City hall offices will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The city superintendent's office will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Exceptions to work week changes will be in the water and light departments where each will have two men on duty when other departments are closed.

Hitchcock to Speak At GOP Candidates Night at YMCA Here

Former State Sen. Phil Hitchcock will speak at a candidates night of the Jackson County Young Republicans at 8 p.m. today at the Medford YMCA. The meeting is open to the public.

Hitchcock, candidate for the Republican nomination for U.S. senator, is to arrive at the Medford airport flying his own plane late this afternoon.

Hitchcock will speak on television at 9:30 p.m., with a telephone question and answer period following his short talk, according to Robert Rukovina, chairman of the Jackson County Hitchcock for Senator committee. Medford Attorney William McAllister will introduce the candidate.

Tomorrow, Hitchcock will meet Ashland Republicans at a "coffee hour" at 8 a.m. in Hathaway house. He will leave the Medford airport at 10:30 a.m. after visits to the Tucker Sno-Cat corporation and Bear Creek orchards, and is to be in Eugene for a noon meeting.

Firearms Training School Starts Here

A two-day firearms training school for members of law enforcement agencies in Jackson and Josephine counties is under way at the Camp White National Guard pistol range.

An FBI agent from Portland is instructor. Sessions start at 9 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. today and tomorrow. Police Chief Charles Champlin said the school will cover use of the standard police side arm, the .38 caliber revolver; the riot gun, 12 gauge shot gun; and the .30 caliber rifle.

Champlin said about 45 officers are expected to attend the school, which is being sponsored by the Medford police department.

New York — (U.P.) — Informed sources said Curtis-Wright Corp. and Studebaker-Packard Corp. will merge in the near future.

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower will hold a press conference 7 a.m. (PST) tomorrow.

Site Near Salem Selected For New Penal Institution

Salem — (U.P.) — The State Board of Control today chose a site five miles southeast of Salem on state cottage farm property for construction of the \$4,800,000 intermediate penal institution.

The 600-acre site is now being farmed by inmates of Oregon State hospital.

Gov. Elmo Smith said preliminary plans for the institution were complete and could be fitted neatly into the cottage farm site.

Will Save Money
The governor estimated building the institution on state-owned land would save the taxpayers some \$300,000. He said linkage could be made with state sewers and that a water system was assured.

Previously the board had selected a location near St. Paul for the correctional institution, but the Air Force took the land for its new Willamette valley jet base.

Cottage farm had been approved as the first alternate to the St. Paul site by Sanford Bates, national prison authority who advised the board on the new institution.

Decision to use the state-owned property was made following a personal inspection by Gov. Smith, Secretary of State Earl Newberry and State Treasurer Sig Unander.

The property is completely isolated from the prison annex which is about two airline miles from cottage farm.

Through two appropriations made by the legislature, the Board of Control now has approximately \$2,700,000 for the first unit of the structure.

Board members said construction would be started as soon as possible.

Bomber Crew Holds No Doubt Of Success of H-Bomb Airdrop

Eniwetok Island (Wednesday) — (U.P.) — The commander of the B52 that will stage America's first H-bomb airdrop laughingly says he and his companions "have no doubt about the success of our mission."

To hear Maj. Gen. David M. C. Critchlow tell it, pioneering the delivery of the deadliest weapon ever conceived in the fastest intercontinental bomber ever made is strictly a "no sweat" assignment.

The six finely trained and deeply tanned young men who will be aboard that eight-jet monster with him grinned and nodded complete agreement. All seemed eager to get on with the job as soon as the weather permits.

As things stand now, that probably won't be before Saturday, May 12 (around 10 a.m. Friday, PST).

The H-bomb airdrop, feature shot of this year's nuclear tests at the Pacific proving ground, was postponed from Tuesday until Thursday (Wednesday afternoon PST) because of a wind pattern that would carry radioactive fallout over inhabited parts of the Marshall islands.

However, test officials doubted the pattern would change to good shooting weather before the end of the week.

The bomber party—six dedicated family men and one bachelor from Kirtland Air Force base, Albuquerque, N.M.—were interviewed yesterday in a group of the Eniwetok air strip by the first newsmen ever admitted to the proving ground in 10 years.

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Hanlon also refused to set up the conference unless reporters agreed to let task force information officials censor their copy for inadvertent slips. It was the only incident of the kind newsmen have run into, and they agreed to the restrictions.

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Tydings Appears As Slim Winner In Maryland Vote

Old Foe Scheduled For November Contest

Baltimore, Md. — (U.P.) — Former Sen. Millard E. Tydings apparently captured the Maryland Democratic senatorial nomination today by a paper thin margin in the state's primary election.

Tydings received 130,456 votes to Baltimore contractor George Mahoney's 128,178 in nearly complete unofficial returns. Only 28 of the state's 1,287 precincts were unreported. Most of them are in strong Tydings territory—Prince Georges county near Washington, D. C.

The former senator claimed victory. But Mahoney refused to concede until an official count is made.

To Face Butler

If the official count upholds his apparent victory, Tydings will face his old Republican foe, Sen. John Marshall Butler, in the November elections. Tydings lost the Senate seat he had held for 24 years to Butler in 1950 in a bitter campaign. The central issue was Communist-in-government charges by Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.).

Butler won renomination easily over minor Republican opposition.

Tydings and Mahoney split 76-76 the Maryland county and Baltimore city unit votes that usually decide Maryland primaries. Because of the tie, the popular vote decides the winner.

Mahoney forces apparently hoped to pick up at least one additional unit vote in Baltimore in the official count. That would give Mahoney the nomination despite any slim majority held by Tydings.

"We are not conceding," a Mahoney spokesman said. "We are waiting for the official canvass of Baltimore."

Run Far Ahead

In the less significant Maryland presidential primary, President Eisenhower and Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) far outran the vote favoring election of unpledged delegations to the GOP and Democratic national conventions. No other presidential candidates were on either of the major party ballots.

The Republican state convention later will name national convention delegates pledged to cast 24 votes for Mr. Eisenhower. The Democratic state convention will name delegates pledged to cast 18 votes for Kefauver.

With 916 precincts reporting, Mr. Eisenhower received 42,026 votes to 2,804 for an unstructured delegation.

Official Registration In County Is 30,406

Official tallies show a total of 30,406 Jackson county residents have registered to vote in the May 18 primary election, the county elections department announced today.

The official count is 6 under the unofficial total of 30,414 released last week.

Unofficial figures showed 16,253 Republicans had registered, 13,608 Democrats and 553 miscellaneous. Election officials have not broken down the official total into party registrations.

Registration total in the 1952 primary election was 32,822.

Salem — (U.P.) — Robert Lister of Paulina has been reappointed by Gov. Elmo Smith as a member of the State Livestock Advisory Committee.

Witnesses Presented In Tax Evasion Cases

St. Louis — (U.P.) — The government presented the first of a long list of witnesses today in an effort to prove two top Truman administration officials conspired with an attorney to fix a tax evasion case.

The defendants are Matthew J. Connelly, White House appointment secretary for former President Truman; T. Lamar Caudle, one time head of the Justice Department's Tax division, and Harry I. Schwimmer, an attorney.

Ernest M. Flinn, director of the Internal Revenue Service's St. Louis district, led the parade of government witnesses. He testified under direct questioning about the method of conducting income tax investigations.

Flinn said he began the criminal case against Irving Sachs, a St. Louis shoe broker, from which the conspiracy charges grew.

Schwimmer was Sachs' attorney at the time the case arose in 1949. Connelly and Caudle are accused of conspiring with Schwimmer to help Sachs escape prosecution or a prison term.

Medford Man Fined In District Court
Seely L. Johnston, 42, of 697 West 13th st., was fined \$255 in district court Monday after he pleaded guilty to a charge of driving while intoxicated.

His drivers' license was suspended for 90 days and he was given a 30-day suspended jail sentence. Johnston was arrested May 5.

Motions to Amend Record Filed in D'Autremont Case

Motions have been filed in the case of the State of Oregon versus Roy, Ray and Hugh D'Autremont requesting the circuit court to order the record amended in the cases, the Jackson county district attorney's office reported today.

The three brothers are now serving life sentences in the state penitentiary for murder in connection with a 1923 mail train robbery in a Siskiyou tunnel south of Ashland.

Based on Affidavits

The motion is based upon affidavits signed by Tennyson Jefferson, U. S. Post office inspector on June 23, 1927, the district attorney said. The affidavits, he added, declare other murder indictments against the three brothers were continued and prosecution thereon postponed at the express request of the three men. They made the request at the time their confessions were given, the DA said.

On April 27 Hugh D'Autremont was offered a new trial on a federal charge of assaulting a mail clerk. Federal Judge Gus Solomon set June 5 as date for the trial, which is to be held in Medford.

The judge instructed U. S. Attorney C. E. Luckey to get in touch with D'Autremont's lawyer and determine whether or not the prisoner wanted a new trial.

D'Autremont wanted the federal indictment dismissed because it was keeping him from parole consideration.

Wilson Denies Report Russia Outstripping U.S. in Air Power

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2. The armed forces plan to spend \$3,000,000,000 for research, development and production of guided missiles during the fiscal year starting next July 1.

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DEATH PLUNGE—This dramatic photo made by an amateur photographer shows Italian glider pilot Giuseppe Zoccola plunging to his death at Turin, Italy. During a training flight for the forthcoming Italian Glider Flying Championships, Zoccola's craft suddenly dipped and plunged straight to the airfield, hitting the cement building in the background. Zoccola died a few minutes after he was removed from the wreckage.

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County Budget Group Schedules Meeting

Jackson county budget committee will meet Thursday, May 17, at 9 a.m. in the county court room to continue work on the county budget for the coming year.

Salaries for courthouse personnel will be among major topics discussed. Anyone interested in attending the budget meeting may do so on appointment. Appointments may be made by calling the county court.

McKay Declares Morse and Neuberger Underestimate Oregonians' Intelligence

Portland — (U.P.) — Douglas McKay today took the broadest swipes against Sen. Wayne Morse that he has delivered so far in his campaign for the Republican nomination for the United States Senate.

Speaking before the Hollywood Lions club luncheon in Portland, the former secretary of interior said Morse and Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, both Democrats, "underestimate the intelligence of the people of Oregon."

Sarena Case To Be Boomerang
He declared that the "Al Sarena case will be the most famed political boomerang in Oregon's political history. It will boomerang to Morse's defeat."

He charged that "Wayne Morse has deliberately—for assumed political advantage—misrepresented facts to the people of Oregon and the nation." He added, "I'm ready to document that charge."

Denying that the Al Sarena case involved a "giveaway" of valuable southern Oregon timber as charged by Morse and Neuberger, McKay quoted from a report of the Oregon State Tax commission which said "the claim is poorly located for timber values" and that it "could have been shifted in any direction and fallen in much better timber, both quality-wise and volume-wise."

Recalls Legislative Act
McKay recalled that the 1951 Oregon Legislature had sent to Congress a memorial asking that federal laws be tightened to prevent the filing of mining claims for the purpose of obtaining timber.