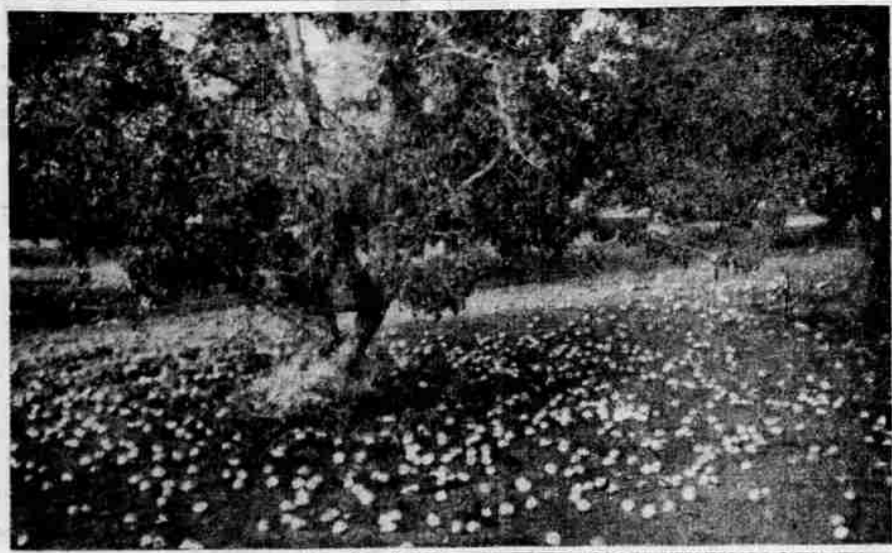


Stassen Chastened; To Second Nixon Choice



Third Storm Shifts From Rogue Valley; 'Mop Up' Continues

Orchardists, fire fighters, power and telephone linemen and residents of southern Oregon heaved sighs of relief last night when the weather bureau's prediction didn't come true.

A severe electrical and wind storm was anticipated here last night, with force similar to the storms of Sunday and Monday nights which destroyed about \$1.5 million dollars worth of pears in Jackson county, touched off more than 100 small forest fires and downed countless power and telephone lines throughout southern Oregon.

Storm Moves

Weather observers said the storm, previously forecast for this area last night and tonight moved southwest over the Pacific ocean. Fair weather with variable high cloudiness is the prediction for Wednesday and Thursday.

Fruit growers considered loss from Monday's storm the worst experienced here in some time. D'Anjous were the hardest hit, though all varieties suffered to varying extents. Areas east of Phoenix and the entire west side of the county apparently received the most damage. Overall crop loss in the county was estimated at 8 to 10 per cent.

Under Control

S. T. Moore, fire control officer for the Rogue River National Forest land, said all but one of the 49 fires set by the two electrical storms on national forest land are now under control. Fire fighters have been unable to get one fire, but it is "just smouldering and not spreading," he said.

Curt Nesheim, southwest district warden for the state forestry department, listed about 65 fires in the Rogue valley on state protected land in Jackson county. He said crews are still working on a number of fires, but all are under control.

About 70 men, most of them forest service personnel, battled fires on Rogue forest land and approximately 125 men worked on state protected land. Twenty men were brought in from Camp Aboretum at Corvallis and 15 from Hunter and Best Lumber company and Bennett Logging company to assist fire fighting crews. Moore and Nesheim agreed, "all in all, the boys did a mighty fine job."

Frank Benesh, district manager of Copco, reported the last of the customers without electricity had service restored by 9 p.m. Tuesday, but further trouble was reported at Phoenix, and repair crews worked in that area until midnight. He said for the next two or three days crews will be making permanent repairs to lines where temporary repairs were made earlier in order to restore service.

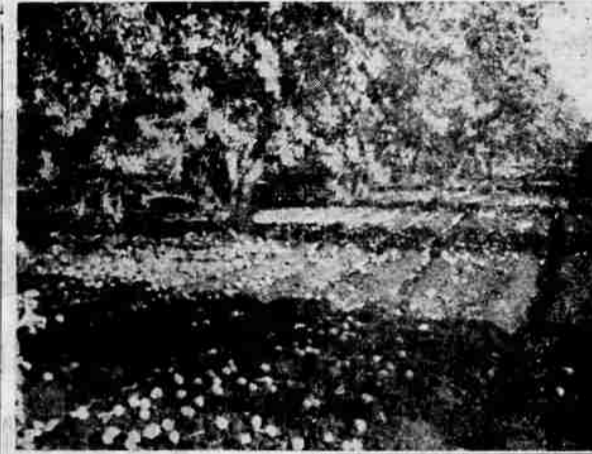
Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company officials said most of the telephone service knocked out by the storms was restored by 7 p.m. Tuesday. One cable at Central Point, serving about 60 customers, and another small one at Medford, serving about 20 customers, were still unrepaired this morning. They were expected to be repaired today.

Weather

FORECAST: Fair with variable high cloudiness through Thursday. Low tonight 34. High Thursday 55. Highest yesterday 81. Lowest this morning 38. Precipitation to 4:30 a.m. trace today.

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise 5:26 a.m.
Sunset 7:52 p.m.
Moonrise 7:16 p.m.
Last Quarter Aug. 28
MARS, rising at 8:41 p.m., goes around the Sun every 687 days. Now about 128 million miles from the Sun, it is much nearer the Earth, being less than 37 million miles from us tonight.



WIND DAMAGE—Monday's electrical and wind storm in the Rogue valley left a trail of damage, with fruit growers in Jackson county losing 8 to 10 per cent of their pear crop. About 1,000 pears were lying under tree in top photo. Trees were also blown down all over the valley, knocking out power and telephone lines. Photo at right, taken by Mike Hartly, Civil Air Patrol cadet, shows a Medford Air Service plane upset by the storm. The storms on both Sunday and Monday were the most violent and damaging in recent years in the valley, both inside the city, where firemen answered some 50 alarms in a half-hour period, and throughout the agricultural areas and forests of the county.

Water Fluoridation To Go Before Voters

The Medford city council last night voted to let the voters of Medford decide whether or not fluorides should be added to Medford city water as a dental health measure.

It passed two ordinances, one of which if approved by the voters would direct the water commission to add tiny amounts of fluoride to municipal water supplies. The other established a ballot title for the proposal, which will be presented to the voters at the Nov. 6 general election.

Vote Desired

Both supporters of the proposal and those against are on record as desiring a public vote on the matter.

The two ordinances were presented to the council last night by Dr. E. W. Sickels, 2608 Jackson dr., Dr. John Brandenburg, Brookdale rd., and H. Dewey Wilson, 945 Mt. Pitt ave. They were accompanied by petitions bearing 1,408 names asking that fluoridation be approved.

Endorsements Shown

The petitioners also presented a number of endorsements of fluoridation, passed by many local organizations, and supporting data listing the approval of a long list of medical and dental organizations.

Two Drivers Fined In District Court

Daniel Jack Pruitt, Hollywood Orchards, and Clifford Albert Keeton, 1691 South Peach, pleaded guilty in district court today to charges of driving while intoxicated.

Both were sentenced by District Judge Rawles Moore to 30 days in jail, \$255 fine, and driver's license suspended for 90 days.

Bulletin

London — (U.P.) — Egypt suddenly let it be known, tonight that she is willing to negotiate the Suez Canal dispute, but only if Britain and France call off their military bulldog in the Middle East.

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Nixon Called To Father's Bedside; Condition Critical

Engagements Cancelled At S. F. Convention

Whittier, Calif. — (U.P.) — Vice President Richard M. Nixon arrived here today to be at the bedside of his father who is in critical condition from an arterial condition resulting in internal bleeding.

Frank M. Nixon, 78, the vice president's father was stricken about 4 a.m. with what the family doctor described as a "dissecting aneurysm of the aorta" in the abdomen.

Condition Critical

"Mr. Nixon's condition is critical and actually is a splitting of the layers of the wall of an artery," said the physician, who did not wish his name to be used.

"The patient suffers excruciating pain as the blood is forced through the layers of the vessels and nothing can be done to relieve the damaged tissue," he said.

"All we can do is pray," the doctor said.

The elder Nixon was not hospitalized at his own personal request.

Vice President Nixon who talked with the doctor this morning asked that the family physician take complete charge as a "personal request."

The emergency trip came several hours before the GOP convention convened to select a vice presidential nominee. Nixon was considered certain to win the nomination again.

Nixon cancelled all of his engagements for the day.

His office said it did not know when he would be able to return to the convention.

Child Electrocutated Tuesday Afternoon

Carolyn Mae Hedges, 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hedges, route 2, box 248, Medford, was apparently electrocuted about 2 p.m. Tuesday, Deputy Coroner Joe R. Hosick reported today.

Hosick said two 10-year-old boys discovered the body lying near an electric irrigation pump at the Bernard Gunn residence, route 2, box 248-E, Medford.

The boys, George B. Gunn Jr., 342 Berrydale rd., and Bernard Gunn Jr., ran to Bernard's mother and told her the girl had been hurt.

The Gunn's rushed her to a Medford physician's office, where she was pronounced dead on arrival. There were no witnesses to the accident, Hosick said.

The coroner's office was called shortly after 4 p.m. and county and state police officers were also notified.

The child was born May 26, 1953. In addition to her parents, she is survived by two brothers, Teddy and Dale, and one sister, Deborah, all living at home.

Funeral services are pending at Conger-Morris Funeral home.

McAllister Mentioned To Succeed Latourette

Salem — (U.P.) — Several prominent Oregon attorneys were being mentioned today as possibilities to succeed Supreme Court Justice Earl Latourette whose funeral was held yesterday.

Names included George Rhoten, Salem, state bar president; Eugene Marsh, McMinnville, former state senator; and William McAllister, Medford, former legislator.

Gov. Elmo Smith has indicated no appointment will be made until he returns from the Republican national convention in San Francisco.

Two Rural Fire District Officers Quit in Protest

Central Point — David L. DeArmond and Lawrence Hull, directors of the Central Point Rural Fire Protection district, yesterday submitted their resignations from the board, effective Aug. 31.

In identical letters addressed to Board Chairman Bert Smith, the directors said their action "is taken in protest to your continuing opposition to every small detail that the board takes action on as a whole. Also, you have seen fit to continuously bring in men who have little or no interest in fire protection except to oppose any expenditures made. These taxpayers seem to know more about the operation of the fire department than the men who have been doing it for three or four years, and I personally

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Local Voters To Consider Major Improvement Plan

\$2,871,000 Plan Contains Four Separate Elements

Streets, Sewers, Parking Included

A \$2,871,000 capital improvement program for Medford was approved by the city council last night. It will be submitted to the voters at the Nov. 6 general election.

There are four elements to the proposal, which will be submitted as separate items to the voters. They are:

- (1) A \$1,656,000 program for the development and improvement of arterial streets;
- (2) A \$380,000 program for extension of the city's storm sewer system;
- (3) A \$114,000 program for extension and improvement of the

The Medford city council, in one of its busiest sessions in recent months, last night approved and submitted to the voters a \$2,871,000 capital improvement program for Medford, for arterial streets, storm and sanitary sewers and off-street parking;

Referred to the voters the question of fluoridation of city water as a dental health measure;

Approved one small annexation for election Nov. 6;

Contracted with a firm of planning consultants for advice in city planning;

Completed a long list of more routine business.

Stories on these will be found elsewhere on Page 1, and on Page 10.

Accept Report

The council's action followed its acceptance of a report from the council finance committee which recommended a combination of short-term general obligation and revenue bonds, continuing tax levies, and downtown property assessments to finance construction. The finance committee had studied several other methods of paying for the program before making its recommendation.

Under the program as adopted, general obligation bonds, for the street, sewer and parking proposals would total \$615,000. The continuing levy for the street program and the two sewer proposals would total \$1,835,000. Anticipation revenue from parking meters, plus assessments, would provide the rest of the needed money, or \$421,000.

Break-Down Given

This is how the financing proposal breaks down on the four sections of the overall program: Off-street parking: General obligation bonds (10 years) which will be self-liquidating, up to \$300,000; revenue bonds, up to \$200,000; assessment of one-third of the cost of the program against benefited downtown property. It would be administered by a newly created city parking commission.

Arterial streets: General obligation bonds, (10 years), up to \$220,000; annual levy of \$143,000 for 10 years.

Storm sewers: General obligation bonds (six years), up to \$95,000; annual levy of \$47,500 for six years.

Sanitary sewers: Annual tax levy of \$19,000 for six years.

Details of the program have been worked out over a period of more than a year. Members of the council have stated that such a program offers Medford its best chance to meet the needs of a city which has grown remarkably during the past 20 years, and which is inadequately served at present. Continuing population growth, both within and without the city limits make the program a virtual necessity, they say.

Add About 10 Mills

The entire program would add about 10 mills to the city's taxes, the finance committee report estimated, an amount which would decrease as the tax base broadens.

The off-street parking proposal contemplates no addition to city taxes at all, as it is set up to pay

"Act Dignified—Look Alert—And Remember, We're All Very, Very Proud Of Richard Nixon"



Consultant Service Contract Approved

The Medford city council last night accepted a planning commission recommendation to enter into contract with the Hahn, Wise and Associates consulting service of Redwood, Calif., jointly with the planning commission, for a six months period. The contract calls for \$300 a month to be paid the firm, plus eight cents a mile travel expenses to and from Medford.

Duties Outlined

The consulting service will assign a man to work four days a month on Medford planning

problems. Two of the four days the firm will meet with the city planning commission to make recommendations regarding organizational procedure and operation of the city planning commission, make field trips, draft property lines for planning purposes, make a complete land use inventory of the city and fringe area, review the street and highway plan and work toward development of a public works program and recommend revisions in the subdivision ordinance.

Ordinance Adopted

Also on the recommendation of the planning commission, the council adopted an ordinance proposing a charter amendment and adopting ballot title for the annexation of blocks 7 and 10 and portions of streets of Siskiyou heights extension, now surrounded by the city, to be submitted to Medford voters in the Nov. 6 general elections.

The Jackson county 4-H and Future Farmers of America fair will get an early start Thursday morning with fat stock being weighed at 6 a.m., followed by swine judging and sheep showmanship at 9 a.m., beef judging and sheep judging at 10:30 a.m., with swine showmanship in the evening at 7 o'clock.

Tonight at 7 p.m. beef showmanship champions will be shown.

Besides the livestock division at the fair the home economics exhibits are also on display. A total of 231 exhibits in this division were judged yesterday.

Attendance at the fair has been good, according to the fair officials, with a steady stream of visitors at the fairgrounds.

Voters Considering Irrigation District

Polls will remain open until 5 p.m. today at the Talent Irrigation District office in Talent for landowners in the TID to accept or reject a repayment contract between their district and the federal government.

The contract provides that the district repay \$5,800,000 to the government over a period of 60 years. This represents a little more than one-quarter of the total cost of the Talent reclamation project now underway.

Salem — (U.P.) — A sheriff can not be required to participate in the foreclosure of a chattel mortgage except as specifically provided by law, according to Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton.

For itself out of meter revenues over a period of 10 or more years. In effect, the city lends its credit for the program, but will be reimbursed from revenues without the necessity of added taxes.

Rates on 254 present downtown parking meters, however, would be increased to 5 cents for 30 minutes, and an hour would be added, between 5 and 6 p.m., to the time meter regulations are in effect.

Details of the four-phase proposal will be reported in full in the Mail Tribune prior to the election.

Surrender Comes After Conference With President

Stassen 'Convinced,' Eisenhower Declares

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Harold E. Stassen today abandoned his campaign to prevent Vice President Richard M. Nixon's renomination.

Stassen went all the way — right over to Nixon's side. He arranged to make a seconding speech at the Republican National Convention today in behalf of Nixon.

Stassen's surrender was announced by President Eisenhower at a special news conference.

A story on Herbert Hoover's address at the Republican National Convention, and a story by Robert Dickey, Medford attorney who is an alternate delegate, appear on page 5.

That made it unanimous for the Eisenhower-Nixon ticket. All that remained for the Republican National Convention to do was to formalize the choice in a balloting session starting at 2:30 p.m. (PST).

Throws In Towel

Stassen, whose dump Nixon drive never got anywhere, threw in the towel at a 10-minute conference with Mr. Eisenhower this morning. The President himself announced the surrender at a news conference called with dramatic suddenness at his headquarters hotel.

The 46-year-old Nixon was not on hand to witness Stassen's acceptance of defeat. Early today he received a telephone call that his ailing 77-year-old father, Frank, had taken a sudden turn for the worse and was in a critical condition.

Nixon flew to his father's bedside in suburban Los Angeles. It was not known whether he would be able to return to the convention for Thursday's session at which he and Mr. Eisenhower were scheduled to make their acceptance speeches.

Mr. Eisenhower's announcement was the most dramatic event of this convention. Stassen had doggedly stuck to his fight to get the Republicans to nominate Massachusetts Gov. Christopher A. Herter for the ticket's No. 2 spot.

Stassen Chastened

He kept at it even though Herter refused to let his name go before the convention. He had hoped Mr. Eisenhower might do or say something after his flight here Tuesday night that would put some life into the dump Nixon drive.

The president didn't do that, and this morning a chastened Stassen went before him to confess error. Mr. Eisenhower said Stassen had become convinced that the mass of GOP delegates are for Nixon and that "the best service" Stassen can now perform is to support the obvious winner.

It appeared certain that Convention Chairman Joseph W. Martin Jr. will permit Stassen, not a delegate, to second Nixon's nomination this evening. The President explained that Stassen wants to do this "in order to get his own position clear" to the delegates. Stassen figured, the President said, that this would be "the best way" he could show his "enthusiastic support for the ticket."

Stassen's surrender left the convention with no trace of an organized attempt to get Nixon. A supporter of California Gov. Goodwin J. Knight had talked of putting him in nomination for Nixon's spot, but Knight said no. Wants GOP Congress.

Mr. Eisenhower also urged the election of a GOP Congress.

"I believe that... our country will be best served when both the White House and Congress are run by men of the same party. If there is a Republican President, then I think there should be a Republican Congress."

As to attacks leveled against him at the Democratic National Convention last week, Mr. Eisenhower said "I don't believe that kind of attack will do anything but rebound on the people who make it."

Mr. Eisenhower stressed that he and Nixon had wanted this to be an open convention with no suggestion of a "freezeout."

He said if any others had expressed a desire to be a candidate for the vice presidential nomination he "certainly" would have listened "to their case."

Not being a delegate himself, the President said, he wouldn't express an opinion about Nixon "but I think Dick Nixon knows what I think about him, and I think you know what I think about him."

Crater Lake Area Crash Kills Doctor

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — Dr. Xavier de Donato of Seattle was killed and his friend, Dr. Enza Marselli Sarto, also of Seattle, was injured when their northbound car struck a truck on Crater Lake junction today.

The Seattle bound car, with Dr. Sarto at the wheel, was following a truck and crashed into it when it made a left-hand turn. The truck was driven by William Zumbrun, Fort Klamath rancher.

Prestwick, Scotland — (U.P.) — A twin-engine aircraft with two men aboard was reported missing over the North Atlantic today between Iceland and Scotland.

Salem — (U.P.) — Aug. 28 is the deadline for candidates to file arguments for the voters' pamphlet for the November election.

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