

HUNDREDS FLEE FLOOD WATERS TEXAS

"Man, Listen To That Beat"



Thursday Is Deadline For Entering Floats

Local firms and organizations planning to enter floats in the Pear Blossom Festival parade Saturday have until 5 p.m. Thursday to submit entry blanks to festival headquarters, 328 South Central ave.

Jay Pierce, festival president, extended a special invitation to business firms to enter floats in the commercial division. Interest in all other divisions has been good, he said.

The parade will form at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the Library park. All entries must be in

County Court Names 100 Roads in Area

More than 100 roads in Jackson county are being given names for the first time, the county court reported today.

Crews have been installing road signs under direction of the court for the past month and will complete the project in about another month.

The name of one road, Stickey lane, has been changed to McLoughlin Way after residents of the area requested the change. The road is northeast of Medford off the 401 road.

The county court said the entire county is being included in the road naming project, which has been subject of promotional campaigns by home extension units, property owners and others recently.

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — Klamath Falls airport has been officially renamed Kingsley Field in honor of 2nd Lt. David Richard Kingsley, Portland airman who won the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously during World War II.

Oslo — (U.P.) — Dr. Albert Schweitzer, humanitarian and holder of the Nobel Peace Prize, appealed for an end to nuclear arms tests.

New Service Will Go Into Effect Saturday

Greater Medford extended area telephone service will go into effect at 11 p.m. Saturday, according to Jack Creager, manager of the Medford office of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company.

Creager discussed coming local telephone changes at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Roundtable luncheon yesterday at the Jackson hotel. New telephone numbers will be effective at that time, he said.

Fifteen cent toll charges will be eliminated by the change and all local telephone districts will be able to call adjoining areas directly, Creager said.

Increase Base Rates

He added that the change would increase Ashland and Gold Hill base rates to the same level as Medford, Jacksonville and Central Point. At 11 p.m. Saturday, according to Creager, one, two and four-party lines will be available for residents in the Phoenix-Talent exchange that reside in or near the new base rate boundary.

He said 600 Medford customers, 500 Ashland customers and 200 new customers will be affected by the new Phoenix-Talent exchange.

Discussing future telephone expansion, Creager noted that in 10 years the population on the Pacific coast was estimated to increase from 19 million to 25 million people. This increase will result in an additional 5 million Pacific coast telephones, he said.

Creager estimated that in a few years direct distance dialing

position in advance of the 1 p.m. starting time to allow ample time for judging, Pierce emphasized.

Gov. Robert D. Holmes will act as grand marshal of the parade and will be introduced at ceremonies at Hawthorne park. Queen Linda and King Harold, the royal pair, will officiate and present prizes and awards for parade winners.

Sports car enthusiasts have announced arrangements to have a display of foreign and American-made cars on display at Hawthorne park. The public has been invited to examine them and ask questions of club members who will be in attendance.

Youngsters will be treated to a free movie Saturday afternoon at the Craterian theater in Medford. Starting time of the movie will be announced later.

Other events for the week end include a parade of wheel chair floats by residents of the Camp White domiciliary. The event will be held Sunday afternoon at Camp White.

In outlining activities for the festival, Pierce said retail merchants in the area are planning sales promotions for Friday and Saturday, with sale items marked as Pear Blossom specials to tie-in with the festival.

Planning Commission To Meet Wednesday

The Medford planning commission tomorrow will consider calling a public hearing on rezoning from single family (class 1A) to light industrial (class V) several acres in the vicinity of Delta Waters rd. and Crater Lake highway in the Rogue Valley Heights section.

The special meeting will be held at 5 p.m. Wednesday in the city hall. The commission also will consider rezoning 35 feet adjacent to Crater Lake highway from single family to a parking zone. Next regular meeting of the commission is May 13.

equipment will be installed in Medford enabling residents to telephone any point in the United States or Canada.

Group to Discourage Introduction of Bill Until After Survey

Directors of the Rogue River Basin Flood Control and Water Resources association last night unanimously voted to discourage introduction of any Rogue basin flood control bill until the Army corps of engineers has reported on their survey, now underway.

The vote was taken after discussion of a bill Congressman Charles O. Porter has indicated he plans to introduce for a flood control and reclamation program in the Rogue basin.

Porter is scheduled to be in southern Oregon this week and is to attend a public luncheon on the Rogue basin program Wednesday at Grants Pass. Another luncheon conference is slated for Saturday noon in Medford.

Directors Selected

Five directors were selected last night to represent the association at both luncheons. They include William Jess, chairman, Ben Hilton, Howard Norwood, Rodney Keating and Milton Walker.

Members of the association had planned to hold a separate, semi-private meeting with Porter during his visit here. Considerable discussion was held over the matter last night. Hilton said he had been informed Porter might hold a special meeting

Dulles Visions Reporter 'Pool' Going To China

Proposal Would Be Experiment

Washington — (U.P.) — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said today he feels a limited number of American reporters could be permitted to go to Red China under an experimental "pool" arrangement.

Although this represented a retreat from his previous adamant stand, Dulles emphasized that the United States has no intention now of dropping its general ban on travel by Americans to Red China.

Dulles told a press conference both he and Undersecretary of State Christian A. Herter have been carefully studying the question whether or not to let U.S. newsmen go to Red China. He said the department would be glad to have the American public obtain factual information about Communist China through American reporters.

But he said the department is not willing to have Americans in general traveling to Red China while the Chinese Communists are holding Americans prisoner and while Red China and the U.S. are technically still fighting each other.

Dulles said that some newspaper officials had suggested the possibility of letting a limited number of reporters go to Communist China. He said the State Department feels such a selective experiment could be made.

Dulles said he thinks such an experiment should be a one-shot test to see how it works.

Plans Report To UN

Dulles also said the United States plans to report to the United Nations Security Council this week on its Suez Canal negotiations with Egypt.

Dulles said the report may be presented Wednesday or Thursday.

He said it seems appropriate now that the canal is open, that there be greater public knowledge of the Suez problem. Therefore, he said, it seems appropriate to the U.S. that an early report be made to the Security Council on the negotiations.

Preliminary Plans Approved by Board

Portland — The Oregon state board of higher education today approved preliminary plans for a \$460,000 science building at Southern Oregon college in Ashland.

Plans were presented by Medford Architect Robert J. Keeney. Action to complete final plans are pending appropriation of funds by the state legislature.

The board also approved extension of the SOC campus boundaries to include a four-block area between Highway 66 and Webster st., and Wightman and Walker sts., according to SOC President Dr. Elmo Stevenson.

The area will be used for housing, Dr. Stevenson said. The college plans to relocate Veterans village, which includes seven buildings with 28 apartments. Between 20 and 30 houses now owned by the college will be moved to the location within the next few years, Dr. Stevenson added.

Portland — (U.P.) — The Portland Chamber of Commerce said its 1957 "Grassman of the Year" contest would be its last.

with about five of the directors for not more than 15 minutes.

The board of directors said they felt they were entitled to more time than that and discussed possibilities of scheduling a meeting between Porter and the directors before Porter returns to Washington, D.C. Directors were to be notified individually if a special meeting could be arranged.

Mrs. Kathryn Heffernan, recently appointed to the advisory committee of the National Rivers and Harbors congress, spoke to the group on the need for more funds to complete the Army engineers flood control survey here. She said about \$20,000 has been spent so far on the survey, and another \$14,000 would be needed to complete the project.

Applying for Funds

She stressed importance of applying for the funds soon in order for the project to be considered at the May 17 and 18 meeting of the Rivers and Harbors congress in Washington, D.C. The association agreed to complete the application form and send it to Washington.

Directors also went on record as being actively interested in a Bear Creek water shed protection and flood prevention planning aid program.

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COST OF LIVING CONTINUES HIGHER

Washington — (U.P.) — The government reported today that the cost of living reached a new record for the seventh straight month in March.

It brought automatic wage hikes of 1 to 3 cents an hour for 1,400,000 workers.

The government also reported that the purchasing power of the average factory worker's pay check declined in March for the second month in a row. The decline wiped out gains made in buying power since March, 1956.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics price index rose two-tenths of 1 per cent between February and March to 118.9 per cent of average 1947-1949 prices. The

index was 3.7 per cent higher than a year ago.

The rise means a 3-cent hourly pay raise for nearly one million railroad workers on May 1 under semi-annual wage escalation provisions in their wage contracts. Another 400,000 workers scattered through the aircraft, electrical, and a variety of other industries also will get some pay raises under similar clauses.

The BLS reported that average weekly take-home pay, earnings after federal taxes, for factory workers declined by more than 30 cents between February and March. The decline, it said,

reflected a drop in the average work week.

The average factory take-home pay in March for a worker with three dependents was \$74.65 a week.

The decline in take-home pay and the rise in the cost of living combined to drop buying power of the average factory worker to slightly lower than a year ago. The BLS said it was the first time in more than 2½ years that the monthly buying power figure showed no increase over the previous year.

BLS reported that food prices declined four-tenths of 1 per cent in March, mainly for eggs and pork. Increases for all other

major groups of goods and services more than offset the decline.

Price increases were reported for rents, dry cleaning and laundry services, water rates, mortgage interest rates, and home maintenance costs; clothing, used cars, gasoline and motor oil, medical care, haircuts, toiletries, movie admissions, newspapers, and television sets.

H. E. Riley, chief of the BLS Price Division, said the outlook for April is for further increases in major groups of goods and services, including food.

He refused to predict what might lie ahead beyond April.

Amusement Device Tax Recommended In Oregon House

Salem — (U.P.) — The House Tax committee Monday recommended out "do pass" a bill taxing all types of music and amusement devices after defeating a move to double all the taxes.

Rep. Richard Eyeman, Mohawk Democrat, recommended the increases after noting that coin-in-slot and similar amusement devices were a lucrative business.

However, committee member Vernon Cook, Gresham Democrat, and Chairman Clarence Barton, Coquille Democrat, opposed the move on grounds the machines were already subject to heavy state and city taxation.

Barton said he thought doubling the tax would not produce any more revenue since it might have the effect of driving many machines out of circulation.

Taverns Would Suffer

Cook said all the machines were legal and that they were already being taxed at least as heavily as other types of property. He and Committee Counsel Rex Ellis agreed that doubling the tax would be hard on tavern owners now operating on a small margin.

The bill would raise more revenue by bringing bowling games and other games involving throwing of balls or pucks under an annual \$25 tax or \$100 if the game can be played by five or more persons.

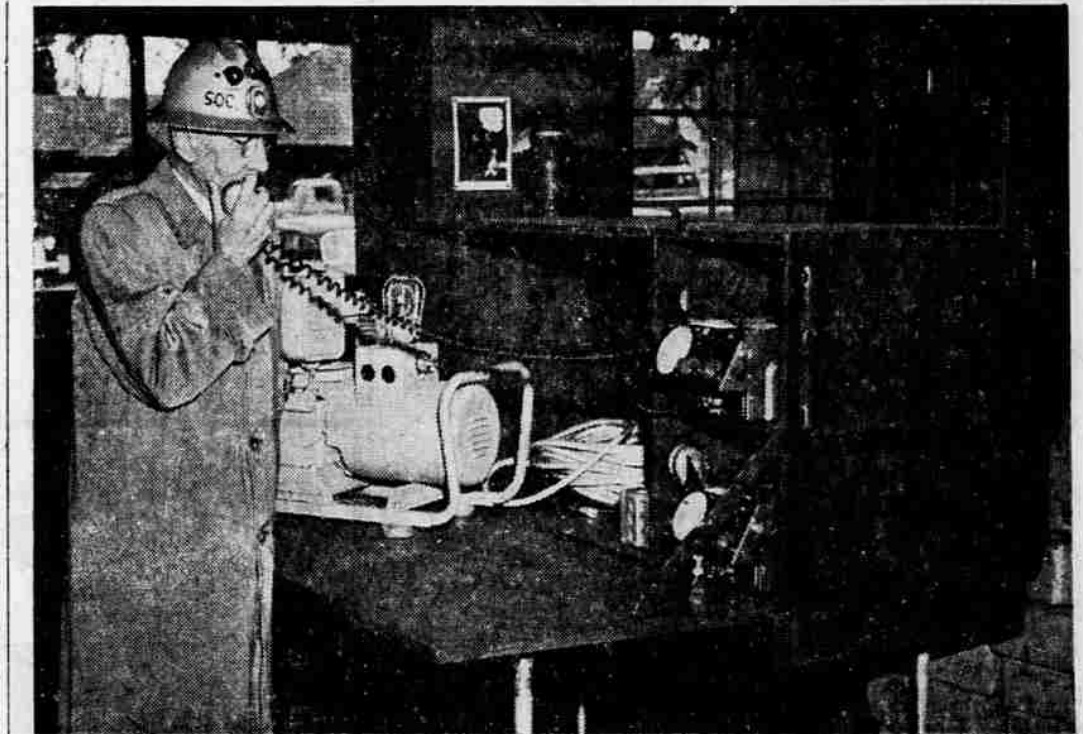
It also would allow substitution of game machines with the same annual tax so they could be moved to different establishments without being taxed again.

Some \$125,000 in revenue was raised by the tax on music and amusement machines in 1956.

Bulletin

By UNITED PRESS

Jordan's moderate Premier Hussein Khalidi met with his Cabinet in Amman today to decide whether to surrender to boiling leftist opposition against his pro-Western regime. A Cairo radio broadcast said he had decided to resign immediately.



PORTABLE TRANSMITTER — L. L. (Doc) Simpson, secretary-manager and forester of Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association, demonstrates one of two portable radio transmitters which will soon be available for use in forest fire and disaster work in Jackson county. According to Simpson, the addition of the two field units will give Jackson county the best emergency radio system in the United States. The transmitter cases, designed and built at Elk Lumber company,

have handles to facilitate loading and unloading and a compartment to store antenna sections. The transmitters are complete with their own 2,500 watt power plant, which, with the use of long lead-in wires, can be placed some distance from the transmitter itself to cut down engine noise. Two separate transmitters in each unit will make it possible to broadcast on both the Jackson county frequency as well as Elk-SOCTFA dual frequency, according to Simpson.

Soviet, British Letters Revealed

London — (U.P.) — Britain and France invaded Egypt last fall in face of direct private Soviet threats that such action could touch off a larger war and destroy the Suez Canal and the Mid-east oil fields, publication of an exchange of letters showed today.

Britain told the Soviets they were using a double standard — condoning the use of force by Egypt in nationalizing the Suez Canal but condemning military preparations by Britain and France to protect their interests in the waterway.

The exchange of letters between Premier Nikolai Bulganin and former British Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden, were published by the Soviet government organ Izvestia in Moscow today and broadcast by Moscow Radio.

The Soviets had announced Monday they were releasing the letters and the British govern-

ment got the jump by publishing them first. Informal sources said Prime Minister Harold Macmillan first consulted with the ailing Eden by telephone to Boston.

Weather

FORECAST: Decreasing cloudiness and cooler tonight. Fair Wednesday. Low tonight 35, high Wednesday 65.

Temp.

Highest Yesterday 42

Lowest This Morning 42

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise 5:18 a.m.

Sunset 7:02 p.m.

The Moon rises Wednesday 2:31 a.m.

In Apogee, it is 231,000 miles from the Earth tonight.

New Moon April 29

Mars, setting at 10:45 p.m. is now about 193 million miles from the Earth.

There were three letters from Bulganin to Eden and two from Eden to Bulganin. An exchange of single letters between Bulganin and French Premier Guy Mollet was not published by Paris and Moscow Radio did not broadcast them.

Bulganin's first letter to Eden dated Sept. 11, warned that if Britain attempted to seize the Suez it could result in destruction of the waterway and evoke the hatred of the Afro-Asian peoples. It called for a peaceful settlement in the United Nations.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York — (U.P.) — Dow-Jones averages: 30 Industrials 491.88, up 3.09; 20 Railroads 145.91, up 0.94; 15 Utilities 72.99, up 0.59, and 65 Stocks 172.66, up 1.16. Sales today were about 2,840,000 shares compared with 2,560,000 shares Monday.

Torrential Rains Send Brazos River, Creeks on Rampage

6,000 Expected To Evacuate in Waco

Waco, Tex. — (U.P.) — Hundreds of persons fled their homes in this Central Texas city of 100,000 today and officials feared that as many as 6,000 residents may have to evacuate their dwellings within a few hours to escape floods.

Fed by torrential rains, the Brazos river which flows through the city's eastern side was rising a foot every 15 minutes. Authorities said there was a possibility it may flood out the entire eastern side of Waco.

Evacuation Planned

Civilian and military authorities met in emergency session to plan the evacuation if it should become necessary. It was feared that the river may start spilling out of its banks by mid-afternoon.

Waco was the worst hit city in a four-county Central Texas area for which Civil Defense and disaster relief headquarters in Austin issued possible flash flood warning.

Torrential rains deluged the northeastern quarter of Texas. As much as six inches fell on the headwaters of the Brazos since midnight.

Some of the 6,000 persons who would be endangered by a flood here already had left their homes. Airmen from James Connally Air Force Base were standing by in case it becomes necessary to move residents from their homes in the eastern part of the city.

Warnings Issued

Dallas and Fort Worth suffered heavy flooding and flood warnings were issued for both the Brazos and Trinity rivers.

Record rains flooded low places in Fort Worth. In the suburb of Kennedale, southeast of Fort Worth, Village creek was seven feet deep and rising steadily. Creeks near both Lake Worth and White Settlement were spilling over their banks.

In Dallas, police reported high water in at least a half-dozen low lying sections. The worst was along Barbaree rd. in East Dallas where residents reported water at near flood level in their homes.

Sale of Properties Postponed Until Next Month by IRD

The auction of properties valued at about \$1,250,000, which were seized by the government in March from Walter H. and Evelyn G. Leverette, has been postponed until May 21, according to Internal Revenue department group supervisors.

The auction, originally scheduled to start at 10 a.m. today was postponed by the Internal Revenue department district director in Portland. Reason for the postponement was to allow time to iron out technicalities which would not have been in the best interests of taxpayers, according to department officials.

The auction today was to be held at the Orchard Park Farms, one of Leverette's holdings near Voorhies crossing south of Medford.

The sale was to include a packing plant, cold storage building, 10 pear orchards, the Leverette building in downtown Medford and other property and equipment. Total land involved is about 3,000 acres.

The government seizure of the property was one of the largest ever conducted in the Pacific northwest, and involved about \$600,000 in back taxes owed by Leverette for the period from 1941 through 1952, according to Internal Revenue agents.

Leverette served a short prison term for income tax evasion several years ago.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Kansas City 5 7 0

Detroit 4 9 1

Coleman, Trucks (7) and Thompson; Lee, Foytack (9), Gorman (9) and Wilson. Home runs: Tuttle, Detroit; Simpson, Kansas City; Boone, Detroit; Cerv, Kansas City; Skizas, Kansas City.

Baltimore 1 2 0

Boston 3 9 0

Loes, Ferrarese (8) and Ginsberg; F. Sullivan and White. Home runs: Williams, Boston; Kell, Baltimore.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Pittsburgh 0 3 0

New York 1 8 1

Kline, Kiszawa (8) and Folles; Burnside and Westrum.