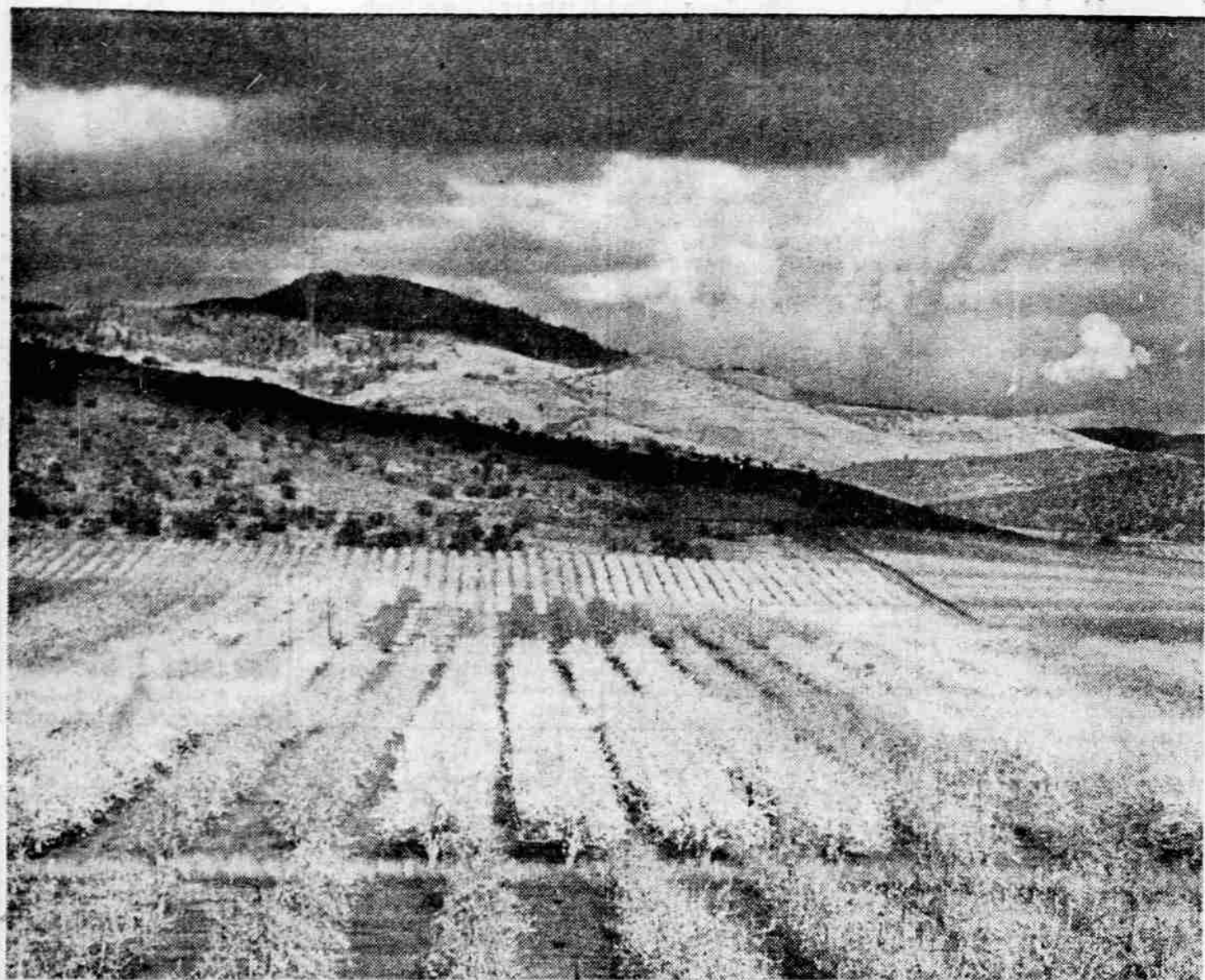




FULL BLOOM—Today marks the beginning of a four or five day period in which the bulk of the 10,000 acres of pear orchards in the Rogue River valley will be at peak bloom, according to County Extension Agent Clifford Cordy. Bartlett, which make up most of the acreage, are at their fullest bloom, Comice and Bosc varieties are approaching full bloom, but some D'Anjous are already losing some petals, Cordy said. "Pear blossom drive," a route

marked off to give motorists the best view of the flowering trees, will be in effect this week end and will coincide with the annual Pear Blossom festival April 12 and 13. The picture above was taken this week east of Talent where the road goes over a hill, presenting a panoramic view of a number of orchards. Blocks of different varieties of pears at various stages of bloom give a "patchwork" effect to the scene.

RESTRAINING ORDER SET ON PINBALL DIRECTIVE

President Would Consider Halt of Nuclear Testing

Washington — President Eisenhower said today that he would very seriously consider suspending U.S. nuclear tests if the forthcoming series in the Pacific provides the United States with necessary scientific data.

After the 1958 tests are completed, the President said, U.S. scientists will tell him whether they provided most, if not all, of the information they sought.

If the scientists report success in obtaining the needed information, the President said he would then consider very seriously a suspension of further nuclear testing. He said it would be perfectly possible that the United States, in that event, would make a unilateral statement of its intentions to halt testing.

Door Left Open
The President thus left open the possibility of more tests, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said Tuesday. The United States hopes it can stop testing at the conclusion of the spring-summer series. But the secretary said the "likelihood" is that there will be need for further tests.

The possibility of further tests is understood to hinge on the need to develop a nuclear defense against a Soviet missile attack.

The President at his news conference reacted coolly to proposals made by Sen. Clifford P. Case (R-N.J.) that the United States ask Russia to join in a pledge to test only "clean" nuclear weapons.

Sacramento — An Air Force F102 fighter plane crashed and burned on take-off from McClellan Air Force Base today.

Neuberger To Stay Neutral in Coming Primary Elections

Salem — Sen. Richard Neuberger (D-Ore.), will remain politically neutral in the May primary elections.

Neuberger said here Tuesday that while he has "warm personal feelings" for Gov. Robert D. Holmes and his

program, he will not give him official support in the primary.

Neither did the junior Oregon senator indicate he would support Sen. Wayne Morse as a possible candidate for President.

View Modified
"His (Morse's) stand on the recent civil rights bill somewhat modified my view that he should be President of the United States," Neuberger said.

Neuberger supported the civil rights legislation and Morse voted against it.

While admitting that he and Morse had differed over some legislation, Neuberger reiterated previous statements that he has no personal animosity toward Morse. He said there have been "many instances" of disagreement within political parties.

Neuberger said the Klamath Indian termination bill, introduced by the administration, probably will be reported out of committee next month.

Opposition Seen
He indicated there would probably be plenty of opposition to it, but said: "I feel confident of its final success in this session of Congress."

Present price supports are doing nothing for the small farmers of the Willamette valley or orchardists of the Rogue valley, the senator said.

Joining critics of Agriculture Secretary Ezra Taft Benson, Neuberger said farm price supports affected only five major crops. He said the price support program should be more comprehensive and give "equal aid" to the small farmer.

Roof of Avery Home Burns In Ashland
An unestimated amount of damage was done to the Charles Avery home, 248 Third st., Ashland, this morning when cinders set fire to the house roof, according to Ashland fire department. Damage was confined to the roof and one bedroom, firemen reported.

Welfare Budget Increase Reported As \$72,727 for Last Fiscal Quarter

An increase of \$72,727 in the budget for the Jackson County Public Welfare Commission has been certified by the State Public Welfare Commission for the last quarter of this fiscal year.

The increase will be shared by federal, state and county funds, with Jackson county's share determined by the established formula. The county's share is usually about one-sixth, according to James Pullman, county welfare administrator.

He said yesterday that "the overall increase in costs for public welfare in Jackson county has been caused by more applicants for all types of public assistance, substantial increases in nursing home rates, increased use of expen-

sive drugs and the current unemployment problem in the community."

He said he had received word that the state welfare commission has certified a new budget for Jackson county, providing a balance of \$362,834 for the three months ending June 30.

The increase is still \$7,424 less than the county commission's estimate of expenditures for the last quarter, which totals \$370,258, Pullman explained.

The balance of the certified annual budget for the county welfare commission on March 1, before the approved increase, was \$290,107.72.

The administrator said that approximately \$20,000 income is expected from reim-

bursements to offset a portion of the expenditures. He added, however, that he did not know if that \$20,000 income can be included in the newly certified budget for the remainder of the fiscal year.

"General assistance" expenditures are expected to total approximately \$117,280, compared with \$90,000 during the same period in fiscal year 1957.

General assistance expenditures include food, shelter, utilities, fuel and medical care, with the greater part going to families in which the husband is unemployed.

Pullman said the commission has supplemented very few cases of unemployment compensation and that the turnover of cases has been large.

Machines Held As Not Devices For Gambling

A temporary restraining order stopping Jackson county law enforcement officers from confiscating free play pinball machines was signed this morning by Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna.

The order was asked by Steve Crippen of Medford, doing business as Steve's Music company, against District Attorney Thomas J. Reeder and State Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton. Similar orders have been issued in several other counties.

Judge Hanna set a 9:30 a.m. April 30 for a hearing to show cause why a permanent injunction should not be issued.

Thornton issued an opinion and directive March 20 to all district attorneys in Oregon declaring that free play pinball machines were gambling devices as defined by Oregon law.

Crippen's complaint alleges that free play machines are not gambling devices under the law and as property of the plaintiff their confiscation would cause "irreparable damage." The complaint further declared that the machines have operated for many years legally in Oregon "prior to this election year."

Reeder announced following the court procedure that "the state has no recourse but to await further developments in interpretation of the law as to the legality of the free play machines."

He added that he anticipated an early test case from another county before the supreme court. Earlier he had set today as a deadline past which free-play machines will be confiscated.

The law will continue to be enforced against machines which pay off, Reeder said.

Condemnation Suit Remanded To Court

Salem — The State Supreme Court today remanded to the trial court for further proceedings a \$23,171 judgment for Thomas Vella in a Jackson county condemnation suit which was appealed by the State Highway Commission.

The land in question was a strip along U. S. Highway 99 in Central Point which the commission contended was worth no more than \$7,500.

The high court said evidence was improperly admitted in the case concerning the loss to Vella of trade at his drive-in and creamery. The commission wanted land on Vella's parking lot for widening of the highway.

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Ike Sees No Need For Decision Now On Tax Reduction

Economic Figures Don't Require Cut

Washington — President Eisenhower said today he sees no need for a decision now on cutting taxes.

He told his news conference that economic figures he has seen including those on unemployment Tuesday, in his opinion do not require a tax cutting decision at the moment.

The Labor and Commerce Department reported Tuesday that March unemployment rose 25,000 to 5,198,000 while employment rose 323,000.

The President said he is keeping the tax matter under constant study but indicated that it could be several months before a decision is made to cut taxes—if that becomes necessary.

Predicts Upgrade
He pointed out that there are 62 million people with jobs, that the public has a great amount of savings and that the Federal Reserve Board has taken actions to ease credit. The President said this led him to the conclusion that there are real grounds for believing the nation's economy is going on the upgrade one of these days. But he said he would not say when.

When a reporter asked what the people could do about the recession, the President gave a clipped one-word answer—buy.

When the reporter asked what they should buy, the President said—anything. However, he said he did not mean that people should buy carelessly but should do so selectively and get what they want.

Blood Drawing 117 Pints Short

A total of 173 pints of blood, 117 pints short of the quota, were donated to the Red Cross Tuesday afternoon during the quarterly visit of the bloodmobile to Medford. Of the 209 persons who visited the Red Cross building to donate blood 22 were rejected.

Red Cross officials reported the next visit of the bloodmobile to the area will be in June when 350 pints will be needed to make up the current deficit.

Officials reported that the local area can still draw blood from the regional blood bank in Portland even if donations continue to drop behind. However, they said, if the regional bank falls too far behind in its supplies, the soldiers at Fort Lewis, Wash., will be "drafted" as donors.

The bloodmobile is in Ashland today and Medford donors will be accepted there, Red Cross spokesmen said.

Ashland Worker In Poor Shape

Ashland — Frank R. Cunningham, 478 Allison st., Ashland, was reported still in critical condition at Ashland General hospital today. He was injured Monday when he was struck by a "muck" car in the Cascade train tunnel.

Cunningham was reported suffering from facial cuts, broken arm, and lacerations.

Alfred Paulson, hospital superintendent, made two trips to Medford for blood to replenish the hospital blood bank when five units of blood were used during the four-hour surgery, it was reported.

Search Party Out For Missing Youth

A search party from the jeep corps of the Jackson Civil Defense organization began searching the wooded area near Ruch this morning for 16-year-old Edmond Cheadle.

The boy was reported missing after failure to return from a walk in an orchard near the home of his aunt, Mrs. Lois Hatfield, Monday afternoon, according to sheriff's deputies.

Chief Deputy Joseph Walsh, deputy director of law enforcement for Civil Defense, organized the search. Between 12 and 20 men were expected to take part in the search.

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He had been staying with relatives while his parents were in the process of moving, deputies were told.

'Buy Anything,' Ike Tells People

Selectivity in Purchases Urged At News Session

Manufacturers Receive Scolding

Washington — President Eisenhower, optimistic about a business upturn, gave the American people today a one-word prescription for fighting the recession: "Buy."

He said consumers should buy "anything" — but not carelessly. They should be selective and make sure they get what they need and want. The President scolded manufacturers for what he called chucking things down peoples' throats. He said that this is partly to blame for the public's reluctance to buy and that it is time manufacturers woke up and gave the people what they want.

He plugged his "buy" campaign at his weekly news conference which was highlighted by these other remarks on the economic outlook:

Declining Prestige
—A further deepening of the recession would cause a decline of U. S. prestige abroad.

—It is not unusual for living costs to go up during a recession, although he wished this were not so.

The President said his mail has indicated no public clamor for a tax cut. Most of the people who have written, he said, have plugged for some particular excise tax cut.

In other highlights of the news conference, the President:

—Strongly defended his sweeping defense reorganization plan. He said he didn't see any sense at all to charges that it would make a czar out of Defense Secretary Neil H. McElroy. He heatedly said that he is going to fight his utmost in an effort to get congressional approval for the plan.

—Said he would seriously consider a unilateral suspension of further U.S. nuclear tests if scientists told him they had learned in the forthcoming tests what they wanted to about cleaning up nuclear bombs and other technical information.

Pitches for Foreign Aid
—Made a strong pitch for congressional approval of his foreign aid and reciprocal trade programs. He said that congressional failure to approve them would seriously damage world leadership of the United States.

—After first refusing with a crisp no to evaluate chances of GOP congressional candidates in the fall elections, he said they can win if they work hard and intelligently.

The President was in good spirits but serious throughout the news conference.

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'By The Way, Don't Expect 100% Cooperation'



Work Moving Ahead For Two New Schools In Medford District

Work on the new Wilson and Hoover elementary schools is progressing satisfactorily, according to a report made at last night's meeting of the Medford school board.

The board accepted alternate plans for the two schools which specify unit ventilators with controls and an additional room for the Hoover elementary school. The additional classroom is necessary because of the anticipated increase in elementary school enrollment next fall in that area, Supt. Leonard B. Mayfield explained. This applies to the northeast section of the Medford school district which Wilson will draw from and the southeast section to be covered by Hoover school.

The foundation is now in for part of the Wilson school at Grand and Corona sts. The foundation is now being prepared for the Hoover school on Siskiyou and Modoc sts., the superintendent said.

Mayfield said target date for completion of the classrooms is October. All grade school facilities should be completed by November according to the tentative schedule set, the superintendent said.

School officials plan tentatively to take care of students scheduled for those two schools by double shifting them in Roosevelt and Hedrick schools until the buildings are completed, Mayfield added. Teaching facilities include 15 in Wilson and 12 in Hoover, he explained. Every effort will be made to complete the facilities by fall, Mayfield said.

The superintendent also reported that architects for the high school additions said the plans will be ready late this month. Two additions, one vocational and one for academic purposes, are planned. The industrial arts addition will include a wood shop, metal shop and machine shop. A year from this fall an auto mechanic shop is to be included, Mayfield said.

The present shop location will be renovated for science classrooms and laboratories, he added. The new shop location will be south of the main high school building.

The board authorized school officials to ask for bids for a 78-passenger school bus. This is subject to approval of the school district budget committee and voters of the district, the superintendent explained.

The board also made final preparation for presenting the new budget to the budget committee this Thursday evening.

During other business the superintendent reported some teacher resignations. Janette Dean, Westside elementary school teacher, and her husband, Carlyle Dean, science

teacher and coach at McLoughlin junior high school, have resigned to return to Idaho. Other resignations include Richard Paschold, social studies instructor at McLoughlin junior high school and Mrs. Marian Beeson, first grade instructor at Jefferson school.

Ralph Perkins, Banks, Southern Oregon college graduate, will teach social studies at McLoughlin junior high school next school year. Mrs. Joanne Wickman, Medford, is yet unassigned. Bob Lawrence, Medford, is scheduled to teach intermediate mathematics at Jackson school.

Soldier's Tomb Planned Here
Plans for an erection of a replica of the Unknown Soldier's tomb for the Medford Memorial day observance were discussed at the Monday night meeting of the Veterans Allied Council of Jackson county.

The structure, which will be in Hawthorne park, is the property of the local 40, is 8 organization and is about 5 1/2 feet tall. Plans call for the unit to be the center of the day's ceremonies by veterans' groups.

A resolution urging installation of medical and surgical facilities at Camp White with the special request that each of the major veterans' groups bring it onto the floor of their department convention. The Council hopes for action on the facilities by the groups on a national level.

Locks Repaired In Juvenile Home

Sixteen locks in the Jackson county juvenile detention home have been repaired, County Commission Chester Wendt said this morning.

The Medford Safe and Locksmith service, 309 East Jackson st., completed the repair work on the 16 electrically controlled locks on the detention home room doors last night, Wendt said.

County juvenile officials discovered last week the locks on the individual rooms were not working properly. During a transfer of inmates from the various rooms, one youth boasted in the hearing of juvenile officials that he could easily pry one of the door catches open.

Wendt explained the locks are controlled by a central electrical system. During an emergency such as a fire a main switch can release all door locks simultaneously, the county commissioner explained. This lock system was recommended by the state fire marshal, he added.

Publication of the story on the lock problem was held up by the Mail Tribune at the request of the juvenile office until the locks were fixed to prevent potential break-outs — or possible break-ins by youths from the outside who might have been able to release inmates.

DOW-JONES
New York — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 441.8, off 0.71; 20 rails 102.07, up 0.46; 15 utilities 74.70, up 0.38; 65 stocks 150.95, up 0.14. Sales today were about 2,040,000 shares compared with 2,190,000 shares Tuesday.

Prices To Oregon Farmers Up Almost Six Per Cent

Corvallis — Prices paid to Oregon farmers for their produce shot upwards almost six per cent during March.

Mrs. Elvera Horrell, agricultural economist at Oregon State college, said it was the sharpest monthly percentage increase in Oregon in nearly 15 years.

National Figure Up
Mrs. Horrell reported that farm prices in Oregon now exceed those of a year ago by four per cent, while the national increase is about 11 per cent over March of 1957.

The economist said higher prices for meat animals, poultry, and eggs more than offset lower price tags on dairy products, wool and mohair. And price increases on hay, potatoes, and fresh market vegetables more than compensated for lower prices on wheat, feed grains, fruits, nuts, berries and seeds.

Parity Ratio Up
The farm parity ratio reached 87 in mid-March, up four points for the month and six points better than a year ago. The parity ratio is the government's measure of national prices in relation to farm costs.

Banks and Shops Close as Workers Flee for Cover

Castro's Offensive Seen Responsible

Havana — Widespread shooting broke out in downtown Havana today and a bomb blast opposite the prime minister's office knocked out all electric power.

It appeared rebel leader Fidel Castro's long-headed all-out offensive against the government of President Fulgenio Batista was underway.

At 11 a.m., rebel raiders invaded a radio station in suburban Vedado and forced announcers to run a record proclaiming that "the general strike is about to start."

Banks Close Doors
One bomb exploded near the United Press office in the arcade of the Hotel Sevilla Biltmore.

Banks in the area immediately closed their doors and workers fled for cover. Shops in the area also were closing.

Police with tommy guns and army intelligence took over the Prado, Havana's main street and began a block-by-block hunt for rebel gunmen.

The blast near the prime minister's office was preceded by an apparently unsuccessful rebel attempt to raid the national armory in old Havana.

The shooting was only a block from Naval headquarters on the waterfront. Naval guards fired short bursts of machinegun fire to clear the streets.

Sirens Blare
This dispatch was telephoned to the United Press in New York. The sound of sirens and gunfire was clearly audible over the telephone.

The outbreak here coincided with reports that guerrilla warfare had spread from rebel-infested Oriente province to Las Villas and Camaguey provinces.