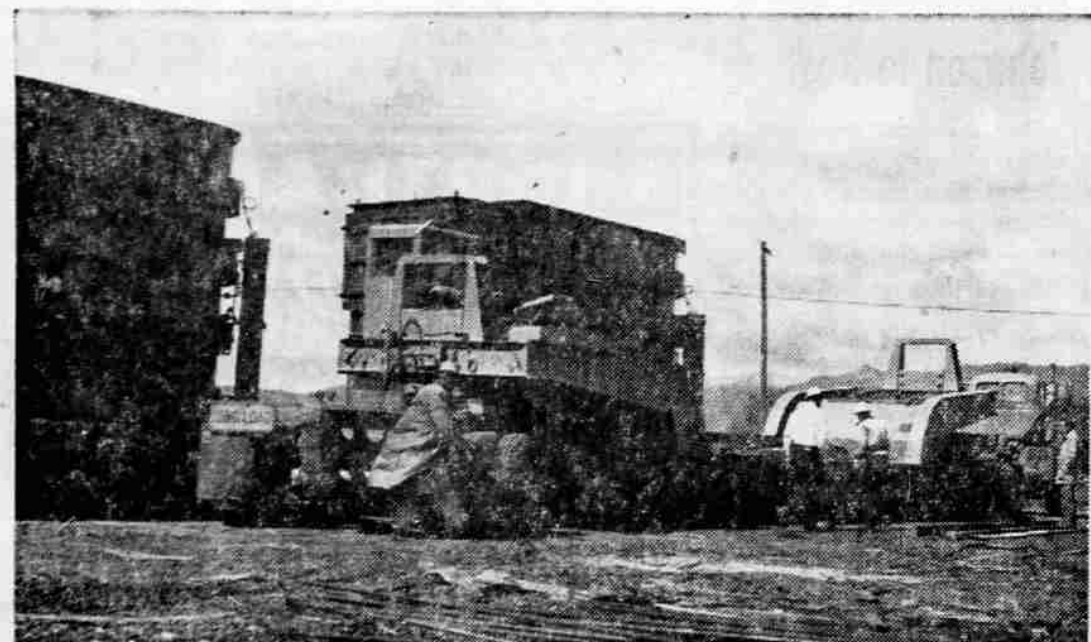




MOVE TRANSFORMERS—California Oregon Power company today began the job of moving four giant 75-ton transformers from a site near the railroad on McAndrews rd. to the new Lone Pine substation. To do the job a mammoth drop-bed truck was hired from the Wilhelm Trucking company, Portland. The 80-foot vehicle is claimed to be the only one of its kind in the world, having two drivers, one in front and one in back, who communicate with each other over an intercom system. The transformers will convert the 220,000 volts of electricity coming from Klamath river over the company's new transmission line to 66,000 volts that will supply feeder lines in this area, according to company officials. The installation will serve to increase the available power here substantially. Three of the units will be used full time and one will serve as a spare, company officials said. In the picture above, workmen brace the sides of the truck bed prior to skidding one of the units aboard.

Russia Suffers Big Propaganda Defeat

Envoy Withdraws Charges Rather Than Face Vote

United Nations, N.Y.—The Soviet Union suffered a major propaganda defeat of its own making in the U.N. Security Council Monday night, and the big question today was why.

Diplomatic quarters said the Soviets, in accusing the United States of "provocative" flights by nuclear-armed bombers, must be trying to block an East-West summit conference for unknown reasons. Until now Russia has led the cry for summit talks.

Preliminary talks for such a conference actually were in progress in Moscow Friday when Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko said U.S. hydrogen bombers threatened a new world war by heading toward Russia every time there was an alert.

Within hours Soviet Ambassador Arkady A. Sobolev announced he would air the propaganda charge in the Security Council — although a motion to censure the United States faced sure defeat. He withdrew all charges Monday night rather than put the issue to a losing vote.

Diplomats connected the unusual procedure of the Moscow pre-summit negotiations with the H-bomber charge, based on a dispatch written April 7 by United Press President Frank H. Bartholomew and approved by the Defense Department in advance of publication.

The debate on the Russian H-bomb charges lasted for six hours until 9 p.m. (EST). Neutral Sweden did not speak, but all the other 10 members of the Security Council did. All save Russia supported the United States and declared they saw no menace in the U.S. H-bomber flights.

Indonesia Rebels

Flee Capital City

Singapore — The rebel government of Indonesia has held its capital city of Bukittinggi and taken refuge in the mountainous interior of Sumatra, it was announced today.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 449.55, off 1.17; 20 railroads 110.76, off 0.84; 15 utilities 74.43, off 0.10, and 65 stocks 155.64, off 0.52. Sales today were about 2,440,000 shares compared with 2,550,000 shares Monday.

Hitchcock Claimed Victim Of 'Anonymous Mailings'

Salem — Phil Hitchcock, candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress from the 1st district, protested to Secretary of State Mark Hatfield today that he was the victim of "anonymous mailings" running down his candidacy for office.

The protest was lodged with Hatfield in his capacity as overseer of state elections. Oregon law requires Hatfield to investigate such mailings.

"As elections officer for the state charged with responsibilities for administering elections laws, I have forward-

ed the protest to the district attorney for whatever investigation and action seems appropriate," Hatfield said.

"I have also advised the other district attorneys of the 1st congressional district of the receipt of the protest," he continued.

Tom Brand, Salem attorney and chairman of the Hitchcock for Congress committee, protested to Hitchcock over material mailed to Marion county.

Hatfield reminded Oregonians that literature advocating a candidacy and in opposition must bear the name and address of the author.

RECEIVE HONORS—The Rev. Stanley G. Matthews, right, chairman of the National Religious Publicity Council, presented awards to United Press writer Albin Krebs, and Miss Peggyann Hutchinson, church page editor of the Medford Mail Tribune, for distinguished coverage of religious news during 1957. The awards were made in Riverside church in New York City last week. Krebs received the U.P. award and a certificate for Louis Cassels, U.P. news writer. —(United Press Photo)

FHA Selects State For Pilot Program

Oregon has been selected as one of two states to try out a new method of issuing Federal Housing Administration insurance on loans, according to Howard Heydlauff, assistant director of the Portland FHA district, who spoke at a meeting here last night.

Medford will be the first city in Oregon to participate.

He said Montana would be the other state in the pilot program. A three to four-month test period will be conducted to iron out "any bugs" before it will be tried in other states.

The major change in policy of the FHA is the establishment of the Certified Agency Program, or "CAP." The program provides that appraising and inspecting for loans will be done by local men rather than by men from the Portland office.

Reason for Change

Heydlauff said the major reason for the new program is to make service faster and to help the construction business. He said the government is depending to a great extent on increased construction as a means of stimulating business.

He told the group the plan is not designed as a "give-away" program, as minimum restrictions must still be kept. He urged lenders to contract for loans only if they are sure the applicant's credit is good.

About 1 in 10 appraisals by locally approved men will be spot-checked by the Portland office, he said. He added that the Portland area would not come under the CAP program and that the Medford area will be the first to get the program under way.

He asked interested lenders, appraisers and inspectors in the Medford area to contact the Portland office for applications and further information.

Neuberger-Javits Discussion on KYJC

"The Postman Rings Once," a program of the National Association of Letter Carriers, will be heard over radio station KYJC (1230 kc) at 7:30 p.m. today. The program will feature Sens. Richard Neuberger (D-Ore.) and Jacob Javits (R-N.Y.) in a discussion on postal pay legislation.

Oregon Streams Over Banks

Woodburn Youth Slain

Neighbor Boy Claims Shooting Was Accidental

Further Questioning Of Youngster Due

Woodburn — A 15-year-old Woodburn-area boy was shot and killed Monday night and State Police Capt. R. G. Howard said in Salem that a 14-year-old neighbor boy had admitted the shooting and claimed it was an accident.

No charges were filed immediately pending further questioning of the youth, Capt. Howard said. The youth was questioned by Sgt. James Darby of State Police and Chief Criminal Deputy John Zabinski of the Marion county sheriff's office.

Horrified parents of John Edward Manning returned from a Parent-Teacher association meeting about 11:15 p.m. Monday to find their adopted son sprawled in the front yard with a bullet through his body.

The shooting occurred about a mile north of St. Louis, a small community near here. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Manning said they left their farm home about 7:30 p.m. for the PTA meeting after giving instructions to John to feed the pigs and accomplish other farm chores.

The best clue police had was a report from a neighbor, Rick Ferschweiler, that he heard about "20 shots" about 9:30 p.m. He told officers he was viewing television and was afraid to investigate further.

A cousin of the Manning family and the victim's younger sister were in the house at the time of the shooting but said they heard no gun fire. They also were viewing TV.

Saw Youth in Road

Ferschweiler told officers that he saw some youths in the road in front of his home after the firing. He said they had flashlights and there was a car in the house at this time.

Ferschweiler also said he heard a car leave the scene shortly after the firing. Young Manning was killed by a slug which entered his right chest and came out through his left side. He was a freshman at Mt. Angel preparatory school.

The lad's adoptive parents said their boy had no enemies at school and was a well-adjusted student.

Unander Visits Southern Oregon

State Treasurer Sig Unander, candidate for Republican nomination for governor and his wife, arrived in Medford today for several days of campaigning in southern Oregon.

Unander appeared at a public coffee hour in Ashland at 10 o'clock this morning, after which he met students and faculty members at Southern Oregon college.

Unander will be in Medford as a guest of the Republican Women at a coffee hour between 3 and 4 o'clock this afternoon at the Pioneer room in the Jackson hotel.



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Equalization Board to Examine County Tax Rolls

The Jackson county board of equalization will meet in the county courthouse Monday, May 12, Ray Schumacher, county assessor, has announced.

The board will examine the assessment rolls for 1958-59, and correct errors in valuations, description, or quality of land, lots or other property assessed by the assessor, he said.

The ratio between assessed and true cash value, adopted by the board of equalization yesterday, is 28 per cent, Schumacher said.

Invited To Appear

Persons interested have been invited to appear, and petitions for adjustment of assessments must be filed with the board not later than the end of the first week the board is in session.

The tax ratio of 28 per cent adopted means that Jackson county property will be assessed at 28 per cent of true cash value for the 1958-59 tax year, he explained.

The true cash value had already been set at 90 per cent of market value by the state tax commission, he added. The true cash value is set by the state tax commission based on studies of the real estate market and adjusted to normal conditions.

The posted ratio is determined by the assessor through a study of sales and assessed values of the preceding year. These sales and assessments are broken into classifications of properties with a median, weighted average, and an adjusted average, using the normal condition factor for the year of study.

Ratio Founded

After consideration of the studies and arriving at the average percentage of sales to assessed value, the ratio to be posted for the current year is found. This ratio is then posted by the assessor and approved by the county equalization board and the state tax commission.

The county assessor explained that the state tax commission can change the 28 per cent ratio if it finds it is 10 per cent more or less than the figure arrived at during their studies.

Members of the county board of equalization are County Judge Rodney Keating, Arnold Bohner, Central Point, and Ed Singmaster, Ashland.

Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Milwaukee 5 9 3
Pittsburgh 2 10 0
Buhl and Rice; Kline, Gross (8) and Folles.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Chicago 9 9 1
Detroit 8 8 0
Wynn, Moore (2) and Lollar; Hoeft and Hegan.

Private Plane Believed Down Near Pendleton

CAA Probers Study Airplane Wreckage

Pendleton — A Cessna 182 airplane with a Fresno, Calif., couple aboard was presumed down in a 300-mile radius of here today after radio reports were received that the aircraft was running out of gas.

The Civil Aeronautics Administration identified the missing couple as Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Davis.

The couple left Klamath Falls, Ore., at 1:30 p.m. Monday after refueling and were en route to Spokane, Wash., via Redmond, Ore., and Pendleton, according to their flight plan.

Reports Picked Up

The CAA control tower at Pendleton said it picked up reports from the aircraft asking for help. Davis said he believed he was near Pendleton but radar at Pendleton was unable to pick him up. Later he radioed he believed he was near Condon, some distance from Pendleton.

The CAA said it instructed him to change frequencies to talk to the radar station but Davis apparently was unable to receive the radar station's instructions.

Davis's plane was believed to have had about two hours of gas left when he first radioed for help, at 3:51 p.m. Monday.

The CAA said planes of the Oregon air search and rescue unit of the state aeronautics board and the Condon CAP squadron would take part in today's search for the plane.

Oregon PTA Picks Slate of Officers

Bend — The Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers elected new officers at its annual convention here today and named Corvallis as the 1959 election city.

Officers elected this year included Mrs. James King, Sherwood, treasurer; Mrs. Roy C. Baker, of Newberg, representative from Region 1; Mrs. Joseph Edmiston, Milwaukee, Region 3; Mrs. George McBride, Coos Bay, Region 4; Mrs. Art Moore, Klamath Falls, Region 5; and Mrs. Wallace Van Hise, Bend, Region 6. Those were the only nominations. The executive committee Monday elected Mrs. Donald Healey of Portland to represent Region 2.

Klamath Plebiscite Voting Completed

Klamath Falls — Monday midnight was the deadline for return of Klamath Indian plebiscite ballots. The 2133 members of the tribe were asked to indicate whether they would withdraw from the reservation or remain under a government management plan.

Final counting of the ballots was not expected until Thursday.



AIRLINER AND JET COLLIDE—Forty-nine persons were killed when this United Air Lines DC-7, en route from Los Angeles, Calif., to Denver, Colo., apparently collided with an Air Force jet plane ten miles south of Las Vegas, Nev., Monday. The photo shows the still-burning fuselage of the airliner.

CAA Probers Study Airplane Wreckage

Las Vegas, Nev.—Civil Aeronautics investigators pieced together in the desert today the burned and twisted evidence that may tell why an Air Force jet and an airliner collided Monday morning, killing 49 persons.

In Washington, key members of Congress burned telephone lines to the Civil Aeronautics Administration with demands for increased protection for civilian airliners against the hurtling military jets which the Civil Aeronautics Board has said are involved in about one-third of all "near collisions" in flight.

The key question appeared to be whether the Air Force F100F fighter-trainer was falling out of control when it crossed the path of the United Air Lines DC-7 or whether its instructor pilot simply failed to see the silver airliner during a controlled descent.

If the former, the accident was a "one-in-a-million freak," a CAA spokesman said.

The Air Force has said it has 1,150 planes in flight at all times.

The wheel of fortune stopped on death 12 miles southwest of this gambling resort Monday in a cloudless sky. The jet, carrying an instructor and a student on a blind-flying training flight, was descending from 28,000 feet when its path converged with that of the airliner, flying at 21,000 feet with 42 passengers and five crew members.

The airliner, en route from Los Angeles to New York, "screamed and boomed" earthward in a death dive, ending in a skidding crash, explosion and fire on the rock-studded desert.

Wreckage of the plane was scattered over a square mile area. Its four engines fell several hundred feet from the main mass of bodies, debris and charred personal belongings of the plane's occupants.

The jet, from nearby Nellis Air Force Base, spiraled into the ground about 6 1/2 miles away.

(See stories on Pages 3, 6)

WEATHER

FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday. Cooler tonight with freezing temperatures. Low generally 32 degrees, but 26 likely in coldest places. Warmer Wednesday, high 50.

Highest Yesterday 45
Lowest This Morning 45

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise 5:20 a.m.
Sunset 7:01 p.m.
Moonset 10:33 p.m.
First quarter April 26

PROMINENT STAR

Spica, in the south-east. 8:46 p.m.

The planet, Jupiter, which has been moving nearer Spica since the middle of February, will be seen near that star until September.

Petitions Ordered For Street Work

Central Point Petitions for street paving and curbs and gutters were ordered prepared for interested property owners by the Central Point council Monday night.

The petitions are now available for circulation and can be picked up at the city hall, according to Lyle Paul, city recorder.

He said the council ordered petitions prepared after several complaints by residents about the condition of city streets. A letter-poll conducted by the recorder resulted in a slight majority of those returning cards favoring the street improvements.

The council said the project would be the largest of its kind undertaken in Central Point, amounting to about \$400,000 and concerning 11 miles of streets.

Petitions must be signed by more than 50 per cent of property owners wishing improvements, Paul said. He added that cost of the project will be by assessment of property involved.

Lana Turner, Daughter Named in \$750,000 Suit

Hollywood — Film star Lana Turner, her ex-husband, Stephen Crane, and their daughter, Cheryl, 14, today were sued for \$750,000 for the slaying of the actress' boy friend by Cheryl.

The suit was filed in Superior Court on behalf of John Stompanato III, Hammond, Ind., son of the slain man by one of his three former wives. TV director Jack Harris brought the suit as temporary guardian of the boy.

The suit charges that Stompanato, 32, once a bodyguard for former mobster Mickey Cohen, was stabbed fatally

Lake Labish, Pendleton Areas Suffer Damage

15 Inches of Snow Falls at Meacham

By UNITED PRESS

Forty-one families were evacuated from their homes near McKay creek south of Pendleton Monday night and more than 450 acres of valuable onion land were under water in the Lake Labish area near Salem today as heavy rains continued to fall over parts of Oregon.

Rain continued in the eastern Oregon area today, adding to flood dangers. Colder weather was forecast for tonight but McKay creek and the Umatilla river were reported still rising today.

Guard Called Out

The National Guard was called out Monday night to help families move out of their homes and to aid residents in sandbagging in the McKay area.

Meacham, about 30 miles from Pendleton on the highway to La Grande, got a spring snowstorm which totaled about 15 inches, clogging the highway. Trees were blown across power lines and the community was without power for some time.

The rising Umatilla river for a time threatened the Union Pacific railroad bridge at Squaw creek about 25 miles east of Pendleton. Trains were going through today although water was lapping at the ties.

Farmers in the Echo, Stanfield and Hermiston areas were warned to move cattle to higher ground. At Reith, west of Pendleton, sawmill operations were flooded out, temporarily idling 27 workers.

At Troutdale, tons of debris piled against construction work on a new highway bridge over the Sandy river. The muddy current hampered efforts of workers to clear away the debris, which caused a bend in the falsework for the 770-foot structure.

Planting Threatened

The unusually late flood covered only a small part of the planted ground in the Lake Labish onion farming area, but threatened to delay planting of other areas beyond the safe deadline for fall harvest.

The Pudding river, which was causing the trouble for the onion farmers, began spilling over its banks Sunday. The crest of the flood was expected today.

The Santiam river at Jefferson was at 12.7 feet today. Flood stage there is 13 feet. The Willamette river was still far below the flood mark in the valley but was at 14.3 feet at Portland, 3.7 under flood stage.

Autoists crossing the Santiam and Willamette were advised to carry chains because of snowfall last night, the state highway department said.

Inquest Scheduled Into Youth's Death

An inquest into the cause of death Edmond Chesdale, 16, who was found dead near Applegate April 10, will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in the old store at Ruch, it was announced this morning.

District Attorney Thomas Reeder and County Coroner Carlos Morris called the inquest, which will be open to the public.

Among other testimony expected to be presented will be that of the physician who conducted an autopsy into the physical cause of death.

The boy was found under a tree with a broken rope around his neck.