

Adenauer Plans To Continue as Leader of Free Germany;



LAMP LIGHTERS—As temperatures dipped to 25 degrees in the coldest orchards this morning, heating crews were out in force for the second straight night to protect hundreds of acres of Rogue valley pears from being nipped by frost. Above, Monty Penwell puts a torch to a chimney-type burner while Pete Rasmussen waits so they can

Orchard Heating General in Valley 2nd Time Today

Orchard heating was general in the Rogue valley this morning as temperatures dropped to 25 degrees, according to Clifford B. Cordy, county horticulture agent.

Orchardists lit heaters about 1 a. m., he said. Many buds were probably killed in the colder and unheated orchards and many more may be killed tonight in similar spots, he said.

So far expectations for a good pear crop are good, Cordy said. Currently, the bud set is good and pollinating conditions are good, he explained. Anxious in the valley are in full bloom and the Bartlett's are opening into bloom.

Warm afternoons are favorable for pollination and fruit set, Cordy said. In some cases where seeds have been killed by frost the trees are more apt to set fruit if they have had pollination, the county agent added.

Conviction Upheld For Ashland Firm

Sacramento—UPI—A U. S. Court of Appeal has upheld a conviction against the Magnolia Motor and Logging Co., Ashland, Ore., for theft of government logs and destruction and depredation of government land.

Assistant U. S. Attorney Joseph Bertain said Tuesday the appeals court in San Francisco upheld the two count conviction and fines of \$10,000 on each charge.

The company was charged with cutting timber on the Klamath River in Humboldt County, Calif., under the general larceny statutes which makes the crime a felony rather than a misdemeanor.

Truman Considering UCLA Professorship

Los Angeles—UPI—Harry S. Truman said today he is "considering an offer" to take a temporary professorship at UCLA.

School Board Vote Scheduled for May 4

The present members of the Medford school board will serve as the governing body of the new district formed through the consolidation approved by voters last Monday, it was explained today.

Under state law, administration of a consolidated district is handled by the staff of the largest district involved, in this case, Medford.

Dr. Leonard Mayfield, superintendent of Medford schools, will be chief executive of the new district.

Members of the board include Frank C. Bash, chairman, who has filed for reelection this year and is unopposed, William Barker, Edward Branchfield, Otto Ewaldsen, and Keith Hocker-Smith.

Disregard Petition—Although petition may have been filed for school boards of the five districts which voted to consolidate with Medford Monday these will be disregarded.

Next year the newly consolidated district may be divided into seven zones with one school board member to be elected from each. These would be voted on by the entire district, however.

An amendment to this law, House Bill 40, now proposes to let each county school district reorganization committee determine if such zoning is feasible.

Other districts in the county and their board candidates in the May 4 election are:

Ashland—Howard Wiley, now chairman, filed for five-year term; Dave Fortmiller, board member, filed for reelection to complete an uncompleted four-year term. (Former board member Dale Williams had moved out of town. Fortmiller was appointed to take his place but must be elected to that position during the next school board election.)

Central Point—Wilton White has filed for reelection to fill the unexpired term of former board member Hal Bishop.

Eagle Point—Darrell Stanley, present board chairman, has filed for reelection for a five-year term.

Ashland Packing House Destroyed By Fire Tuesday

Damage Estimated At \$28,000 Today

Ashland—Wiley's Packing house and equipment in it were destroyed in a 2½-hour fire here early last night.

Ashland firemen late this morning said damage was estimated at \$28,000, including \$5,000 worth of apples. The blaze, they said, apparently was caused by spontaneous combustion.

Frank Tamney, 201 Girard dr., Medford, owner of the plant, said he closed the building, went to his pickup truck to go home and noticed smoke coming out from under the building. The packing house, he said, burst into flames when he opened the door to check further.

Sorting, Grading Equipment—In addition to the packing house, sorting and grading equipment, two cleat-type tractors, two spray rigs, two utility trailers and one fork lift were damaged or destroyed.

Tamney said ammonium nitrate fertilizer was stored under the building, and cardboard cartons inside the packing house. Ashland firemen said the blaze was so hot some pieces of equipment stored near the building could not be reached to be moved.

The fire caused clouds of yellowish smoke, and the scent of sulfur drifted over a wide area, according to reports.

Firemen were called about 5:35 p. m., and the fire was brought under control about 8 o'clock. Firemen remained at the scene until after 9:30 p. m., and one man was on watch all night. One line was connected to the site as a standby measure this morning.

Also damaged was a cold storage plant at one end of the packing house. Aluminum foil insulation between the packing house and cold storage unit was credited with saving the cold storage shed.

The building and equipment were insured, Tamney said. Insurance adjusters were scheduled to be at the scene this morning.

Meany Raps President's Policies

Union Official Sees Disaster Eventual Result

Wage Increases, Shorter Week Asked

Washington—UPI—AFL-CIO President George Meany opened organized labor's big rally on unemployment today with a scathing attack on President Eisenhower's economic policies.

Meany, his remarks prepared for delivery at the National Guard Armory here, charged that the President's policies would prolong high-level unemployment and eventually lead to disaster.

Asks Increased Spending—He called instead for higher wages, shorter work week, vastly increased spending on public works projects, bigger jobless benefits and stepped-up defense spending.

About 5,300 union officials and unemployed workers from virtually every one of the 137 AFL-CIO affiliated organizations were on hand for the mass conference on unemployment in the bunting-trimmed armory.

Take Precautions—The rally, designed to put pressure on Congress and the administration to take action to spur the economy, was guarded against possible infiltration by Communists and other outsiders.

Meany attacked Congress as well as the administration in his speech. He termed the recent extension of unemployment benefits for three months as a "crumb to the starving."

Leading Problem—The AFL-CIO president said unemployment was America's leading domestic problem despite a government report showing the jobless rolls had dropped by 387,000 in March to 4,362,000. The number of jobs increased by more than one million to nearly 64 million.

Meany said Tuesday's report on the job situation and accompanying optimistic statements from administration officials were "well-staged propaganda."

Slot Machines Are Taken from Hall

Three slot machines were confiscated Tuesday afternoon by Medford city police at the Carpenters hall, 123½ West st.

The hall was entered by police on a search warrant from district court, police said. The warrant was served on George Potuck, business manager at the hall.

The three slot machines were discovered in a back room off the kitchen, reports show. They were taken to the courthouse by a city pickup truck and turned over to the sheriff.

Potuck, who city police took to the district attorney's office, was later released, it was reported.

Chicago—UPI—Mayor Richard J. Daley rolled to a near record victory for reelection Tuesday night, garnering about 70 per cent of the vote to swamp former Republican Rep. Timothy Sheehan.

Valley Men Join Search For Griffith Park Hermit

Los Angeles—UPI—Dennis Farrell, 32, the hermit of Griffith Park who turned his back on civilization six years ago, was sought today by relatives offering him a home.

But no trace of the determined recluse has been found since Friday when he was flushed from the city-owned 4,200-acre park located almost in the middle of teeming Los Angeles.

Picked Up By Police—Farrell, garbed in tattered clothes, bearded and very nervous, was picked up by police at the fringe of the park lined with fashionable homes last week end when officers went to investigate a prowler report.

He told police he served in World War II as an infantryman and was wounded through the lungs on Okinawa. He recovered, but when he was returned to civilian

life, Farrell told police, he found he had changed.

"At first I just wanted to die because I saw no future in anything," he said. "I thought I'd just go up there to Griffith Park and die—I just didn't see any future."

"I tried starving myself to death. The first time I went without food for three days, then again for 11 days."

"But the hunger pains were too great. I couldn't stand it any more."

Farrell said that for the past six years he lived off the leavings of park picnickers, food found in garbage cans and what wild fruits and berries he could find in the rugged hills of Griffith Park at night.

Detective Frank A. Fox, who helped arrest Farrell, said after much discussion police decided to allow Farrell to

return to the park.

"It's no crime to live alone and avoid society," said Fox, "and he appears healthy and rational."

Farrell returned to his lonely life in the park surrounded by civilization, but news stories of his existence reached relatives in Oregon, and his home in North Platte, Neb.

Relatives Join Hunt—Lyle, Dennis' 35-year-old brother from North Platte, arrived here Monday along with two uncles, Anee Copley, 775 Queens dr., Medford, and A. R. Copley, Agate rd., Eagle Point. They went to the sprawling park in an effort to find Dennis Tuesday.

Lyle described his brother as a normal youth who showed no signs of moodiness when he left home at 18 to join the Army. He was unable to understand his brother's choice of life, he said.



PLANT TREES—Bill Ferris (right) manager of Memory Gardens Memorial park recently donated six Zelkova serrata trees to the Union street park. In addition to donating the trees Ferris also provided the digger being used above to plant the trees. Assisting with the planting are Reuel K. Rians Jr. (left) 1031 West 10th

st., and Leo Thomas, park superintendent. A meeting is scheduled this evening of all neighborhood volunteers to plan Saturday's work, it was reported. The park, completely a neighborhood project, will include tables, fireplaces, and paths, which will be done by area residents.

Three Persons Die Near Sprague River

Klamath Falls—UPI—Three young persons were killed and three others were injured today in a one-car accident, southeast of Sprague River, state police reported.

The dead were Norman Barney, 19, Chilquinn, the car's driver; Joseph Barkley, 18, Sprague River, and Geraldine Dexter, 19, Sprague River. State police said they were riding in the front seat of the 1959 sedan and were killed instantly.

Injured were Lewis Hurtade Jr., 18, Sprague River; Freddie Arnold Woods, 17, Sprague River, and Evelyn Miller, 33, Bly. Hurtade and Woods were the more seriously hurt. They were brought to Klamath Valley hospital here.

Plans Sought for New Swimming Pool

The Medford Parks and Recreation commission Tuesday evening recommended that necessary action be taken as soon as possible for drawing plans and specifications for the proposed swimming pool at the Jackson st. park site.

The commission's recommendations were submitted to City Manager Robert Duff who will present them at the next meeting of the city council, April 16.

The commission stated that the pool probably would not be completed for use during the entire season this year, but it could be opened later in the summer.

It was stated that an adequate pool could be built for the \$75,000 available. The commission recommended that the program get under way as quickly as possible.

Landscape Architect—Members also recommended that a landscape architect be engaged to lay out comprehensive landscape plans for the park site, and that they be coordinated with the swimming pool project.

Ross Lumber company, on the recommendation of their forester, Dick Swan, donated 5,000 ponderosa pine trees for planting on selected sites in Prospect park on Roxy Ann. The trees are scheduled to arrive this week end and will be planted as soon as a planting program can be inaugurated.

Representatives of Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association have agreed to provide professional assistance with the planting project, it was stated, as well as other public forest agencies who will provide supervision.

Arrangements are now under way with other lumber interests to secure planting tools for the project. The subcommittee on Prescott park will be in charge of the program. It was announced that they had secured the services of several local Boy Scout troops to assist in the planting.

Ponderosa pine was one of several varieties recommended for planting in this area.

Oil Coat—It was announced that the county had agreed to spread a light oil coat on the Roxy Ann road prior to the tourist season to stop some of the dust and that the city could continue their regular maintenance in the area, especially the control of poison oak. It was reported that they would also place signs at the entrance of the park drawing attention to the fact that shooting in the park area is prohibited.

Local organizations who have expressed interest in various beautification projects at the park may contact Glen Linn, chairman of the subcommittee, Eugene Garner, or Veri Walker.

A report was given by Mrs. O. E. Eden on the Union st. park project.

Repeal of Prohibition Voted in Oklahoma

Oklahoma City—UPI—Oklahoma's sudden thirst for legal liquor after 51 years of prohibition will have to wait three more months before it is quenched, despite a record repeal vote.

Presidential Powers Declared Under-Estimated

Flexible Attitude For Allies Seen

Bonn, Germany—UPI—Chancellor Konrad Adenauer served notice today he intends to continue leadership of Free Germany if elected to the figurehead post of president.

Adenauer told the nation barely 24 hours after his decision to retire from the chancellorship that the president's powers are "much greater than one usually believes."

He said he decided to seek election to the presidency "to insure the continuity of our policies for many years."

He added that the president's "rights and duties" were underrated both here and abroad.

The 83-year-old chancellor, in a move that surprised Germany and the world, announced Tuesday he was leaving office to accept the Christian Democratic Union's nomination for federal president.

He is expected to remain in office as a lame duck leader until he takes over the largely symbolic job of president on Sept. 12. His election was assured because of his strength in the Federal Assembly which meets in West Berlin July 1.

Western reaction was swift. Washington and London believed his stepping down would enable the Allies to take a more flexible attitude in the forthcoming East-West talks on Berlin and Germany.

French President Charles de Gaulle was so surprised and dismayed he called a special cabinet meeting today although he is suffering from the flu. There was some fear the Western position may be weakened.

Moscow did not react officially but the feeling there was sure to be one of joy. The Soviet has regarded Adenauer as its No. 1 Public Enemy and government officials have called the religious Adenauer a man with a cross in one hand and an atomic bomb in the other.

There still was no certainty as to who would succeed Adenauer. Until recently Economics Minister Ludwig Erhard, 62, the man who performed an economic miracle by restoring war-torn Germany to prosperity, was considered the most likely choice.

But he has argued recently with Adenauer. This brought up the name of Finance Minister Franz Etzel, 56, or Defense Chief and Rearmament Pioneer Franz Josef Strauss, 43. There also might be a compromise dark horse.

Indecent Material Indictments Dropped—Eugene—UPI—Circuit Judge Frank B. Reid today dismissed eight indictments which had charged violation of Oregon's obscene literature statute.

The indictments were returned by a grand jury last spring. The dismissals came on motion of District Attorney William Frye in the wake of a ruling by Circuit Judge A. T. Goodwin that the Oregon statute was unconstitutional.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Clear tonight and Thursday. Slightly warmer. Airport tonight 34. High Thursday 80.
Highest Yesterday Temp. 75
Lowest this Morning Temp. 50

Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 6:45 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 5:45 a.m.
Moonset today 7:32 p.m.
First Quarter April 15
PROBABLE STARS
Betelgeuse, high in south 9:08 p.m.
Rigel, low in west 10:21 p.m.
The Big Dipper, well up in the northwest at sunset, will be in the northwest after midnight.

Pear Festival Parade, Sportsfair Are Scheduled in Medford This Week End

The sixth annual Pear Blossom Festival parade is scheduled Saturday, April 11, at 2:30 p. m., and the second annual Sportsfair at the Medford armory will be held April 10, 11 and 12.

Eleven bands and marching units will be included in the parade which annually salutes the pear industry. Deadline for entries in the parade was noon today.

Bands to Appear—Bands that will appear include Medford, Rogue River, Phoenix, Crater, and Ashland High schools, and Hedrick and McLaughlin Junior High school bands as well as the Eagles Junior Drum and Bugle corp from Cave Man aerie, Grants Pass.

The Central Point Junior High school band will present a program of music at Hawthorne park as part of the awards ceremonies, it was reported. Also appearing on the program will be the Ashland Kilty band and the Highland dancers.

The color guard for the parade will be furnished by Oregon National Guard.

Members of Medford Troop 8, Boy Scouts of America, will carry pear shaped placards denoting the various sections of the parade.

clubs and sports equipment merchants, it was announced. Representatives of the Crater Lions club, which directs the event, reported that the combination has been planned to "stimulate interest in local facilities and products, bring about increased appeal to tourists, and offer to merchants the chance to participate towards one mutual purpose."

Among the activities planned at the Sportsfair are a horse show, parachute jump, skin diving, and swimming exhibitions, helicopter rides, retriever demonstrations and trout fishing.

More than 70 paid exhibits may be viewed during the event at the armory.

Unemployment In County Said Down Sharply

Unemployment in Jackson county decreased sharply last month as the seasonal upturn in employment made itself felt, according to John J. Patton, manager of the state unemployment service office here.

Unemployment in the county as of March 31, he said, was estimated at 17,110, which is 18 per cent below February and 40 per cent below March, 1958.

The greatly improved conditions of the present season were brought out by the fact that unemployment compensation claims were down to about 60 per cent of the number filed in March last year, Patton said. Job openings were up about 50 per cent compared to March, 1958.

Patton said there were some temporary layoffs, but it appeared that many of those out of work would be off only a short time.

Labor Supply Adequate—Presently the supply of unskilled and semi-skilled labor is adequate, and probably will remain so during the next 60 days, he said. Skilled labor in some occupations is already becoming scarce, Patton said. "Well qualified" professional people are practically nonexistent. This office is at present trying to fill orders for medical records librarian, registered nurses and production engineers," he said.

The labor pattern, he said, is a familiar one, but its early development this year is an indication of probably labor shortages later in the season.

During recent months, the local office has given aptitude tests to Jackson county high school seniors who are not going to college. The students will be seeking permanent employment when school is out in June, Patton noted.

Employers are invited to contact the employment service office for specific information about the source of new employees, he said.

"It's A Great Chance To Get In On The Ground Floor"

