



HARVEST BEGINS—The pear harvest in the Rogue River valley got under way in some orchards yesterday, and packing houses, ready to receive the fruit, have started to stir with activity. Early picking is generally yielding small fruit and most orchards

will leave a good part of the crop for a second picking. Above, Orchardist Melvin Latte (left) inspects pears that have just come off the tree as Picker Robert Ewing holds the box.

### Ashland Rancher Is 'Cattleman Of Year' Here

Don Nichols, Ashland area rancher, was named today as Jackson county's 'cattleman of the year' by the Jackson County Stockmen's association.

Nichols' name will be sent to the Oregon Cattleman's association for entry in the Oregon Cattleman of the Year contest.

Selection of the Ashland cattleman was based on his civic activities and achievements in progressive farming at his Green Springs ranch, a selection committee spokesman said.

### Reuther Raps Secret Hearings

Washington—UPI—The Senate Rackets committee met behind closed doors today for a hearing on United Auto Workers activities which Union President Walter P. Reuther blasted in advance as a "star chamber."

Reuther charged that the secret inquiry was arranged by "witch hunting" Republicans who were out to smear his union. He urged Monday that Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) open the meeting to the public.

UAW Attorney Joseph Raugh renewed the appeal this morning before the session began. McClellan told newsmen the request would be considered by the committee.

Portland—UPI—No major water or sewer lines were damaged in last Friday's disaster at Roseburg, the State Board of Health said today.

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### Increases Noted in Tax Levies in Area

Property tax levies in seven of Jackson county's ten incorporated cities have increased between 3 and 37.9 per cent this year, according to Jackson County Assessor Ray Schumacher.

Levies in the other three cities decreased 23.8, 25.4 and 4.5 per cent, he noted.

### Inspection of Buildings at Roseburg Made

Roseburg—UPI—Inspections of damaged buildings continued in the blast shattered city today and investigations into Friday's disaster were under way.

Mayor Arlo Jacklin met with Gov. Mark Hatfield in Salem Monday. Afterward the governor said the National Guard would stay on patrol here until inspectors complete a survey of damage.

Local businessmen have decided to reopen in a group rather than on an individual basis. Preliminary Red Cross surveys indicated most of the buildings in the area were covered by insurance.

### Salem Buildings Destroyed by Fire

Salem—UPI—Fire destroyed four structures and sent one fireman to the hospital Monday night. Battalion Chief E. C. Hart said total damage probably would be about \$60,000.

Firemen prevented the flames from spreading to the large Norris-Walker paint plant only about 30 feet from the fire.

Destroyed were the Salem waste paper plant, owned by the Union Gospel Mission; an adjoining office for the paper plant; a lawn mower sales and repair shop, a residence and a garage.

### Clean-Up Set At Fair Grounds

Clean-up crews Thursday will prepare the fair grounds for the Jackson County 4-H and FFA fair opening Sunday, according to Glenn Klein, Jackson county 4-H agent.

The Jackson county court told fair board members yesterday afternoon that the Medford fire department will help burn grass and brush off the parking areas Thursday.

Members of 4-H clubs, FFA chapters and adult leaders will assist in a general clean-up day Thursday for barns and grounds, Klein said.

Designated stalls for exhibitors will be announced Thursday, the county 4-H agent said.

Barn superintendents appointed are: Mrs. Harlan Cantrall, Ruth, and Mrs. Everett Gibson, Westside, for sheep; Floyd Charley, Central Point, and Allen Harris, Phoenix, for beef; John Bohner, Antelope, and Lee Merriman, Sis-Q 4-H club, swine; Mrs. C. W. Anhorn, Central Point, and Don Geren, Antelope, dairy; Mrs. George Rode, southwest Medford club, poultry; Mrs. Fern Badcock, Evans Valley, and Fern Kellow, Westside, rabbits; Mrs. Don Lindstrom, Medford, goats.

### Committee Votes Move To Override Veto

Washington—UPI—The Senate Banking committee voted today to sponsor a move to override President Eisenhower's veto of the housing bill.

The 8-7 vote overrode last week's decision by a subcommittee to accept the veto and put forth a new bill the President might accept.

Those who like to figure out their own taxes can do it this way: Multiply the combined millages for your particular locale—school, city, fire, hospital, port and other districts—by the assessed valuation of your property. For example, a combined millage of 100 means that for every \$1,000 of assessed valuation he owns, the taxpayer pays \$100 in property taxes.

## Mopping-Up Goes Into Full Swing In Ashland Burn

The fire west of Ashland was slowly dying inside a line of men and machines today.

State and federal foresters reported that firelines were holding and flames were confined within them.

The danger remains that strong winds could stir up the blaze again. But mopping-up operations were in high gear as crews took advantage of favorable weather.

Forecast Light Breezes The forecast today was for light breezes from the southwest and northwest with temperatures in the mid-90s.

With the fire under control, observers began to count the cost. Of the roughly 5,000 acres involved, some 1,000 were in the Rogue River national forest, which includes the Ashland watershed.

The other 4,000 acres to the west of Ashland is privately owned for the most part. The bureau of land management reported today that it lost about 100 acres of O and C land and 40 acres of public domain land in the northwest part of the burn.

Ashland's troubles are far from over. The flame-swept hillsides immediately above the city represent a threat second only to that of the fire itself.

"A good heavy cloudburst could just raise havoc," Carroll Brown, Rogue River national forest supervisor, commented yesterday. He explained that run-off water from rain could bring tons of mud and debris cascading down into the city.

## 2 Forest Fires Out of Control In Oregon Areas

Coos, Willowa Blazes Battled

By United Press International Two fires, one of which covered more than 1,500 acres, were reported out of control in opposite corners of Oregon today.

In southwest Oregon a fire south of Powers in Coos county had burned over 1,585 acres in state and federal land. Some 350 to 400 men were on the firelines and the forestry dispatcher's office at Coos Bay said it hoped lines could be placed around it today.

It was feared that the blaze might spread more if winds increased.

In northeast Oregon, a fire was reported out of control south of Willowa on Goat mountain at about the 8,000-foot level. Smoke-jumpers were dropped on the blaze and borate-carrying planes were dispatched from La Grande.

Much of the fire near Powers was reported burning in an old burn and reproduction area, but up to 200 acres were in old growth timber. The blaze started as a small grass fire and spread into timber. It had covered about 1,200 acres on state land and 385 acres of federal land.

Fire danger remained "very high" over interior sections of Oregon and will remain so at least through Wednesday, the weather bureau said.

There was a 20-acre fire about four miles north of Parkdale in timber and slash Monday, and another blaze covered 40 acres of grass and timber in Polk county. Both were controlled.

## Peak Number Said Employed

Figure Reaches 67,594,000 During July

Jobless Total Set at 3,744,000

Washington—UPI—U. S. employment climbed to a record 67,594,000 in July, the Labor Department reported today.

Unemployment during the month declined to 3,744,000 persons, a smaller than normal drop.

Salem—UPI—More persons were employed in Oregon in mid-July than in any other July in history, State Employment Commissioner David H. Cameron said today.

An estimated 705,100 Oregonians had jobs last month compared to 704,400 in mid-June and 681,400 in July a year ago.

Unemployment was estimated at 27,600—3 per cent of the total labor force. Last year 44,900 Oregonians were seeking work in July.

The employment figure was up 252,000 from June while the unemployment figure was down by 238,000.

## Hill-Burton Funds To Be Requested For Hospital Wing

Central Point Man Pleads Guilty

Trials of Eight Fishermen Delayed

Atlas Missile Fired In Canaveral Fla.

Inspector Helps Roseburg Officials

No Water, Sewer Lines Damaged at Roseburg

Weather Forecast

Our Skies Tonight

Salem Buildings Destroyed by Fire

Clean-Up Set At Fair Grounds

## Westward Ho, and Ho Ho Ho



A request for Hill-Burton funds to help pay for a new Rogue Valley hospital wing will be made in Portland in September, according to C. I. Gustafson, hospital administrator.

The new wing would contain 90 beds plus facilities for student practical nurses. Preliminary plans for the new wing are to be completed in about two months by Rogers and Butler architectural firm of Portland, Gustafson said.

The working drawings will be completed in six months, the hospital administrator said, by the firm of Stanton, Boles, Maguire and Church, also of Portland.

Dr. Chester Boals told the Rogue Valley hospital board that members of the local dental society and the medical staff favor the proposed dental unit for the hospital. Existing rooms would be converted to clinic patients could be given a general anesthetic. The strictly dental patients would be handled on an outpatient basis, he explained. The proposal has been referred to the hospital building committee.

Nurses Program Gustafson announced at a recent board meeting that the licensed practical nurse program will begin Sept. 15.

Mrs. Glen Bessonette, president of the Rogue Valley Hospital Ladies' auxiliary, reported to the board that the auxiliary's non-profit snack bar has operated on a break-even or better basis.

Board Member James Dunlevy reported on recent public relations classes given hospital personnel by a customer service adviser for Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, Portland.

The board approved recommendations to grant active membership to Dr. William Sammons and Dr. John R. Porto. It also approved establishment of a full-time pharmacist position.

Harry Weller, Medford building inspector, was in Roseburg today assisting in the mammoth task of checking structures in and around the blast area.

Many buildings, according to a local source just returned from the scene, are being condemned in the aftermath of last Friday's disastrous fire and explosion. A number of these did not appear to be seriously damaged at first, it was reported.

Medford City Manager Robert A. Duff said Weller was the only city employee to be dispatched to Roseburg so far. He said further assistance would be rendered when requested, if at all possible.

Weller, who left for Roseburg yesterday, is to remain there as long as he is needed.

Washington—UPI—The agriculture department has estimated the 1959 corn crop at 4,173,470,000 bushels, the largest in history.