

**Pre-Fair Starts In Ashland Today**

The second in a series of 4-H sheep classes will be held first followed by judging and dairy and beef classes will be held in the afternoon.

The Phoenix-Talent pre-fair, the first, was held earlier this week.

The Antelope pre-fair will be held July 24, starting at 9:30 a.m. at the Elbert Bigham ranch on Bigham rd. in the White City area. Hogs and

The Applegate-Ruch pre-fair will be held July 26, starting at 9:30 a.m. in the Ruch school.

The Westside-Central Point pre-fair will be held July 27 on the Jackson county fair-grounds starting at 9 a.m.



**GOES TO SON**—A weary Mayor Wagner of New York waits for his flight at Idlewild Airport to fly to the bedside of his son, Robert Jr., 19, in Paris. The mayor's son underwent an emergency operation for a ruptured appendix, after which peritonitis set in. Wagner seemed concerned as he left, although doctors said his son was doing well (UPI)

Even the most complicated machinery is based upon only six fundamental parts — the lever, screw, inclined plane, wheel and axle, and wedge.

The present rate of erosion is sufficient to reduce the level of the entire Mississippi river drainage basin of about 1.25 million square miles, or one foot in 6,000 years.

**Midwest Areas Request Drought Disaster Ratings**

**By United Press International**

A worsening drought threatened to reach disaster proportions throughout parts of the Midwest today, cutting the wheat yield and posing a threat to the fall crops.

A U.S. Department of Agriculture disaster committee was to meet in Washington today to consider Gov. John Reynolds' request to declare 20 Wisconsin counties drought disaster areas.

In the Oklahoma Panhandle a request was made for a drought designation, but Gov. Henry Bellmon rejected it, saying dry weather was one of the hazards of farming.

Some areas of southwestern Kansas have been declared drought stricken. The wheat crop suffered considerable damage in western Kansas, although farmers said they got a better yield than they expected.

In southwest Iowa and northwest Missouri farmers decided to reactivate a cloud-seeding program they said was highly successful in 1957. They said they were eight inches deficient in rainfall for the season.

A drought disaster designation permits farmers under certain conditions to graze soil bank acres, get low interest loans and buy government grains at low prices.

Nearly all parts of Indiana, except in the southwest and south-central counties, were short of moisture. Agricultural reporters said the corn crop and the tomatoes especially needed rain.

There was a 30,000-square-mile area of southwest Kansas, the Oklahoma and Texas Panhandles, northeast New Mexico and southeast Colorado that suffered from lack of rains this spring, but recent moisture has eased the situation.

Rainfall Wednesday was sparse across the nation. Tampa, Fla., got 1.77 inches, but otherwise the amounts ranged from .43 inches at Charleston, S.C., to none at most places. Salina, Kan., got half an inch.

The temperatures continued setting cool records. New lows July 10 included 42 at Findley, Ohio; 45 at Cincinnati; 46 at Cleveland and Pittsburgh; 44 at Milwaukee, Wis., and 49 at Windsor Locks, Conn.

**Lightning Strike Blackens Wide Area**

Burns—A large, sparsely-populated area of southeastern Oregon and northern Nevada was left without power on Wednesday afternoon when lightning struck a 115,000-volt Bonneville Power administration transmission line.

Repairsmen found a cross-arm holding the Redmond-Burns transmission line buried between Hampton and Burns.

The seven-hour outage affected the community of Hampton and parts of Crook county served by the Central Electric Cooperative, and sections of Harney, Lake and Malheur counties and Humboldt county, Nevada, served by Harney Electric Cooperative.

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