

COAST BLAZE OUT OF CONTROL

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
OUT in western Nebraska, in the upper valley of the North Platte, the corn was just coming through the ground. That seemed distinctly on the lush side, for as everyone of corn belt ancestry knows you should lay your corn by the Fourth of July. If you are a corn belt farmer and all goes well and you got your crop planted by the 10th of June and the rains are copious but not soggy and the nights are properly hot and humid enough to steam a plum pudding, the time will come when you can puff out your chest and chirp: My corn's knee high On the Fourth of July. But here was corn just peeping through the ground almost a week after the Fourth. Obviously something was all loused up.

MAYBE it is just in the valley of the North Platte, where at times the cold winds sweep down from the peaks of the not too distant Rockies and do things to that tender ex-resident of the tropics, the maize plant, that should not be done. Perhaps it will be different when the rough edges of the corn belt are past and its fat middle is reached. So run your thoughts as you gaze out of the window.

BUT no. Eastern Nebraska comes and passes. Iowa looms fair across the Missouri. And still the corn in its millions of rows alongside the tracks is backward and timid. And so it is in Illinois and Indiana and Ohio. Not only timid and backward, but a pale, yellowish green—sure sign of too much moisture and too little sun. In wet spots in the fields the smartweed is rank and luxuriant. There is water in the wheel tracks and the sloughs run roily and brown.

It is quite apparent that old Jupiter Pluvius has been on a bender all across the country.

AT this point you may yawn behind your hand and murmur: "What's all this to me? I'm no corn grower." Wait a minute. You may be no corn grower, but the chances are you're a bacon eater—or would like to be—and you may be such a wild-eyed optimist as to hope that someday again you will have your fill of ham.

There is such a thing, you know, as the corn-hog ratio, which works out that when corn is scarce hogs are apt to be bacon, and all the good things of life that are fried in the grease the condition of the corn crop is something that gets right in under your belt and creates a queasy vacuum.

For once car-window observation, which is ordinarily nothing to tie to, coincides with scientific crop estimating. The July crop report of the department of agriculture is just out and it proclaims that one of the smallest corn crops in recent years is in the offing.

CHICAGO comes and goes—after a lay-over in this town that is so big and important that no Western railroad runs through it and beyond where the Pullman cars stop and turn around—but by some freak of the weather it is cool and bracing.

Normally, about this time of the year, Chicago sidewalks are convenient for frying eggs on but hot and jading to a Westerner's killing time between trains.

EVENTUALLY the time passes and the Pennsylvania's Liberty Limited, Washington-bound, pulls out. It was once one of the nation's crack trains running over one of the country's smoothest roadbeds. Now it is one jump better than a cattle train, and the roadbed is so rough that if you had a job of churning, it would kill you by bringing the churn along and letting the jolts do the work.

BEFORE the war, those would have been fighting words, but now the Pennsylvania pays them no heed. If it had time to answer, it would reply: "What you say in your impatience is doubtless true, but we beg to remind you that there is a war on and the railroads are (Continued on Page Seven)

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Mrs. Belle Skeen, by repute the first child born in Klamath Falls and for a time the only child in the little town then known as Linkville, died at Klamath Agency hospital early yesterday.

Mrs. Skeen was born in 1867, the year O. A. Stearns located the first homestead west of town, and Uncle George Nurse established a ferry across Link river and put up the first buildings that made Linkville a town.

She was the daughter of Henry Clay White, an Irishman who had made his way into this country, and his Indian bride, Katherine Dixon White.

About 1890, she married John H. Miller, the man for whom

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BULL HALSEY PUTS FEAR IN NIPS' HEARTS

Carrier-Based Planes Leave Jap Plants Smoking Ruins

By LEIF ERICKSON
GUAM, July 18 (AP)—Through smoke that spiraled from shattered war plants north of Tokyo, Japan watched today for the next blows to be loosed against the home islands by the combined might of American and British warships.

Tokyo made no effort to conceal its fear of new bombardment by Adm. William F. Halsey's third fleet and its companion British ships. Radio silence has concealed their course since they broke off shelling Honshu's east coast at 12:05 a. m. today.

In the sky the Nipponese watched for return of carrier-based planes sent out by Vice Adm. John S. McCain's prowling task force 38.

(The Japanese radio said new attacks already had come. London reported hearing broadcast that the Honshu east coast was bombed for an hour at noon today by 16 allied warships.)

(Tokyo said American and British carriers sent 1500 planes back over the Tokyo area today, following up yesterday's raid by 1500 carrier aircraft.

Japan Jitters

(The enemy admitted Japanese helplessness by stating that the allied fleet is "liable to attack us at any chosen time and place.")

More than 2000 tons of explosives were showered on targets for 20 miles along the Honshu coast in the midnight bombardment. The fleet went about the job leisurely and kept its radio working as it hovered only six miles offshore.

Targets were picked carefully from Mito, 55 miles northeast of Tokyo and 10 miles from the sea coast, to Hitachi and Sukega (Continued on Page Two)

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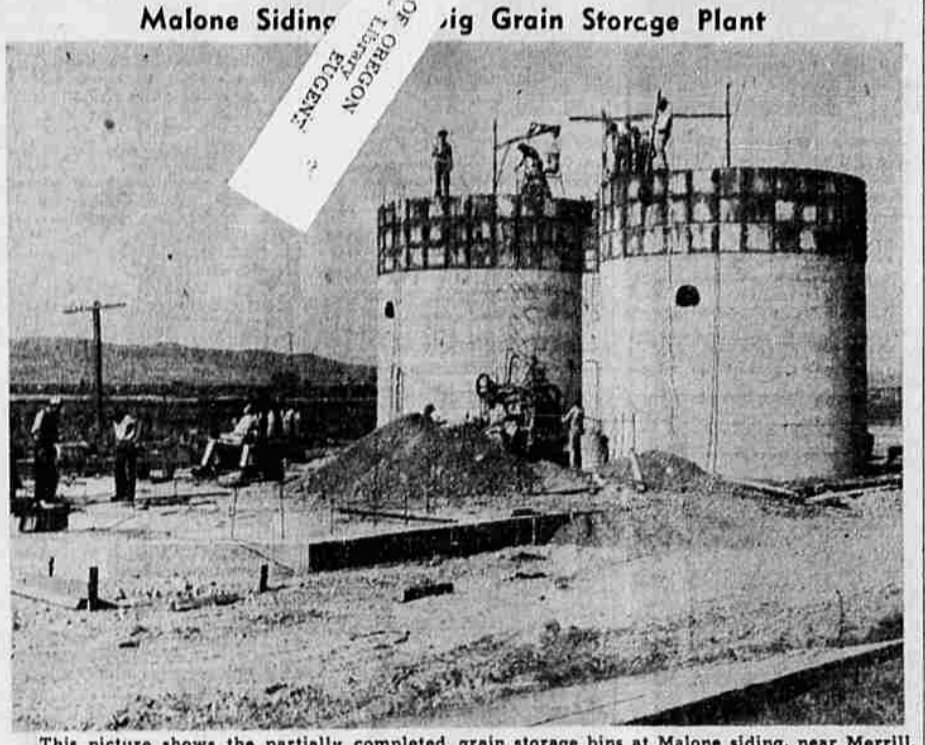
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BASEBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE

First game	R. H. E.
New York	6 11 0
Pittsburgh	3 8 0
Brewer, Adams (B) and Klutz; Roe, Resig (B), Cucurullo (B), and Salkeld.	
Brooklyn	0 7 5
Chicago	5 10 1
Davis, King (B), and Andrews; Prime and Gillespie.	

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Chicago	R. H. E.
Boston	2 6 1
Dietrich, Papih (B) and Tresh; Ferriss and Garbark.	



This picture shows the partially completed grain storage bins at Malone siding, near Merrill, a Winema farms project. Six cylindrical bins 60 feet high, like those shown in the picture, are to be built for bulk storage of grain.

MEAT GRANTS BRING MINERS BACK TO WORK

By The Associated Press
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KF Housing Bids To Open July 24

Bids will be opened to contractors by FPHA in the Skinner building, Seattle, July 24 at 2 p. m., for reconstruction of 48 family dwelling units in Klamath Falls, at an estimated cost of \$100,000.

Plans drawn up in the office of Howard R. Perrin are completed for the new housing project, where two-story housing structures will be moved from Burton Homes housing project in Vancouver, Wash.

There will be six buildings of 8 units each, four on each floor, and all apartments will be two-bedroom units. The new housing project will be north of the 50-unit civilian project at the corner of Williams avenue and Main.

Six firms authorized to bid are: Todd Building Co., Roseburg; Waale-Campbell, Portland; Gaasland Construction Co., Seattle; Brennan and Cahoon, Klamath Falls; K. T. Henderson, Klamath Falls; Halvorsen Construction Co., Salem.

Sailors Held On Larceny Charge

Six sailors, who were drafted for the battle-scarred USS Bunker Hill, and who jumped a northbound train near Dorris, Calif., Sunday, are being held in the Jackson county jail at Medford charged with grand larceny.

They allegedly stole an automobile belonging to James Guerlin of Klamath Falls. The car was found with the windshield cracked, grill smashed, and front bumper missing near the Camas ranger station in Douglas county on Monday.

The six men were en route to Bremerton, Wash., from Treasure Island, Calif., and included John M. Albert Jr., 22; George M. MacAllister, 18; William C. Lathern, 18; Norman J. Wilson, 21; Gerald L. Boley, 19, and Dennis G. Friday, 18, the alleged driver of the stolen car.

The six sailors will be returned here tomorrow by state police to face charges brought against them by the district attorney's office.

Klamath Falls girded for a fight for through airline service today after word was received that a civil aeronautics board examiner had recommended this city be placed only on a feeder line and that United Airlines, which wants to give through service, be ordered to stop at Bend but not at Klamath.

According to a clarifying wire from Senator Guy Cordon received by the chamber of commerce, the examiner recommended that Southwest Airways be permitted to provide local transportation to Klamath Falls and various western Oregon and northern California points between Portland and San Francisco.

The examiner refused, however, to grant United Airlines' application to operate a through route by way of Klamath Falls. He gave as his reason that Southwest would need the business, and he expressed to Senator Cordon the belief that this city would be better served by Southwest Airlines.

United Airlines' officials in Portland said they would continue to fight to get Klamath on the through route, and the Klamath Falls city airport commission and the Klamath chamber of commerce prepared to submit demands that this city be placed on the through route.

United Airlines has tried for a considerable time to get an alternate schedule east of the mountains, with Klamath a main stop between Portland and San Francisco.

Local followers of aviation were amazed at the decision to place Bend, which is smaller and lacks such extensive landing and other facilities as Klamath, on the through route while Klamath is left off. They said they had expected both Bend and Klamath to go on United's route, but that, if a choice was to be made for a through point, Klamath was far better qualified for the call.

The CAB permits a 15-day period for filing briefs and exceptions to the examiner's recommendations. It was certain that Klamath interests will act immediately in the matter, and that United will also make exceptions, seeking permission to serve this community.

Senator Cordon was asked by local people to go into the matter from the Washington end. Sev-

Weather News

(July 18)

Max. (July 17)	80 Min.	55
Precipitation last 24 hours		00
Stream year to date		13.28
Normal	12.04	Last year 9.89

Forecast: Cooler Thursday.

TRUMAN TALKS WITH STALIN, CHURCHILL

President Gets Down To Brass Tacks In Diplomatic Chats

POTSDAM, July 18 (AP)—President Truman, grasping the reins as presiding officer of his first Big Three conference, went calling today to talk things over separately with Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin.

Potsdam skies were cloudy, but the parley atmosphere appeared considerably cleared.

The president first conferred and ate luncheon with the prime minister and then visited the soviet generalissimo for a similar personal session later in the afternoon.

Mr. Truman was selected yesterday as conference chairman.

Byrnes Along

With him on at least the latter visit was Secretary of State Ernest B. Byrnes, the president's erstwhile Capitol Hill partner in many a compromise mission to smooth the congressional path way for wartime commitments which the late President Roosevelt made at just such international sessions as this.

It was a new and far more spectacular setting to an old story for both of them—an international basis now. Truman's swift step to get down to cases individually with both Churchill and Stalin indicated the Missouriian was taking the Potsdam program right in his stride.

There was no definite information as to whether another formal conference was scheduled for later this afternoon. However, it would be true to (Continued on Page Three)

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Ickes, last remaining member (Continued on Page Two)

TAFT REBUFFED IN SCHEME FOR DELAY

WASHINGTON, July 18 (AP)—The senate rejected 52-31 today a proposal by Senator Taft (R-Ohio) to put off action on Bretton Woods monetary legislation until after a new international conference.

Taft proposed that consideration of the house approved bill be delayed until November 15 to await the calling of a world conference by the social and economic council of the projected United Nations organization.

Democratic Leader Barkley (Ky.) said, however, that nations must make their commitments to the fund and bank proposed under the bill by December 31 or the international monetary agreement will lapse.

"The motion made by the senator from Ohio is, in effect, an effort to kill the entire Bretton Woods agreement," Barkley declared.

Taft argued that emergency conditions in Europe will be met with an American outlay of \$7,000,000,000 through the export-import bank and lend-lease operations. He said the proposed fund and bank would not begin operations for several months.

Today's vote was the first test in the senate of opposition strength to the monetary legislation. Several amendments remain pending.

Chairman Wagner (D-N. Y.) of the banking committee said he hoped for a decision by nightfall. The senate geared for a long day by convening an hour earlier than the usual noon meeting time.

Wagner told reporters he didn't expect more than 15 votes against the bill which proposes a \$9,100,000,000 world (Continued on Page Two)

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Ask Delay For Cannery Hands

MEDFORD, July 18 (AP)—Oregon colleges have been asked by the Jackson County Fruit Growers league to delay opening of fall terms from September 17 to October 7 to keep fruit moving to canneries.

The league says its request is backed by the Rogue River Traffic association and chambers of commerce of Portland, Eugene, Salem, Hood River, The Dalles and Pendleton.

The league told the state board of higher education more than 300 skilled workers would be lost by the early opening date.

WIND CHANGES; FIRE BLACKENS 35,000 ACRES

Flames Get Through Fire Lines To Lap At Green Timber

PORTLAND, Ore., July 18 (AP)—The Wilson river fire roared out of control again at midday, after a brief period in which foresters hoped the blaze could be held to the 25,000 to 35,000 acres already blackened.

Radio reports from the northwest Oregon rugged mountains said some of the 1900 weary fire-fighters were forced to retreat before scorching flames eating toward green timber.

A veering east wind shot the blaze toward the northwest edge of the flaming area, where green timber that escaped two previous burns still stands.

In the southeast corner, flames broke through fire trails to surround green timber on three sides.

Falling humidity—from the favorable 60 degrees of the last few days to 36—increased the hazard. A 30-degree humidity is regarded as dangerous enough to halt logging in this state.

Green Timber Reached

Meanwhile another blaze in the Willamette valley near Dallas jumped from cutover land into green timber. The Willamette Valley Lumber company called for more smoke-chasers to supplement 200 men already on the lines. From three to four million board feet of timber burned on the 700 cutover acres where the fire started.

On the Wilson river, the blaze moved toward the southwest, averting—temporarily, at least—danger to standing timber at the opposite end.

So far the fires have slashed the Salmogerry river fire zone twice in the past twelve years and where state forestry department officials now doubt they will be able to successfully replant for the future.

Soldiers from Camp Adair, Ore., today joined more than 1200 servicemen from Washington and Oregon army and naval stations on the fire lines.

Another group of 156 engineer corpsmen are waiting along the Salmogerry river fire zone to the north where a 3000-acre fire was under control.

Crew Trapped

Foresters revealed a crew of "cat" operators were trapped behind the blaze for several hours when a bridge burned out behind them while they buried three lumber camp donkey engines with bulldozers.

The tiny lumber village of Pussylville lost all but two of lumbermen's family shacks in the fire, but a large wooden warehouse was unscathed although hot air drafts ripped roofing from the structure.

The trapped crew plowed their own escape route across a steep canyon with bulldozers after throwing up earthen breastworks around lumber camp buildings.

Two-way radio communication between the fire zone headquarters on the river kept Assistant State Forester Dwight Phillips in touch with forest patrol headquarters at Forest Grove where loggers and soldier patrols reported regularly from the fire line by mobile radio units.

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C Of C To Honor Van Orden, Schneider

A luncheon honoring Col. George Van Orden and Col. Merlyn Schneider of the marine corps will be given by the board of directors and the military affairs committee of the chamber of commerce, Friday, in the Pelican party room. This will be a farewell luncheon for Col. Van Orden, present commander of the Marine Barracks, who leaves for overseas.

At this time Col. Schneider, who replaces Van Orden at the barracks, will be welcomed to Klamath Falls by approximately 25 chamber members.

A business meeting will be held at 12:30 followed by the luncheon at 1:15.

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Taylor's Body, Found In Lake, Identified By Wife

A body discovered at Lake o' the Woods Sunday was positively identified yesterday as being that of Roy E. Taylor, who disappeared on the lake October 13, 1942, according to the sheriff's office.

The body was identified by Florence Taylor, wife of the missing man, who described the clothes he was wearing at the time he was last seen.

She is expected to arrive here today or tomorrow from Santa Cruz, Calif., to claim the body.

She notified the sheriff's office here that Taylor was wearing a black leather jacket, brown army shirt, and black shoes. These articles of clothing checked with the wearing apparel found on the body.

Taylor had five teeth extracted and these had not been filled. This identification also coincided with the body.

Roy Taylor, in the company of his brother, Roland, disappeared on the evening of October 13, 1942, and this is the first that has ever been seen of either of the missing men.

The body was recovered by marines who were dragging the lake for Robert Barney Hollingsworth, who evidently drowned there last week. The search for Hollingsworth is still underway