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WEATHER	
Max. (Feb. 25) — 56	Min. — 33
Precipitation last 24 hours — .40	
Normal year to date — .84	
Normal — .791	Last year — .934
Forecast: Fair.	

Merge Bill Sent To Congress

Farmers Urge Spud Betterment

A vital need for improved quality in potatoes in the Klamath area highlighted the first Klamath county farm planning conference today. Bryant Williams, reporting on general trends in the potato market, told farmers that in the San Francisco market, the standard of Klamath potatoes is poor. Idaho potatoes are similar, but the central Oregon crop is quite good.

Williams stated that apparently Klamath growers are living on the reputation established in previous years when a high quality was maintained. Discussing the problem, a member of the audience suggested that improper handling after the potatoes leave the farmers may be partially responsible.

Labeling Laws
A strict enforcement of labeling laws, particularly in California, was suggested by Williams as a means of eliminating the marketing of potatoes without proper grade labeling.

The livestock committee recommended in general that there be no increase in the total number of animal units in the county, but suggested there be some adjustment in the kind of livestock raised. It proposed a slight increase in the number of sheep, particularly by increasing farm flocks, and in the number of hogs.

Klamath county, the committee found, has followed a national trend toward larger numbers of beef cattle and a sharp decrease in sheep. In 1945, sheep over one year of age numbered 47,400, against an estimated 33,500 in 1947. Back in 1930, Klamath county had 126,983 sheep. Lack of manpower and summer range make a substantial increase in range sheep unlikely.

On the feed question, the committee noted that more potatoes might be profitably used in this county for winter feeding and fattening of livestock. The committee reported that much can be done to improve native range throughout the county by reseeding, water development, deferred and rotation grazing and feed control. Range feeding practices should be more widely adopted.

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Douglas To British Post

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AP)—Lewis W. Douglas, one-time budget director, today was appointed by President Truman to be ambassador to Great Britain. The nomination was sent to the senate for consideration.

Douglas takes the post to which O. Max Gardner, former governor of North Carolina, was bound when he died suddenly in New York just before sailing. Now president of the Mutual Life Insurance company, New York, Douglas formerly served in the house as a representative from Arizona. He is a democrat and served briefly as director of the budget when the late Franklin D. Roosevelt took office in 1933. He quit this post in a difference of opinion on spending policies.

WAA Sale At Airport To Get Simplified Procedure

Nearly 200 lots, or one-third, of the surplus war property on sale at the airport had been sold at noon today, and war assets administration representatives conducting the sale, announced a simplification in procedure which is expected to speed-up disposals.

A veteran of World War II who does not have a certificate, may now go to the sale with his discharge papers or other evidence of separation from the service, look over the offerings, and obtain a certificate on the spot when and if he finds something he wants.

The WAA emphasized, however, that sales are made for business, agricultural and professional purposes, but not for personal use or resale.

So far the biggest single buyer has been Klamath post of the American Legion which bought 119 lots costing \$193,800 for distribution among its own members and members of associated

Glow On Horizon Last Night Was Just Tules Burning



Many anxious persons sought information last night about the red glow of a big fire on the horizon, appearing to be somewhere in the neighborhood of the Weyerhaeuser Timber company plant. The fire was a spectacular-looking blaze, but it was under control. Farmers were burning tules in the area between Worden and Keno off the highways, and the fire was under control.

Army Gets Criticism

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AP)—Maj. Gen. Ellard A. Walsh, president of the National Guard association, accused the army today of placing "every conceivable obstacle" in the way of reorganizing the state military units.

He declared the motive appears to be a plan to set up the organized reserve corps as "a great federal militia in competition with the national guard."

Walsh, who is Minnesota adjutant, made his assertions in an address prepared for the opening of a three day meeting of the Adjutants General association, which he also heads.

The war department's postwar defense plans contemplate a national guard of about 680,000 and an organized reserve corps of about 876,000. The ORC program includes tours of active duty and training periods in the field. The national guard usually trains one night a week, with annual training exercises in the field.

French Pushes School Bill

SALEM, Feb. 26 (AP)—Rep. Giles L. French, More, told the house education committee last night that his bill to include first class districts under the rural school district law would "establish the policy of having one school board in each county, with authority to set up county-wide districts."

French said the bill would set up equalization of taxes within counties. "This is the first time in Oregon that the legislature has had the chance to place a hook on which to hang a county school system that will be universal throughout the state," French declared.

French also said his bill would provide for more efficient operation of house bill 9, which distributes the basic school fund.

Silver Lake Pioneer Dies

Mrs. Mary J. Linebaugh, 76, for more than 40 years a well known resident of Silver Lake, died at 6:40 a.m. today at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jack H. Schulze, 1511 Pacific Terrace, with whom she had been visiting the past four weeks.

Mrs. Linebaugh was born July 10, 1870, at Cottage Grove, Ore. She is survived by one son, Lester Linebaugh of Silver Lake, four daughters, Mrs. Maude E. Kittredge, also of Silver Lake, Mrs. Schulze of Klamath Falls, Mrs. Evan R. Campbell and Mrs. Willard L. Morrison of Eugene, one sister, Mrs. Nancy J. Linebaugh of Shady Cove, Ore., eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Final rites will be announced by Whitlock's.

USBR Announces That Bids Open For Tule Lease Land

Advertisement for bid for the leasing of approximately 7626 acres of public land in the Tule lake sump area of the Klamath project has been announced by Ray R. Best, district manager of the Klamath district, United States bureau of reclamation.

The lands to be leased are popularly known as the League of Nations and Frog Pond tracts and are located approximately three miles south of Tulelake. Bids will be accepted from honorably discharged veterans of World War II until 9 o'clock a.m., March 12, 1947, at which

time they will be publicly opened. The leases run from 80 to 160 acres in size.

Principal changes in this from previous leasing regulations include the requirement: that the lessee must himself operate the land, that he is restricted to one tract, and that there are NO restrictions on the type of crops that can be grown. Heretofore, in peace times, raising of potatoes on leased lands has been prohibited. No such prohibition appears in the current regulations.

Best reiterated a previous statement that the bureau of reclamation desires to see the veterans of World War II derive the benefits from these lease units, and that the lease contracts are so written as to help assure the attainment of this goal. To be sure that the veterans of World War II achieve financial success in their operations, Best advises each veteran who bids on these lands to consider the following:

(1) That each lessee is limited to one tract on which he must personally engage in the farming operations.

(2) That the lessee has the option to extend the period of the lease to five years on the same per acre rental as is paid the first year, therefore it is suggested that bidders consider normal prices and yields in arriving at their bids.

(3) That certain soil conservation and weed control practices as stipulated in the advertisement will be required.

Fire Destroys Machine Shed

A machine shed housing two big tractors and all other farm equipment at the Jerry Short place near Wocus, seven miles north of Klamath Falls, was completely destroyed by fire at 2 a.m. today.

Members of the family were awakened by the barking of dogs and found the shed, adjacent to the potato cellar, a mass of flames. The Klamath county fire department responded but on arrival was unable to do more than keep the flames from spreading to nearby buildings. Loss was estimated at close to \$17,000. The structure and equipment were partially covered by insurance. The Short ranch is located on the old road just off the main highway.

Flames which leaped high into the air burned power lines above the machine shed and severed the 2300-volt circuit which serves the Shady Pine-Wocus and Pelican City-Chelsea districts. A California Oregon Power company crew was dispatched to the scene immediately to make repairs.

It was reported that the severed power wire dropped on a wire fence and electrified the fence, setting two other small fires and momentarily threatening property of O. T. Hoffman in that neighborhood.

Civilian Would Head Defense Unit

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AP)—President Truman sent to congress today the draft of a proposed bill calling for the unification of the armed forces.

The legislation would set up a national defense establishment, under a civilian secretary of national defense who would have cabinet rank.

The legislation would bring under the defense establishment equally important departments of the army, the navy and the air force.

Three Secretaries
Each of the three branches of the armed services would have a secretary to direct its activities as an individual unit. The three secretaries for army, navy and air force—in turn would operate under direction of the secretary of national defense.

While all the four secretaries would be subject to confirmation by the senate, the White House said only the secretary of national defense would have cabinet rank.

The president, in a letter submitting the proposed legislation, informed Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.), presiding officer of the senate, and Speaker Martin (R-Mass.) of the house:

"It is my belief that this suggested legislation accomplishes the desired unification of the services and I heartily recommend its enactment by the congress."

The draft, entitled "National Security Act of 1947," was completed by Claude M. Clifford, the president's special counsel, after lengthy consultations with the secretaries of war and navy and the joint chiefs of staff, all of whom, Mr. Truman said, approved the bill.

Under the measure, the United States air force would be established under the department of the air force to which would be transferred the army air forces, the air corps of the United States army, and general headquarters air force (air force combat command).

The president would appoint, subject to senate confirmation, a chief of staff of the air force for a term of five years. The functions of the commanding general of the air force combat command, the chief of the air corps, and the commanding general of the army air forces would be transferred to this chief of staff.

The legislation sets up within the national defense establishment the joint chiefs of staff, to be made up of the chief of staff of the United States army, the chief of naval operations, the chief of staff of the United States air forces, and the chief of staff of the commander-in-chief "if there be one."

Rescue Try Fatal To Boy

PULASKI, Tenn., Feb. 26 (AP)—Seven-year-old Toby Malone was burned to death last night in a futile attempt to rescue his 70-year-old grandfather from their blazing apartment.

The child and his grandparent, Pete Malone, were the only casualties of the fire which raged and left homeless 33 persons.

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Forrestal Raps Slash

NEW YORK, Feb. 26 (AP)—Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal says that "the future of civilization may be determined in the next 24 months."

"That is why I ask that the congress and the people of this country think long and carefully before they deny to George Marshall, Gen. Eisenhower and Adm. Nimitz the things that they say they need," the navy secretary told the economic club of New York last night.

Forrestal said that this nation "must not disarm to the point where the nation is unable to meet the duty to itself and to civilization of providing an anchor of stability in a world still suffering from heavy injury and the shock of war."

Land Management Attorney Resigns

PORTLAND, Feb. 26 (AP)—Wendell P. Kay Jr., regional attorney for the federal land management bureau, has resigned and will become executive director of the Alaska housing authority.

He leaves in two weeks for Anchorage to take over the work of stimulating home construction programs in the territory.

Legislative Appropriation Is Next Hurdle

SALEM, Feb. 26 (AP)—The state board of education voted 5 to 1 today to accept the war assets administration's terms by which the state could take over the Klamath Marine Barracks, and decided to ask the legislature for \$620,000 to operate the plant as a vocational school during the next two years.

The board agreed to the provision that it must be used for educational purposes for 25 years, although the WAA advised the board that later on, it might amend its application so that it could be used for health purposes.

Voting against the proposal was May Darling, Portland, who said she "doubts the educational value of the proposal, as the area is so remote from the educational centers of the state."

Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr. said that if the vocational school broke down, then the barracks could be used for a state hospital, state training school for delinquents, or a branch of the Oregon State college school of agriculture.

820 Applications
O. I. Paulson, state director of vocational education, said he has 820 applications by veterans for vocational training, and that the school could open July 10 to provide for 600 veterans at the start. The capacity eventually would be 1500 students.

Paulson said, however, that the veterans administration found 1400 Oregon veterans who want vocational and technical training.

Paulson declared that the demand for vocational training would increase each year. At the end of five years, only \$70,000 in state funds would be needed each year, because as the enrollment increased, the institution would become almost self-sustaining.

He predicted there would be many applications for training by high school graduates, as well as applications for technical training by residents of other western states.

The school, he said, would give technical training that could be found in no other western state.

Homestead Drawing Set For March

The 86 World War II veterans who will get homesteads in the rich Tulelake division of the Klamath reclamation projects will select their farms from a map at the reclamation bureau's office at the airport March 13.

Yesterday afternoon the reclamation bureau released the list of 86 veterans—83 men and one girl—who are future Tulelake country homesteaders.

Beginning at 8 a.m. on Thursday, March 13, the winners will choose their farms in the order their names appear on the winning list.

First Choice
Robert L. Smith of Banks, Ore., will get the first choice, Gwyn McCracken of Arlington, Va., will pick his farm next. Ermine L. Walter of Alesia, Ore., will step up to the map and point out his future home, and so on through the list of 86.

Before March 13, each winner is supposed to have visited the Tulelake region and looked over the land. Virtually all have been down already, and many of the veterans have moved into Klamath Falls and Tulelake. Several are staying at the old Jap camp.

Of the 84 winners, 47 come from Oregon, 29 from California, four from Washington and one each from Wyoming, Arizona, Nebraska, Idaho, Texas and Virginia. Seven are residents of Klamath Falls and 10 of Tulelake.

Woman Winner
Mrs. Eleanor Jane Bolesta, 23-year-old ex-wave from Everett, Wash., was certified as a winner, No. 51.

Of the original 86 names drawn December 18, 10 applicants were rejected when the examining board went back through the papers to check qualifications. Eight were turned down because of not having the necessary farming experience, one because he owned over 160 acres of reclamation land already, and one because he had unpaid reclamation project debts. Nine of the 10 rejections appealed and the Sacramento regional reclamation director upheld all rejections.

The examining board then went through the applications of 10 alternates, and one of them was rejected. He appealed and this time the Sacramento office upheld his appeal and he was declared a winner.

List of winners appears on page 2, column 1.

Butter Price Jumps One Cent

Butter went up another cent today, Wednesday, making the second advance this week following a two-cent jump last Monday. Grade A butter was wholesaling today at 74 cents and the retail price was up to 81 cents to local shoppers.

Fresh eggs were expected to hold firm today and tomorrow but a jump is expected before the week is out, wholesale operators observed.

Lane Says Confession Obtained Under Duress

Delbert (Dink) Lane, 40-year-old logger on trial for threatening to kill his woods work partner, Delbert Manuel Chandler, 44, testified in circuit court this morning that the confession upon which the state's case against him is based was exacted from him during an all-night grilling session at the state police office by state police.

Lane is under indictment for threatening the commission of a felony, and the accusation is that on November 25 of last year he made a remark to Bud Chidester, his woods boss, that he would "kill the son of a b. . . ." The state's inference is that Lane threatened to kill Chandler.

Lane said that the reason he asked Chidester to take Chandler off the job was his work partner was that Chandler allegedly molested Lane's young daughter during a movie in Klamath Falls.

Chandler died a few days later, Thanksgiving Day afternoon, from a bullet wound in his chest received while on a "spot shooting" jaunt on the Green-