

# WE HINTS "MAY COME HOME"

## General and News

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### California Samples Spring

#### In The Day's News

BY FRANK JENKINS  
General Eisenhower says this morning in a statement issued at SHAPE headquarters in Paris:

"You gentlemen (the speakers) to reporters in Paris who were hounding me for comment on what happened in Minnesota probably realize how astonished I was by the results of the Minnesota primary.

"THE MOUNTING NUMBERS OF MY FELLOW CITIZENS WHO ARE VOTING TO MAKE ME THE REPUBLICAN NOMINEE ARE FORCING ME TO RE-EXAMINE MY PERSONAL POSITION AND PAST DECISION."

He is obviously referring to a statement he issued in Paris on January 7, the day after his backers announced they were going to enter him in the New Hampshire Republican primary. In that statement he said:

"Senator Lodge is correct in terming me a Republican. He is also correct in stating that I will not SEEK nomination to political office."

He then added:

"In the absence of a CLEAR CUT CALL TO POLITICAL DUTY, I shall continue to devote my full attention and energies to the performance of the vital task to which I am assigned."

I'd say the General's statement in Paris this morning indicates he is about convinced that New Hampshire and Minnesota constitute a clear cut call to political duty.

Another development: President Truman says in Washington this morning that Eisenhower is at liberty to return home ANY TIME HE DEEMS IT SAFE AND PROPER.

Dear Ike:

I'm inclined to agree with you about New Hampshire and Minnesota. They're wonderful. In my adult lifetime, nothing like that has ever happened in a political campaign. It's beginning to look like the people have decided that THIS YEAR the office should seek the man and that you're the man to be sought.

If that is true, Ike, it is something shining and splendid. It hasn't happened since George Washington. Even Lincoln had to fight to get the Republican nomination. It what seems to be developing in your case turns out to be true, it could mark a turning point in our national life. It could mean that we are turning back toward the ideals of the Founding Fathers.

So, whatever you do, DON'T do anything to shake this FAITH AND TRUST that (on the evidence of New Hampshire and Minnesota) your countrymen seem to repose in you.

Go on doing your job and being yourself. That's how you've won these two amazing expressions of confidence in you.

Another thing, Ike. Don't be fooled by Harry's crack that you're at liberty to return home ANY TIME YOU DEEM IT SAFE AND PROPER. ON THE SURFACE, it looks like a sportsmanlike gesture. But in it an old world smell a trap.

If you come back and start campaigning, your enemies will claim that in view of the importance of your job in Europe, it WASN'T SAFE AND PROPER FOR YOU TO COME BACK.

Before you leave your job over there, be very sure indeed that it's (Continued on Page 9)



LAST YEAR AT SALEM, Klamath County's Rep. Hank Semon, Henley spud farmer, presented members of the Legislature with sacks of home grown potatoes. So today he's Thornton of Tillamook, who was a member of the House of Representatives and received spuds from Semon, journeyed out to the Semon home to give Hank a gift box of Tillamook-manufactured cheese. Thornton is a candidate for Attorney General, while Semon is unopposed for return to the Legislature.

### Farm Outlook For Oregon Good; Hay Shortage Noted East Of Mountains

CORVALLIS (AP) — A hay shortage was about the only flaw in the farm outlook as spring arrived in Oregon Thursday.

Crops suffered little from the winter. R. G. Fowler Jr. reported in his annual first-day-of-spring survey. Fowler, an information specialist with the Oregon State College Extension Service, also reported the outlook promising for irrigation.

The details of his report: O. E. Mikesell, Linn County extension agent, said that for his area, "so far there has been little winter injury to field crops, tree fruits, nuts, and berries. This is far different from a year ago when several thousand acres of field crops on hill soils were frozen out. Tree fruits, nuts, and berries were severely injured in all parts of the county."

Willamette valley pastures are

far ahead of a year ago. Frank Richardson, Albany dairyman, turned out his purebred Jersey herd March 8 on pasture 12 inches in height. During the 18 years he has farmed in Oregon, he remarked, it was the best early pasture growth he had experienced.

Near the Idaho line and in some livestock sections of eastern Oregon things are different.

"Hay supplies are the lowest in recent history," said William Farrell, Grant county. "In other years, all a rancher who was short hay had to do was drive to Vale or Ontario and bring a load home to tide him over, but that's out of the question this year because there's little or none available."

He said skimpy feed supplies "may result in later calving and a lower calving percentage next year."

W. T. Frost, Oregon snow survey leader, Medford, told W. B. Tucker, Jackson County extension agent, that Oregon's 1952 water supply outlook varies from "good" to "excellent," depending on location.

Snow, a boon to irrigation farmers, is a nuisance elsewhere in the state.

"More snow than we have seen since we started driving automobiles," is what Carroll Lacey, lifetime resident of Ironsides in the northern part of Malheur county reported to Harry Sandquist, his county extension agent. Spring in that area, Sandquist reports, is the latest in 15 years.

Range operators throughout the area are predicting an excellent forage year once snow leaves, allowing grass to sprout.

C. A. Henderson, Klamath County, said that potato growers in his county lost an estimated 2 million dollars as a result of the potato price roll-back. He added that his county's spud acreage will increase 20 per cent or more as compared with 1951 and may reach 30,000 acres. Acreage prospects for wheat and alfalfa are on the down side.

Spring dormant spraying weather in Southern Oregon has been unfavorable and there is much to be completed before the season runs out. Clifford Cordy, Jackson county extension horticulture agent said. Fruit trees wintered in good shape.

Lee R. Foster, Hood River county, also reported a mild winter

#### Stock Embargo To Be Lifted

VICTORIA, B.C. (AP) — British Columbia ordered its livestock embargo lifted Wednesday.

Agriculture Minister Harry Bowman told the Provincial Legislature the ban will be removed as soon as instructions are sent railroads and packing plants, probably Thursday or Friday.

The ban was imposed by the government Feb. 25 because of an outbreak of hoof-and-mouth disease in Saskatchewan.

#### Attorney General Hopeful Sees Possible Demo Win

Despite the accumulating opinion to the contrary, there is still a good chance that the Democrats will win next year's national elections, personable Bob Thornton, young Tillamook lawyer who is a candidate for the state job of Attorney General, told a gathering of Democrats last night at the Winema.

President Truman, in Thornton's opinion, won't run again, but he said, there are a number of good Democrats who can be nominated by the party and have excellent chances of winning.

He mentioned none except Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, who has already out-pollied President Truman in the New Hampshire and Minnesota primaries.

The present administration's decision to fight in Korea to halt the spread of world Communism will win it votes, Thornton believes, and another issue will be the fact that the administration wanted anti-inflation measures will real teeth, and Congress eliminated the teeth.

The presence of "rats in the public granary"—the Bureau of Internal Revenue and other government scandals—probably won't be so much of an issue, Thornton declared, if people will hark back to the early 1920s, in President Harding's administration when the so-called Teapot Dome scandals

#### Game Law Fine Assessed

Fine of \$150—with \$100 suspended—was levied on Carol Eugene Horsley, Midland, in District Court Thursday morning after he pleaded guilty to killing ducks out of season.

Horsley was arrested March 13 by federal game officers and accused of killing six ducks. According to game officers he claimed the ducks were doing damage to fields of the Horsley ranch.

Federal officers told the Herald and News, "the herding of migratory waterfowl is handled under a permit system which does not allow the killing or crippling of the birds. These permits are issued by the local office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Fines guns and flash bombs are furnished within the available supply."

The officers added, "this permit system allows for protection of vulnerable crop areas through use of these frightening devices, but does not allow the killing of such birds."

District Judge M. A. Carter said circumstances of the case allowed alleviating of the fine.

#### Tourney Results

Consolation Round:	
Astoria	48
McMinnville	46
The Dalles	66
Scappoose	52
Salem	45
Klamath Falls	39

#### Per Capita Pay Goes Out Today

KLAMATH AGENCY—Officials at Klamath Agency today began parceling out approximately \$750,000 in payment of \$300 each to members of the Klamath Indian tribe.

Money for the per capita payment is derived from the proceeds from the sale of Indian timber.

### Livestock In Nevada Snowed In

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Spring ventured into California Thursday with a promise of relief from a winter of record storms.

Skiies were clear over most of California and Western Nevada. Temperatures, which were nippy during the night, were rising. The Weather Bureau forecast clear weather through Friday and return to normal temperatures.

Spring was a day earlier than usual. And the promise of better weather was especially welcome to some 2,000 people virtually marooned in East-Central California and to livestock growers in Nevada.

There were no reports of actual hardships to anyone although the situation facing owners of some 600,000 head of livestock in Nevada was growing serious.

ROADS BLOCKED

In Mono county, east of San Francisco on the California-Nevada border, snow blocked roads of access to people running low on fuel.

While the storms still were raging late Wednesday, Mrs. Marjorie Gripper, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at Leavening, Calif., reported that they didn't know "when we'll get out."

Some 125 still were snowed in at June Lake Lodge, 180 miles east of San Francisco, where drifts up to 45 feet deep covered roads and many one story houses.

"Here we can step out of a second story window onto snow," said George Conn, lodge owner over the only telephone line open from that community.

Conn reported ample stocks of food at June Lake but Mrs. Gripper said food was running low in other snowbound parts of Mono county.

EMERGENCY

Nevada Gov. Russell proclaimed a state of emergency to qualify for federal aid for livestock.

Heavy snows have blocked roads to 200,000 cattle and 400,000 sheep in North and Central Nevada.

Gov. Russell said the livestock industry was threatened with a loss of \$10,000,000.

In the Sierra Nevada passes from California to Nevada, all principal highways were blocked. Wednesday night, after two days of diverting trains, Southern Pacific rotary plows chugged through 20 miles of deep drifts and reopened its rail route over Donner summit.

The record snow pack—260 inches at Soda Springs, 308 inches at Donner summit—threatens California's interior valleys with spring floods.

### Bonneville Funds Voted Northwest

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Appropriations Committee will approve around \$6 million dollars for Pacific Northwest reclamation and the Bonneville Power Administration, Rep. Jackson (D-Wash.) said Thursday.

The committee is expected to send the Interior Department appropriation bill to the House Friday. It will apply to the year beginning July 1.

Jackson told a reporter the committee will recommend the Bonneville construction appropriation given \$65,523,400 of the \$70,285,400 it sought for construction.

This includes \$2,200,000 for construction of transmission and switching facilities between McNary Dam-Walla Walla and the Pasco-Kennewick-Richmond area.

For the Columbia Basin reclamation project, Jackson said the committee has approved construction funds totaling 19 1/2 million dollars. Twenty million had been budgeted.

Status unit No. 3 of the Wapato project will get the \$30,000 which the Bureau of Indian Affairs requested to complete it, the Congressman said.

Biggest cuts made in the Bonneville construction appropriation, Jackson said, included elimination of \$1,173,000 asked to connect Bonneville with the Idaho Power Co. at La Grande-Baker, Ore. and \$800,000 for the controversial Bonneville-Central Valley, Calif., interconnection.

### Forest Fire Damage High

SALEM (AP) — Forest fires in Oregon last year caused \$3,539,494 damage on state and private lands, the State Forestry Department said.

The department reported 997 fires that burned over 132,807 acres destroying 449 million feet of merchantable timber.

Greatest damage was caused by logging fires that burned over 111,000 acres. Logging fires caused about a third of the total loss.

Smokers caused 237 fires, logging 187, lightning 128, debris 132, campers 59, and railroads 26. Forty-seven fires were purposely set.

### FFA Champs Named Today

CORVALLIS (AP) — Sixty-nine State Farmers were named here Wednesday at the Oregon Future Farmers of America convention for outstanding service and leadership.

They included Bill Johnston, Grants Pass; Charles Tucker, Oregon City; Roy Timm, Pendleton; Eugene Cummings, James Fisher, Raymond Gibby and Elmer Stritzke, Roseburg; Jim Kinkaid and Wayne Simmons, Salem.

Named as honorary members of the FFA were Gov. Douglas McKay; Elmer McClure, State Grange master; Joe Southworth, Portland; Glen Ohling, Albany; Ira Forrey, Milwaukie, and Al Ringo, Gervais.

### Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Continued cold, clear through tomorrow. Low tonight 15, high tomorrow 34.

High yesterday 31  
Low last night 12  
Precip March 19 0.08  
Precip since Oct. 1 14.08  
Same period last year 12.58  
Normal for period 8.90



GRACE COLVIN WELLS (above) started her working day this morning by fishing a parking meter coin out of her purse. She is home service director for the California Oregon Power Company.

### Supervisors Scan Farm Unit Setup

TULELAKE—Siskiyou and Modoc County Supervisors in joint meeting here this morning heard strong support for the Tulelake Farm Advisor setup.

The farm service office, established in Tulelake in February, 1950, has thus far been supported by the California Extension Service, the only such office in the state in which counties do not share expenses with the state. Unless Siskiyou and Modoc counties now agree to share expense with the state on the Tulelake office, it faces closure.

In a crowd of some 125 persons attending this morning's hearing, only one person, rancher Howard Dayton, raised strong objection to the county participation plan.

Dayton asserted that the farm office was founded primarily for new homesteaders, that its continuance might lead to other areas seeking similar offices and that expansion of the office was one of many small items making for a big tax bill.

Many ranchers, however, supported the farm office. Principal among the supporters were ranchers Marvin Christy, Marvin Thomas, Stan Baskingham, Olney Rudd, Earl Parsons, Paul Christy and Edwin McCracken.

Also supporting the office was D. T. Batchelder, of the University of California Extension Service. Batchelder said the Extension Service did not feel it had "made a mistake" in setting up the office.

If the counties agree to participate in continuance of the farm office, it is to be on a 50-50 basis with the state. The counties will have to put up \$2,500 annually between them and there will be an initial expense of some \$9,000 representing value of property and equipment used by the farm office. The two county boards said they would reserve their decisions until their next regular meetings.

This afternoon the two boards heard another argument, this one intended to do with proposed establishment of a Tule Basin hospital district for a hospital serving Siskiyou and Modoc areas of the Tule Basin.

### Candidate Well Pleased With Minnesota Vote

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, Allied Powers Europe (AP)— Gen. Eisenhower said Thursday the mounting numbers of my fellow citizens who are voting to make me the Republican nominee may cause him to change his mind about refusing actively to seek nomination to political office.

Gen. Eisenhower issued an informal statement at his headquarters in response to requests by reporters for comment on the Minnesota primary Tuesday in which more than 100,000 voters wrote in his name in the Republican preferential primary.

The statement said:

"You gentlemen probably realize how astonished I was by the results of the Minnesota primary. The mounting numbers of my fellow citizens who are voting to make me the Republican nominee are forcing me to re-examine my personal position and past decision. I did not imagine that so many voters in Minnesota would make me a write-in candidate and, according to newspaper accounts, some of them had trouble with my name."

"I count it an additional commitment that some refused to be dismayed by the long Eisenhower name and simply wrote in 'Ike.' Eisenhower's reference to his personal opinion and past decision appears to be referred to a statement he issued Jan. 7, the day after his backers announced they would enter him in the New Hampshire Republican primary.

Referring to that statement made by Sen. Lodge, head of the Eisenhower for President movement, Eisenhower said then that Lodge was correct in terming him a Republican and added:

"He was also correct in stating that I would not seek nomination to political office."

Eisenhower issued his statement a few hours after two developments—Sen. Taft withdrew from the New Jersey preferential primary and President Truman said Eisenhower was at liberty to return home any time the general deems it safe and proper.

The general also said in his Jan. 7 statement that "in the absence of a clear cut call to political duty, I shall continue to devote my full attention and energies to the performance of the vital task to which I am assigned."

His statement Thursday that the primary votes so far "are forcing me to re-examine that decision" led to speculation that he may return shortly to the United States.

Most observers expect this return to be sometime in late May, after the last of the preferential primary elections have been held.

The statement Thursday was issued through the SHAPE Public Information Office and was prefaced with a statement by information officers that it was in response to repeated requests for comment.

### John Groves Dies At 76

MERRILL—Johnnie Groves, long time resident of Klamath County died at his home about 12:30 p. m. yesterday. He was believed to be 76 years old. Death was attributed to a heart attack although he had been in ill health for several months.

During his residence here he operated at one time a pool hall and more recently with his wife Mary Groves, a cafe. Prior to moving here he lived in Chicago.

Surviving are his widow, Mary Groves, Merrill and one daughter, Mrs. John Dillard, Eagle Point.

Funeral arrangements are awaiting arrival of his daughter late today. The body is at the Klamath Funeral Home.

### Radioactive Goop Missing

LOS ALAMOS, N. M. (AP) — A tiny bit of radioactive material which may be worth as much as \$25,000 and is dangerous to its bearer was missing Thursday.

The Public Relations office of this atomic community said the material has "no really significant hazard" and is available to engineering firms.

Officials warned, however, that a person who carried it in his pocket would soon notice skin burns and nausea, followed by possibly serious complications.

The missing material, in a container 1 1/2 inches high and 3/4 inches across is either radium or radioactive cobalt, publicity spokesmen said.

If the substance is radium it is worth about \$25,000, AEC sources estimated.

If it is cobalt, it is worth about \$100,000.

There are approximately 1,000 milligrams in the container, smaller than a matchbox.

Authorities had no idea whether the material was stolen, misplaced or picked up by mistake. It was last seen in its proper place on March 10.

It was discovered missing from its usual spot at 6:25 p.m. Wednesday.

### State Grid Title End In Sight?

PORTLAND (AP) — The Oregon Journal, in a Eugene dispatch from Al Gould of its sports staff, said Thursday that school executives were expected to vote Saturday to abolish the state football playoffs.

The article pointed out that superintendents and principals oppose the playoffs because they mean too many games for some teams and not enough for others. It goes on to say that talk among sports followers at the basketball tournament now under way is that a Saturday meeting is intended to abolish the system which leads to a state title.

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about the mobilization program: "Deliveries on defense hard goods—planes, tanks, ammunition and guns—had fallen dangerously behind schedule; so much so that the chances of reaching the minimum preparedness targets without in the time set by our military planners seemed remote."

One basic cause for this, the committee said, is "failure of our responsible officials" to give weapons needs top claim on the nation's industrial capacity.

And back of this the committee pointed "apathy" among some government agencies. "Those responsible for the nation's current rearmament program lack the sense of urgency that has previously

goaded Americans into their tremendous preparedness achievements," it said.

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