



**SAWDUST ROMANCE** — Josie Mullens and Henry Strassburger, members of well-known circus families, ride in streets of Merrill, Oreg., to town hall for their wedding.

# Early End of Oil Strike Predicted

By ROWLAND EVANS JR.  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Government labor officials Thursday predicted an early end to the 15-day nationwide oil strike which already is affecting the country's tourist trade and air service both here and abroad.

# Service Pay Hike Approved

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House passed and sent to the Senate Thursday a bill raising the pay of servicemen nearly half a billion dollars annually.

favorable response from the unions involved.

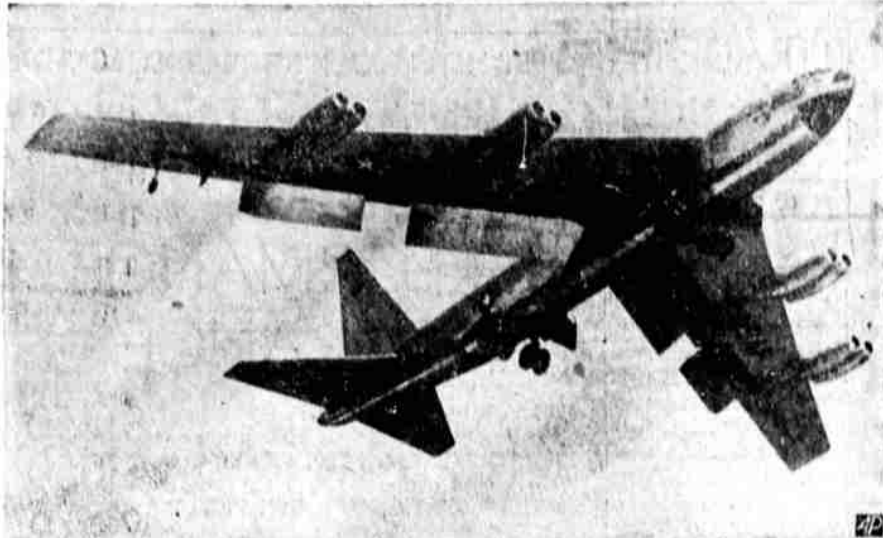
The proposed ceiling boost earlier had been agreed to by part of the strike-bound industry.

The union originally asked a 25-cent pay boost; the industry offered 10. Two weeks ago the unions lowered their demand to 18 cents, and companies employing more than 15 cents in any negotiated agreements submitted to it for an okay under wage stabilization policies.

Except in extraordinary circumstances, the 18-cent figure is the ceiling.

Most oil workers now average between \$2 and \$2.10 an hour.

The Federal Conciliation Service immediately ordered its regional directors to set local negotiations started again.



**AIR FORCE'S 'GLOBAL' SUPER-BOMBER IN FLIGHT**—This is the first unretouched photo released of the Air Force's newest "global" super-bomber, the B-52 Stratofortress, which is shown in test flight over Boeing Field, Seattle, Wash. The Air Force disclosed for the first time that the eight-jet-engined plane has a wing span of 185 feet, is 153 feet long and its tail is 48 feet high.

# Presidential Candidates Make Final Vote Pleas

By MORRIE LANDSBERG  
PORTLAND (AP) — Three presidential candidates and fill-ins for Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower carried their final messages to the people of Oregon Thursday.

The voters Friday will designate their Republican and Democratic choice for the White House; along with the popularity contest, they'll name 18 Republican and 12 Democratic delegates.

All of the Democratic delegates will be pledged to the preferential winner—Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, for certain. At least 10 Republican delegates if not the full slate will go to the high-voting GOP candidate—widely expected to be Eisenhower.

The election promises to attract a record turnout for an Oregon primary. Voting places in the 36 counties will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (PST). Five separate ballots will carry the names of 128 state and local candidates.

Speakers behind the heavy Eisenhower campaign turned their closing fire on eight undecided delegate-candidates who they fear will cast their ballots for Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio at the GOP national convention.

Taft decided against entering the Oregon primary. His leaders here have soft pedaled a write-in drive in his behalf and have not officially recognized the unpledged slate. Only three of these proposed delegates have openly said they're for

# Merrill High News

By YVONNE CONNER and EDNA MAE REEVES

This week has been very busy for everyone. Monday, Mr. Cooper from the Rogue River Forest Department came to talk to us and show us two films on the prevention of fire. Tuesday was the music festival at OTH. Wednesday morning the Senior GAA members traveled to Henley and Malin to entertain them with the talent program they gave to the Merrill Student body at an earlier date. Thursday is the Senior Assembly. Friday the high school girls will be hostesses for another of our play days. Friday evening is the date set for Merrill's spring program.

We're very proud of our track team as they did very well at the "B" District track meet at Medford. We took only five boys to participate and four of them will be going to the state meet. We'd like to wish Dick Reeves, Jerry Wolfram, Johnny O'Neil and Jack Hendrickson luck on their trip to Corvallis. Dick qualified in the 100 yard dash and the 220. Jerry Wolfram qualified in the low hurdles. Johnny O'Neil, Jack Hendrickson, Jerry Wolfram, and Dick Reeves qualified in the 1/2 mile relay.

# Lawyers to Take Saturdays Off

Members of the Klamath County Bar Association have voted to close their law offices to the general public on Saturdays this summer.

The decision was announced by William Ganong Jr., association president.

The policy becomes effective Saturday, May 31, and will continue through August.

# Big New U.S. Ship Tested

ABOARD THE U.S.S. United States

— America's newest and biggest transoceanic liner headed for sea Wednesday to test her sea-legs in a two-day builder's trial run.

Powerful tugs, dwarfed by the 61,500-ton United States, nudged the ship from her berth at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company.

Thousands watched from ashore as the sleek and shiny liner sailed slowly down the James River, through Hampton Roads and the Virginia Capes into the open Atlantic.

It was the first taste of sea for the 372,000-ton vessel, America's challenge to Britain's two sea queens, the Mary and Elizabeth.

The United States' builders are confident the trials will leave no doubt she will prove speedier than the Queen Mary, present holder of the record for the fastest Atlantic crossing.

# IVY FREE

LONDON (AP) — Ivy Wickens is a free woman Thursday after getting a divorce on grounds of desertion.

She told the court her husband had himself committed to a mental hospital shortly after their marriage, and for 20 years had refused to come out.

# President Charges Foes Using 'Bunk', 'Hokum'

By ED CREAUGH

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman Thursday accused opponents of his farm and other programs of spreading "bunk and hokum" in an effort to discredit Roosevelt and Truman administration measures as socialism.

He predicted the Democrats will win the forthcoming presidential election on a platform of what he described as "Trumanism."

And he promised to make a whistlestop tour along the lines of his 31,700-mile 1948 campaign to help the Democratic presidential candidate.

Departing from a prepared speech at a Department of Agriculture ceremony on the Washington Monument grounds, Truman recalled the 354 speeches he delivered from coast-to-coast four years ago and declared:

"I'll get out and do the same thing for the candidate on this program I've been talking about."

The President said the Roosevelt and Truman administrations

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have proven that a planned economy works "in agriculture and in every other aspect of our national life."

He told the audience of several thousand that the objective of 87 per cent of the nation's press is to discredit the administration and said the "mossbacks" — whom he offered to name if anybody asked him to — insist on calling his program "socialism."

"All this talk about socialism is just plain bunk and hokum," Truman declared.

He said he had recently read an editorial which called his farm program regimentation and Trumanism.

And he was glad, he said, to accept the name "Trumanism" for the agricultural and other programs which have been carried out under his administration and that of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

He called their efforts "Commonsense management of our national affairs in the interests of all the people."

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# Sobber to Wed In New York

CHICAGO (AP) — Johnny Ray, formerly of Portland, Ore., who cried his way to fame and fortune with emotional renditions of two songs, says he will be married on May 25 to Miss Marilyn Morrison in New York.

Ray, 25, said he and Miss Morrison, 22, daughter of a Beverly Hills, Calif., night club operator, agreed on a wedding date after a long distance telephone talk.

"We finally made up our minds," the young singer said. Ray ends a loop theater engagement Thursday and plans to meet Miss Morrison in New York Monday.

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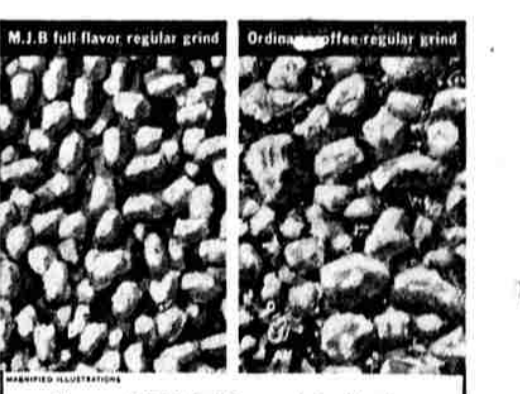
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