

# Over the GARDEN GATE

**ALTURAS**  
The spring garden show held June 5 in the social hall of the Modoc Union High School carried out the theme taken from Hiawatha.

"Came the spring with all its splendor  
All its birds and all its blossoms  
All its flowers and leaves and grasses."

Cochairmen were Mrs. Ralph Laird and Mrs. Clarence Ebbe.

A mural by Laura Wardwell, depicting a mountain scene with Hiawatha in the foreground was background for the stage. Mrs. Wardwell is a local artist and member of the Alturas Garden Club.

## Portland Area Jobs Reported

**SALEM** — Non-farm jobs in the Portland-Vancouver area last month increased 600 over April but that employment was still 6,000 less than May 1953.

Employers' reports, tabulated by the State Unemployment Compensation Commission Monday showed that textiles, apparel, electrical equipment manufacturing, and a service lines were the main groups which registered job gains over last year. Finance and governmental units also had small increases. Altogether 236,000 persons were employed in the four-county interstate areas against 243,200 a year ago.

Six hundred construction workers were put back to work during the month but the total of 12,400 was 200 under May 1953. Lumber gains were small, falling 1,300 below last year and food processing also lagged behind.

Average earnings of production workers remained on previous levels at \$377.84 a week. Hourly rates of pay were up slightly but the work-week declined to 36.1 hours, a drop of 0.7 from last year.

Furniture and fixtures employees worked only 36.1 hours a week as compared with 39.5 hours in April, while some smaller manufacturing groups also fell of both in hourly pay and average work-weeks.

## South Hit By Heat, Floods

**By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
A warm and fairly pleasant day was the outlook for most of the country Tuesday, with temperatures a little on the hot side in most of the Southeast.

There were only a few rain areas early Tuesday. Showers and thunderstorms hit sections in the Northern Plains eastward to the upper Mississippi Valley. Some showers were reported in New England.

Thousands of persons left their homes in Texas as the Rio Grande's flood waters spilled over levee areas. Thousands of people on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico boundary fled to the hills.

Nearly 100 miles north of the Rio Grande, in the rich oil and cattle country of Far West Texas, 14 persons were believed dead after flash floods swept through Ozona, Tex.

The country's hot spots were in the Southeast, most of the central part of the country and in the Southwest desert region. Readings generally were in the 90s Monday with many cities reporting 100 plus temperatures. The 104 at Memphis was a record high for June. Other top marks included 103 at Jacksonville, Fla.; 102 at Birmingham, Ala.; 101 at Kansas City; 100 at Dallas, Tex.; 100 at Yuma, Ariz., and the day's highest of 106 at Gila Bend, Ariz.

**RIOTS**  
**BANGKOK** — At least 7 persons were killed and 50 were injured in a bloody outbreak between angry Laotian infantrymen attached to French Union forces and French marines in Indochina Saturday night, according to word received here Tuesday. The Laotians were reported embittered over the belief that the French marines were getting better treatment.

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## Coon Supports Wool Program

**WASHINGTON** — Rep. Coon (R-Ore.) said Tuesday he plans to support the President's wool program.

"While I believe many growers would prefer tariff protection," he said, "they feel this program will help to maintain an essential industry and at the same time give an incentive for efficiency."

Coon's statement was released after conferences with W. H. Steiwer of Passaic, Ore., former president of the National Wool Growers Assn., agriculture bill to come before the

House this week. The wool plan would provide for direct payments to domestic wool growers for wool produced.

**SPEAKER**  
**BEND** — Gov. Paul Patterson will be principal speaker at the 33rd encampment of the Oregon Veterans of Foreign Wars to be held here July 6-10.

**PILGRIMS**  
**VATICAN CITY** — Approximately 200,000 people including thousands of pilgrims and tourists, visited St. Peter's Basilica Tuesday, feast day of St. Peter and St. Paul.

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## Singer Says Fame Due To Good Luck

**By BOB THOMAS**  
**HOLLYWOOD** — How do you figure a success like Eddie Fisher's?

That's our topic for today, Eddie, who was born Edwin Jack Fisher in Philadelphia almost 26 years ago, is the biggest record seller today. His take may reach a million dollars this year. All this without having been in a movie!

How has he done it?  
"I've been lucky," he said.  
Yes, but luck isn't everything. I suggested that perhaps the public was ready for a full-voice singer like Eddie after an era of crooners.

"That might be part of it," he agreed. "I can remember when I got a job at the Copacabana in New York (at \$125 a week). That was eight years ago, when Sinatra was at his peak—of his first career, that is.

"I was belting the songs then, giving them everything I had. Even the love songs, although I didn't know anything about love then. People told me I should sing softer, that I ought to croon. I couldn't see it that way.

"Other things in my favor? I'd say timing. Timing and management. I was fortunate in coming to the attention of Milt Blackstone, my manager. He channeled my career in the proper direction, avoiding the mistakes I would have made by myself. He also steered me to Eddie Cantor, who gave me my first big break.

"I think my Army service helped

me too. I look back on them as two of the best years of my life. I got to troupe, which most young people don't have a chance to do these days. I sang before all kinds of audiences all over the world. I was a GI like the rest of them, but I was on a spot too."

Much of Eddie's success is due to his choice of songs to record. He gave much of the credit to Hugo Winterhalter, the musical mind of Victor Records. For every song he puts on wax, Eddie said he might listen to hundreds of prospective tunes.

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