

# Roaring Fire Razes Lumber Storage Sheds



FLAMES FROM BURNING LUMBER at the Car-Ad-Co Lumber Company in Pelican City created a huge glowing pillar in the Thursday night sky over Klamath Falls. Shown here are some scenes of the blaze that destroyed over

\$200,000 of finished lumber and two large storage sheds valued at approximately \$150,000. To the left is a picture taken by M. Sgt. Charles Bennett of Kingsley Field during the first few minutes of the blaze. It outlines clearly the huge sheds that were completely destroyed. Center is a

silhouette view of the fire taken from the mill side and outlining the water tower near the blazing buildings. The picture at right shows some of the fire crews that responded from all parts of the county. They are preventing the blaze from spreading to the factory on the west end

of the sprawling plant. Pictures in center and at right were taken by Don Kettler, Herald News photographer. The fire was still smoldering Friday and was expected to take several days to burn out.

## In The Day's News

**By FRANK JENKINS**  
Cause and effect in politics: In Minnesota the other day, in a by-election to fill a vacancy in the U.S. house of representatives, a Republican just barely nosed out his Democratic opponent in a district that had been solidly GOP for years on end.  
His narrow-squeak victory was ascribed by the politicians to farm belt dissatisfaction with Secretary of Agriculture Benson, who leans toward lower subsidies for farm crops that are now in heavy surplus.

So much for the cause.  
Let's take a look now at the effect.

In Washington this morning a couple of GOP congressmen—Representative A. L. Miller of Nebraska and Representative Walter Judd of Minnesota—called on Secretary Benson as representatives of a group of farm belt congressmen and laid it on the line. They told Benson he has become a serious liability to the Republican party—that "right or wrong" he has become a symbol of low farm prices. They say they didn't ask him in so many words to resign but add that they "made their meaning plain."  
Their meaning, they explained to the reporters, was that Mr. Benson was being asked to STEP OUT for the good of the Grand Old Party. They told him further that "Democrats are using him as a weapon to beat Republicans."

Hmmmmmm.  
The farm program has been anything but a howling success. It has cost billions of dollars—which have come out of the taxpayers' pockets. It has piled up huge surpluses that hang over the markets of the future like a dark thundercloud.

Consumers are disgruntled. Taxpayers are getting soured. Even the farmers aren't happy.

All Mr. Benson is trying to do is to IMPROVE the situation. He thinks it would be better if we quit subsidizing overproduction because, he reasons, as long as we subsidize overproduction heavily we will have vast surpluses on our hands. As long as vast surpluses hang over the markets, farm prices will remain low.

Most clear-headed thinkers are coming around to agreement with him.

But—  
These GOP political farmers say—  
"He may be right—but we've got to DITCH him if we're going to win."

A thought:  
Might it not be better for the Republican party, over the long pull, to lose with a GOOD man than to win with an anything-for-votes demagogue?

After all—  
What good is a party if it has no PRINCIPLES it is willing to fight for?

## Army Court Gets Spy Case

WASHINGTON (AP)—The case of M. Sgt. Roy A. Rhodes, accused of plotting to sell out his country to Soviet Russia, was turned over to a military court of 10 Army officers Friday to determine his guilt or innocence.  
The 46-year-old sergeant listened quietly and apparently uninterested to final arguments by prosecution and defense lawyers—arguments which may be a factor in determining whether he will be acquitted or go free or be sentenced to a dishonorable discharge and possible life imprisonment.

His slender, brumet wife sat in the courtroom, nervously clasping and unclasping her hands and occasionally brushing tears from her eyes.

## Indonesians Drop Bombs On Sumatra

SINGAPORE (AP)—Padang Radio said Friday night two Indonesian Air Force planes dropped seven bombs on the town of Parau, about 45 miles south of Padang, early in the day.

The broadcast from the rebel regime's stronghold on Sumatra said the bombs fell near a mosque where villagers were going to pray. The bombing was reported one hour after President Sukarno threw his support to the determination of Premier Djuidja's government to crush the rebels.

No casualties were reported. The broadcast also said a bridge at Saledo also was machinegunned by attacking planes.

The rebels, who are demanding the ouster of Djuidja, have shown nervousness over the possibilities of an air attack.

They reported the Indonesian Air Force carried out reconnaissance of Lake Singkarak, between Padang and the rebel capital at Bukittinggi Thursday.

Padang broadcasts has carried repeated warnings to the people of central Sumatra to prepare for aerial blows from the small central government's air force.

The government destroyer Gadjaja Mada and some corvettes appeared off Padang in blockade position Thursday.

## Flood Control Handling Hit

SACRAMENTO (AP)—A Northern California state senator has protested what he calls an unfair division of state flood control appropriations.

Sen. Ralph Collier of Yreka, a Republican, says that the division allows Southern California to get money while the northern part of the state gets the floods.  
Collier pointed out that in the pending budget Gov. Goodwin J. Knight has asked for an appropriation of \$6,322,000. And he says that all of this money is earmarked for Southern California with the exception of \$300,000 for projects awaiting federal approval.

Collier says that he believes the money should be spent where there are floods instead of to protect real estate speculators in Southern California.

## Ike Warns Confidence Lack In U.S. Economy Dangerous

THOMASVILLE, Ga. (AP)—President Eisenhower says any shaking of confidence in America's economic future could turn the business slump into "a deep and protracted decline."  
And that is the only thing that could do it, the President said in a telegram yesterday to 11 Democratic governors.

The telegram, dispatched from Eisenhower's vacation headquarters, was in reply to one from the governors last week. They said that "only federal action can prevent the recession from feeding on itself and deteriorating further into a depression."

They called for a public works program, welfare and educational expansion, further easing of credit, and possibly a tax cut "directed to low income families."  
Eisenhower again expressed confidence that "the underlying growth factors in the economy remain vigorous, and every indication is that they will reassert themselves later in the year."

He said the federal government already has taken many steps to combat the recession. He added he will "continue to take, or propose to the Congress, such steps as can contribute effectively to

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## Prison Head Resigns Post

DEER LODGE, Mont. (AP)—Fay O. Burrell, warden of the Montana Prison and central figure in its violent recent history, resigned Thursday night.

He had held the \$7,500-a-year post since March 1953.  
Burrell has been strongly criticized by several state officials for his administration of the 89-year-old prison since a bloodless riot last July. Several prisoner strikes have followed that incident.

His resignation in a letter to Republican Gov. J. Hugo Aronson followed by a week a similar action by Deputy Warden Lester Blankenberg, who complained there were "too many bosses" at the institution.

Burrell, in his letter of resignation, complained of "the political-motivated actions of the present prison board majority."

The board is comprised of Aronson, who originally appointed Burrell, and two Democrats, Secretary of State Frank Murray and Atty. Gen. Forrest H. Anderson.  
Burrell, about 60, offered to remain on the job until an inventory of prison property is completed and until a successor is named.



OREGON CONTRACTORS and their representatives turned out en masse Thursday afternoon when bids for the new Crest Elementary School were opened by the county school board. The above picture shows the school board at left, and a portion of the 50 persons who were there. In addition to there being a large number of bids submitted (11), the entries were exceptionally close and the top three were below the estimated cost of the project. The 12-room school will be located near the intersection of Crest and Laverne streets. Story on Page Four. — Photo by Ellis

## Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Mostly cloudy through Saturday with scattered rain showers. Low Friday night 32-37; high Saturday 50-55.  
High yesterday 45  
Low last night 30  
Precip. last 24 hours 0.03  
Since Oct. 1 12.58  
Same period last year 7.32  
Normal for period 7.92

## Prowler Leaves Clue

City police couldn't ask for better cooperation than that extended recently by a prowler working his night beat in the 1900 block of Eldorado Avenue. The prowler must have been unexpectedly interrupted and left in a hurry... such a hurry that he left one shoe stuck in the mud.

## New French-Tunisian Rows Cloud Prospects For Peace

TUNIS (AP)—More angry moves by the Tunisian government and French troops clouded the prospects today for U.S.-British efforts to conciliate the North African dispute.

Tunisia pulled five French consuls out of their posts and hurried them to Tunis, enforcing a "get out" order by President Habib Bourguiba that had lain dormant for 10 days.  
The action against the consuls was in retaliation for the overnight detention by French troops of the local official and two Tunisian National Guardsmen after a land mine explosion in the south Tunisian village of Remada.

The mine blew up a French jeep and wounded two soldiers. French troops from the small local post at Remada took guard stations around the village, which is near the Libyan border.

Preparations continued for the British-American effort to exercise "good offices" between France and her former protector, Robert Murphy, deputy U.S. undersecretary of state and one of America's top diplomats, left Washington to act as the U.S. representative.

French-Tunisian relations blew up Feb. 8, when French planes from Algeria attacked the border village of Sakiet Sidi Youssef and killed 78 men, women and children. The French charged the town was one of a number in Tunisia sheltering Algerian rebels.

France had rejected orders to close the five consulates and withdraw the 15,000 troops she still has in Tunisia on the ground that their presence is provided by the 1955 treaty granting Tunisia independence.

Tunisia got around the treaty by declaring the five consuls persons non grata (personally unacceptable), which under diplomatic custom automatically requires their withdrawal. But the Tunisian government added that it had the right to close the consulates anyway as an independent nation.

Three of the consuls were escorted to Tunis last night and were

## Falling Tree Cuts Power

Electrical power service was interrupted from Wocus north through Crater Lake National Park from 3:20 to 3:59 p.m. on Thursday by a tree falling into the line.

Truman Runyan, assistant manager of the Klamath Falls district of California Oregon Power Company, said a poplar tree being felled on private property at Wocus landed in the power lines, interrupting service. A crew of eight men was dispatched to take care of the trouble.

He warned of the dangers of cutting or topping trees near power lines and said that Copco will gladly assist property owners in such work.

"Work of that kind is extremely hazardous because, with the sap coming up in the trees at this time of year, a person holding onto the end of a tree which has made contact with a transmission line runs a great risk of being electrocuted. Any person having a hazardous trimming or cutting problem is urged to call Copco for advice or assistance," he added.

## PNW Sunny; South Shivers

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
While Southerners from Memphis to Mobile were reaching for their mukluks instead of mitt juleps, the Pacific Northwest continued to bask in temperatures which delighted everyone but the fuel dealers Friday.

Few Southern cities could boast temperatures as warm as the banana belt extending from British Columbia to California.  
Speaking of Memphis, temperature readings during the 24 hours ending at 4 a.m. were a high of 41, low 26. Omak, Wash., frequently the refrigerator center of the Northwest, had a high of 53, low 38. The Omak low was shared with Ellensburg's ditto for the Northwest's cold honors.

Jacksonville, Fla., got as high as 54 Thursday, but the bottom dropped out of the thermometer during the night for a low Friday six points below freezing. Compare that with 37-46 readings at Seattle, 54-38 at Spokane, or the blistering 62-43 at Portland.

Even Miami, with a high of 59, couldn't come up with a coat-dropper like Portland, and, sub, take a look at Louisville, Kentucky's window-froster: High 43, low 20.

Yes, sub, those juleps are naturally iced this year.

## Holmes Picks Court Justice

SALEM (AP)—Gov. Robert Holmes Thursday appointed Astoria attorney Gordon Sloan, a friend of 15 years, to the Oregon Supreme Court.

Holmes said "Sloan has one of the most distinguished records of any lawyer in the state."  
The appointment, Holmes said, was based on Sloan's ability and his age.

"I have felt that—without deprecating the present members—we need many young and vigorous members on the bench," the governor said.

"We have at least a two-year backlog of cases and we need someone capable of long hours of hard work. Sloan will add real strength to the bench," Holmes said.

At 46, Sloan will be the court's youngest member when he assumes the position March 1.

Sloan, a life-long Democrat, will succeed Randall Kester, who is resigning to become a counsel for the Union Pacific Railroad. Kester is 41.

Holmes said that "I made it no part of my appointment that he will be a candidate for election, in the May primary."

The governor added that he hoped Sloan would run for a regular six-year term on the court.

At his home in Astoria, Sloan said he will seek the six-year term and will campaign as much as possible.

That means there will be a contest for the position. Earlier, Salem attorney Jason Lee, 43, said he will seek nomination for the seat in the May 16 primary.

## Benson Backs Farm Policies

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Benson replied to a new outbreak of criticism from within his own party Friday by saying he intends to stay on the job and to pursue farm policies previously outlined by the Eisenhower administration.

Benson issued a formal statement saying he believes such a course best for all farmers and fair to the people.

"I believe farmers and all Americans want and are entitled to such a program," he said.

Benson issued the statement shortly after two Republican congressmen—Miller of Nebraska and Judd of Minnesota—said they told him at a conference in his office that there is need for a change in farm policies if many Republican candidates for Congress next fall are not to suffer defeat.

The two said they did not ask for a Benson resignation, but Miller put it this way:  
"We left that up to him after weighing all the pros and cons."

The congressmen spoke for some 30 or more GOP House members from the Midwest who met Thursday to consider ways out of the political difficulties they consider themselves in as a result of Benson's handling of farm problems.

DIDN'T PAY BILL  
MANILA (UP)—Antonio Diamante was being investigated by police today for non-payment of a meal check at the Brown Derby Restaurant. Diamante consumed one whole fried chicken, 12 bottles of beer, one order of chicken salad, six sticks of barbecue, one plate of rice, one egg with potatoes... and harvested \$3.15 in coins from the juke box.

## Car-Ad-Co Mill Scene Of Inferno

Fire equipment from all portions of the county responded to a blaze late Thursday night that consumed more than one and three-quarter million board feet of finished lumber and two large storage sheds at Car-Ad-Co, the Carr, Adams and Collier Company plant, in Pelican City.

Richard Moehl, assistant manager, reported that the night crew, under the supervision of George Jennings, had just gone into the lumber sheds and obtained a load of lumber which they moved on the rail line to the factory. They turned around and saw fire blazing along the spur track that divides the two storage buildings.

They turned in the alarm, and rolled out a hose to get to the fire, but by that time they reported that it was already out of control and the heat of the fire drove them back.

The Klamath Falls Fire Department responded to the fire, getting their alarm at 10:33 p.m. Chief Roy Rowe reports that they sent trucks to both sides of the sprawling plant which has a mill and offices at one end, with the storage sheds in between.

He reports that both the mill and the factory were smoking and that firemen turned their attention first to saving these facilities as it appeared that the lumber sheds were entirely ablaze and it would be nearly impossible to stop the fire.

Every effort was made successfully to confine the blaze to the storage sheds. Rowe reports that the fact there was very little wind was of tremendous aid in keeping the fire under control.

"It is still smoldering," he said, "and will probably continue to burn all day Friday and Saturday."

No accurate estimate of the amount of damage was available Friday morning, but approximations indicated that the lumber burned would be valued at about \$200,000 and the sheds another \$150,000.

Plant officials report that the loss was partially covered by insurance. They indicated that the facilities would be rebuilt, and there would only be a temporary shutdown in the shipping department to permit rebuilding of the rail spur that ran between the sheds.

They said that operating facilities at the plant were not impaired. The factory and the receiving and drying departments will continue to operate.

Hundreds of people flocked to the scene despite a radio appeal by the fire department to stay away.

State and city police controlled the traffic congestion that developed.

## Ordeal Told By Seamen

NORFOLK, Va. (AP)—Two survivors of the sunken Italian freighter Bonitas said Friday they rode the keel of a capsized lifeboat like horseback 16 hours in the stormy Atlantic before they were rescued.

Both men appeared to be in good physical condition. They left their rescue ship afoot and were taken to a hospital for observation.

Twenty-two members of the Bonitas' crew perished when the lifeboat in which they had abandoned their ship off the North Carolina coast Tuesday night was smashed against the side of the freighter President Adams. Five crewmen survived. Three were rescued immediately by the President Adams and two by the destroyer escort Lester about 4 p.m. Wednesday.