Weather In 1951 Characterized By Extremes

Weather for 1951 was one of extremes, the meteorological summary prepared by the Roseburg office of the U. S. Weather Bureau reveals.

Not only was a record drought of 96 days set, but total precipitation was 4½ inches greater than normal. Snowfall was far above average, average wind velocity and number of sunshiny days were also greater than for normal years.

Several records were set. A record drought period occurred between May 24 and Aug. 27, total of 96 days without a measurable amount of precipitation. It was the driest June on record, not even a trace of precipitation was received. The previous dry record was 78 days.

New records for the fastest mile of wind were set. On Nov. 10 a southwest wind set a new record of 38 miles per hour, only to be broken again on Dec. 4, when another southwest wind of 40 miles an hour was established, with gusts up to 65 miles an hour.

Total precipitation was 37.54 inches, compared with a record normal of 32.91. Total snowfall was 19.4, compared with an average of 6.5 inches. Average wind was 4.4 m.p.h., compared with an average of 4.3. Sunshine was prevalent for 54 percent of the year, compared with the average of 47 percent.

Annual mean temperature was 55.1, compared with the yearly normal of 53.4. The highest temperature was 101 on July 11, and the lowest temperature, 16 degrees on Jan. 30. There were 22 days with temperature of 90 degrees or higher, and 43 days with temperature 32 degrees or lower.

Russia Attempts To Woo Japan

By WILLIAM JORDEN

TOKYO (AP) — The Soviet Union is planning to keep a trade mission in Tokyo as part of a plan to woo Japan away from the West, informed sources said Saturday.

These sources, Japanese and foreign, say the Russians already have laid the groundwork for the mission.

The Russians want their representatives in Japan even though they refuse to accept the Japanese Peace Treaty drafted by the Western powers.

A trade mission would serve their purposes even without full diplomatic relations. The Russians are in Japan now only as members of the Allied Council for Japan, a powerless advisory group under the supreme commander for the Allied Powers. When the peace treaty is ratified the Allied Council will go out of business.

The Soviets would then lose their only reason for remaining in Japan. There is where the trade mission comes in.

In preparation for the changeover, the Russians have drastically overhauled their mission.

In the past month or so, they have cut the total of military personnel in Tokyo. Between 75 and 100 soldiers are believed to have returned to the Soviet Union on the Russian ship Smolni. They now have about 100 persons in their mission. These probably will make up the trade mission.

Condemned Blond Reprived

Official sources yesterday reported that a 20 year old blond, a product of this community, was condemned to death one month ago, but was given a last minute reprive today. A local businessman who figured prominently in the case, declared that the condemned blond had been comfortably supporting a local family here for quite a while, but just because the blond was disabled, the family was about to forsake her.

Mr. C. Wolf, ubiquitous owner of Expert Furniture Cleaners & Upholsterers, directly behind Richie's Root Beer Drive-In on Highway 99 North, gave the blond divan a last minute reprieve from a date with the junk heap, completely restyling and reholstering it into a beautiful modern sectional. The above upholsterer suggests that no matter how far gone your upholstery may be, if it hasn't gone to him it hasn't gone far enough. His phone is 3-3191. It's an ad.

$3 Million Fire Razes Paper Mill

LONGVIEW, Wash. (AP) — A three million dollar fire which licked at the heels of fleeing workmen as it roared through the building, destroyed the main plant of the Pacific Paperboard Company Friday night.

The cause of the blaze which started shortly after 5 p.m. was not determined. W. G. Brill, assistant superintendent, said he believed it might have been started by a spark jumping from the paper machine to a dry film of dust on the ceiling.

From there it roared the length of the 200 yard long building and down into the machinery as the 36 swing shift men fled for their lives.

No one had time to couple fire hoses before the flames had enveloped the entire main plant. Four paper making machines and another for processing paperboard and newsprint were destroyed.

Four smaller buildings were saved by firemen who battled several hours before bringing the fire under control.

The company employes 365 persons. How many will be affected by the fire was not known Friday night.

Seattle Doctor Rapes Confined Polio Patient

SEATTLE — Dr. Roy B. Patton, 29, former hospital intern, pleaded innocent by reason of mental irresponsibility Friday to charges of raping a woman polio patient in a hospital ward.

Dr. Patton, formerly of Columbus, Ohio, was committed to a state hospital last week for 60 days observation to determine if he is a sexual psychopath.

His victim, a 22-year-old housewife and mother of two children, charged that he administered a sedative and then attacked her.

Oakland PTA Schedules Back-To-School Night

The Oakland Parent - Teachers association has scheduled a "back-to-school" session for Monday, Jan. 21 at the Oakland school. All parents are urged to attend the session starting at 8 p.m. A regular session of classes for adults, to acquaint them with the class routine of the students, is planned.

OBTAINS RELEASE

Mary Jewell Gilpin, 28, 313 W. Lane St., was released on recognizance Friday after her arrest by a sheriff's deputy on a vagrancy charge, according to District Judge A. J. Geddes. She pleaded innocent to the charge.

DRUNK DRIVER GETS JOLT

Albert Max Weiss, 49, Roseburg, was fined $500 and sentenced to 30 days in jail Friday after pleading guilty to a drunk driving charge, according to District Judge A. J. Geddes. Weiss was arrested by State Police.

SGT. WILLIAM COLBERT explains to state patrolmen how to care for injured. Prostrate form is George Sheer, Drain, game man, who's "injured" for demonstration purposes. (Staff Picture)

Commies Asked For Peace Plan

MUNSAN, Korea (AP) — United Nations command truce negotiators asked the Communists again Saturday for a clear statement of their present stand on construction of North Korean airfields during an armistice—and again they got no satisfactory reply.

But some observers felt the U.N. Command might now be willing to settle for less than a formal ban on military airfield construction.

They believed Maj. Gen. Howard M. Turner in effect is asking the Reds for an oral pledge not to build or repair airfields while an armistice is in force. Such a promise would become part of the conference record, but not of the armistice agreement itself.

An oral pledge not to build or repair military bases, if accepted by the U.N. Allies, would eliminate the final obstacle barring agreement on how to supervise a truce. This single issue has deadlocked the armistice talks for the past two weeks.

The subcommittee discussing prisoner exchange spent most of the day wrangling over whether war prisoners and civilians should be allowed to refuse repatriation. The Allies insist on freedom of choice, the Reds want all prisoners exchanged.

Both subcommittees scheduled scheduled sessions for 11 a.m. Sunday (6 p.m. PST Saturday) in Panmunjom.

Alaskan Temperature Drops To Minus 74

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) — Fairbanks was basking in a comparative "heat wave" Saturday after warm breezes from the Pacific snapped a cold spell that had sent the mercury tumbling to as low as 56 degrees below zero.

The thermometer edged up to zero yesterday just as a severe shortage of fresh food was developing in the city.

Some stores ran out of eggs, milk and fresh produce during the cold snap, which saw the temperature in nearby Dunbar dip to 74 degrees below zero.

Although airlines planes managed to reach here each day during the cold spell, the flights carried little more than passengers and mail. Little air cargo which required unloading was carried.

The planes had to take off almost immediately to prevent the engines from getting cold. When airplane engines cool off in 50 degrees below zero temperature, getting them started again is a major task.

Powers Junior High To Play Baby Hornets

The Powers Junior High will invade Camas Valley Gym to play the Baby Hornets Monday at 7:00 p.m. There will be two games one 7th and one 8th grade.

Admission is 15 cents and 25 cents.

Telephone Rate Hearings Scheduled In Coos Bay

SALEM (AP) — The fourth and final hearings in a series on West Coast Telephone Company's application for a $400,000 annual rate increase will be held Monday in Coos Bay.

The first hearing, involving the company's operations in the Forest Grove area, was held Monday in Portland. Other meetings were held Wednesday at La Grande and Friday at Lakeview.

Charles H. Heltzel, public utilities commissioner, said the company's return on its investment was 5 per cent. The $400,000 increase would raise that to 7.5 per cent.

Boat Thief Late To Trial, Says He Missed His Boat

ELIZABETH, N. J. (AP) — A Staten Island man accused of stealing a ferry boat was late to court Friday to plead to the charge—he missed his boat.

Woodrow Facchinetti, 37, crossing from Staten Island to New Jersey arrived in court here four hours late and pleaded innocent.

Facchinetti last Sept. 6 was overtauled by police launches and Coast Guard boats while he was the lone person aboard a small ferry.

Police said Facchinetti had spied the 45-foot boat tied up at nearby Carteret, climbed aboard and started it up.

He "wanted to have a little fun," police said Facchinetti told them.

Middlesex County Judge Klemmer Kalteissen continued Facchinetti in $1,000 bail and set no date for trial.

CHARGE DISMISSED

A drunk drving charge against Charles Wesley Epperson, 59, Roseburg, was dismissed Friday by District Judge A. J. Geddes.

Epperson had been arrested last Tuesday by State Police and had pleaded innocent.

SUIT FILED

Ernest C. and Annie N. Woolley filed suit in Circuit Court Friday against William Ira Baldridge and Ruth C. Baker for foreclosure of contract in a timber sale.

Ex-Convict Arrested On Bad Check Charge

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eventually traced to a Camas Valley home where Huff reportedly stayed for three weeks. He left a suitcase at the home containing a small photo and a fingerprint card, police said.

A check with Douglas County jail files revealed the same person had been booked on a bad check charge about a year ago.

Huff was arrested here by State Police shortly after receiving a tip that he had attempted to cash a check bearing the signature "Ed Huff."

Ike Should Give Political Views, Sen. Aiken Says

By EDWIN B. HAAKINSON

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Aiken (R.-Vt.) said Friday that "if General Eisenhower wants to be president he should ask to be relieved of his present job and make his views on domestic issues known."

"He should come out swinging and not be so coy," Aiken said, adding "and I'm from an Eisenhower area."

Aiken's comments attracted attention here because he long has battle what he calls "the Old Guard" in the Republican [illegible].

Aiken's proposal compared with President Truman's news conference statement Thursday that he will keep Eisenhower as Supreme Commander of Allied Forces in Europe as long as the general will stay.

Mr. Truman, after repeating his previous praise of Eisenhower, said the general would have to resign if he wins the Republican nomination.

"I think he better resign if he wants to win the nomination," Aiken told a reporter. "He would greatly strengthen himself as a candidate if he lets voters know where he stands."

Truman Names Informant

Mr. Truman's news conference comment that he had been told last August the general was a Democrat received quick cerification from Kansas.

The resident, indicating the announcement Eisenhower is a Republican came as news to him said a brother of a former Kansas governor told him the general was a Democratic precinct worker at the age of 18.

In Olathe, Kas., Frank Hodges, brother of the late Gov. George H Hodges, said Eisenhower as a young man made a spech at a Young Men's Democratic Club banquet in Abilene, Kas. Hodges said letter.

he told Mr. Truman about it in a said that Eisenhower should take

Many supporters of Sen. Taft (R., Ohio) for the GOP nomination have said that Eisenhower should take off his uniform and get into the primary contests.

Draft Quota Reduced By Army And Marines

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army and the Marines are calling 52,500 draftees in February and 28,600 in March—a 2,500 quota cut for February and a below-average figure for March.

The March call, bringing the total of draftees since September, 1950, to 875,430, includes 20,000 for the Army and 8,600 for the Marines. February's includes 41,000 for the Army and 11,500 for the Marines.

The Defense Department said February reduction was possible because of increased volunteering and a change in Marine Corps recruiting. The Navy relies solely on recruiting.

Reserve Corps Will Be Trained As Infantry

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army has decided to train all its 25 reserve corps divisions as infantry because of a lack of training facilities and equipment for airborne and armored troops.

This will mean converting four divisions that now are airborne and three that are armored.

The decision was announced Friday following a conference here of all top reserve commanders.

The switchover is expected to be completed in time to permit the reserve units to prepare for their annual 15-day field summer training.

The armored divisions to be made infantry include the 13th in California, Oregon and Arizona.

OREGON MAN FOUND DEAD

REDDING, Calif. (AP) — An Ashland, Ore., man was found dead in his automobile Friday on Highway 99 about 20 miles north of here.

He was Otis Lear Jacoby, 56. D. Duge Stanford, Shasta County coroner, said Jacoby apparently had been stricken with a heart attack but had been able to drive to the edge of the highway.

School District Reorganization Bill Opposed

More aggressive action was asked at the East Douglas Farm Bureau center in opposition to House Bill 315, which provides for the reorganization of school districts, at its regular monthly meeting held Thursday night at Deer Lodge Grange Hall.

The Douglas County Farm Bureau is already on record in opposition to the reorganization plan.

The action met with unanimous approval by the more than 40 who attended the potluck dinner meeting. One speaker asserted that the large school districts have no right to force a smaller school district to reorganize.

A resolution from the Umpqua Farm Bureau Center asked that New Zealand and Australian wool prices be equalized with the domestic wool price of the same grade and quality when the United States government purchased the foreign wool. The resolution was approved and sent to the Douglas County Farm Bureau board for further action.

To Observe Farm Week

Plans for the coming "Farm Bureau Week" were made with co-membership chairmen George Thomas, Roseburg, and Vern Shrum, Glide, in charge.

George Dewey, Salem, director of information for the State Farm Bureau, and Russ Cary, Roseburg, Douglas County membership chairman, presented the program for the "Farm Bureau Week" slated for Jan. 21-27.

Six membership teams will represent the East Douglas Farm Bureau center. In addition to membership, each team will plan special emphasis on a "get out the vote" campaign.

Carey, county president, in discussing the campaign, said, "In 1948, Oregon ranked 34th among the 48 states in members of persons of voting age who actually voted in the presidential election."

Entertainment

Entertainment was furnished by the Roseburg City Four and a barber-shop quartet, consisting of Lawrence Rand, Jack Mason, Ernie Lentz and Chuck Ricketts.

Ham and Sue Hamilton, Roseburg, entertained the group with a piano and accordian duet, and a one-act play entitled "The Truant Husband" was put on by Mrs. John Robinson and Mrs. Vern Shrum, both of Glide.

School Teacher Ousted Because Of Language

FORKS OF SALMON, Calif. (AP)—The feud between parents and Schoolmarm Martha Freeman over her "robust western language" is over, but a month's vacation enjoyed by the kids may be continued.

Some 20 pupils are banking on heavy snows in this Northern California area to prevent the replacement teach—Roy Headley of Oakland, Calif. — from arriving by Monday.

The schoolmarm was accused by the parents of beating pupils and using cusswords. She denied this.

For the first 14 days of the feud, Miss Freeman raised the flag each morning and sat alone in her empty school because the parents kept the children away.

But Friday she agreed to let the school board buy up the rest of her contract for $800.

Democrats Get Most Financing In 1951

WASHINGTON (AP) — Financially speaking, Democrats fared better in 1951 than did the Republicans.

The Democratic National Committee has reported to Congress, in compliance with the Corrupt Practices Act, that it took in almost twice as much in contributions in 1951 as did the Republicans. But it spent more than twice as much.

Contributions to the Democratic National Committee in 1951 were listed at $1,318,574 and disbursements at $1,311,652. Miscellaneous receipts for the Democrats approximated $25,000 and total disbursements were $1,311,652.

The Republican National Committee reported $679,157 in receipts and $584,473 in expenditures during 1951, leaving a net gain of $94,684 for the year.

TRAFFIC WILL BE DELAYED

Traffic on Loon Lake will be delayed Monday due to blasting operations, the county court said. Blasting is being done to get rock for the Mill Creek bridge fill.

Suit Brought Against Liquor Commission Men

PORTLAND (AP) — Officials of the Oregon Liquor Commission are defendants in a $50,000 damage suit filed here Friday by a former employee.

He is Charles P. Fontana, one of five employes who lost their jobs after Portland newspapers criticized the liquor commission's enforcement program.

Fontana contends in the suit that he was fired from his job in the enforcement division in May, 1951, after commission officials "conspired" to report he had failed a civil service examination.

His failure to pass the examination was the reason for his dismissal, the commission said.

U. S. Delegate Aim Of Red Plot

MADRID, Spain (AP) — U. S. Ambassador Stanton Griffis was safely back in Madrid Saturday from a trip to Valencia—a trip on which hundreds of Spanish special guards and a big Army pistol in his pocket guarded him against a reported Communist assassination plot.

Griffis said an anonymous tipster disclosed the plot, which he attributed to Communists, two weeks ago. The American Embassy notified Spanish authorities before he left on the motor trip. He returned Friday night.

The Spanish government posted civil guards and police armed with sub-machine guns every half mile along the 200 mile road to Valencia. In some spots, regarded as particularly likely for an ambush, the guards were only 100 yards apart.

Detectives in a motor convoy accompanied the ambassador's car to Valencia Thursday. Five motorcycle police met the cavalcade outside the city and, with sirens clearing a way, escorted Griffis to his hotel. Police ringed him the two days he was in town.

The ambassador has been negotiating with the Spanish for U. S. naval and air bases that may be linked with general Western European defense plans.

Lt. Gen. Stratemeyer Announces Retirement

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lt. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer, 61, will retire Jan. 31 after 36 years service, the Air Force announced Friday.

He was stricken with a heart attack last May in Tokyo, where he commanded the Far East Air Force. He now is attached to the Orlando, Fla., Air Base Hospital for treatment. Stratemeyer plans to live in Florida.

He was U. S. air commander in the India-Burma theater in World War II and was the first chief of the U. S. Continental Air Command.

Capt. Carlsen Refuses Deals Of Film Firms

FALMOUTH, Eng. (AP) — Kurt Carlsen, the shy little sea captain, turned down Saturday the glamor of Hollywood and its money—offered for rights to his sage of supreme courage and endurance aboard his ship, Flying Enterprise.

Firmly, the 37-year old skipper said nobody was going to buy him away from the sea.

Carlsen said he just isn't interested in offers totalling between 30,000 and 40,000 pounds ($84,000 to $112,000) which already have been made for the film and story rights to his 13-day duel with the sea aboard his ill-fated freighter, which sank 37 miles out in the Atlantic Thursday.

He came back to Falmouth Saturday from an undisclosed hideout where he rested to make an official report to shipping agents on the loss of the Flying Enterprise in the worst North Atlantic hurricane in half a century.

Now, he said, he wants only two things—to get back to his wife and two daughters in Woodbridge, N.J. "and then get another ship."

Hans Isbrandtsen, head of the Isbrandtsen Lines which owned the Flying Enterprise, already has said Carlsen will get a new command.

Isbrandtsen collected insurance totalling $800,000 Friday from American marine insurers. The rest of the $1,200,000 insurance on the ship was reported held by British firms.

Isbrandtsen said it would cost more than five million dollars to build another Flying Enterprise.

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