

Rain with clearing periods forecast for this area for next three days, with some snow at higher elevations. Partial clearing by the first of the week with cooler night and day temperatures.

City Council and Highway Body Fail To Reach Any Agreement On Re-Location of Water Mains

Several conferences between the Sandy City Council and officials of the State Highway Commission thus far have failed to produce any definite decision as to who will pay the cost of re-locating the city water pipe lines when construction work starts next spring.

At a conference Monday night between council members and engineers for the Highway Commission, the city was advised that the state will pay the cost of re-locating any water mains now on private property which must be moved to make way for the new highway.

At the same time, the city also was advised that if the water mains are moved from their present location on state property, the entire cost must be borne by the city.

Engineers advised the council that the water mains could remain in their present location which, at some points will be directly under the pavement, but if the mains should spring a leak at some future date and damage the roadway, the city would be forced to pay for any repairs, either to the highway or the water mains.

The pipe lines presently are located on state property under a permit granted the city some years ago by the state, and the highway commission insists it could, if it so desired, have this permit revoked.

It has been estimated it would cost the city in excess of \$30,000 to re-locate the water mains into the city if it should be necessary to remove them from property owned by the state.

Highway Commission en-

gineers told council members that part of the funds for the re-location of the Mt. Hood highway comes from the federal government, and this would prevent them from using any of the funds to help pay the cost of changing the water mains from their present location on state property.

The council took no definite action Monday night, but will give the matter further consideration before signing any agreement with the State Highway Commission concerning the responsibility of both the city and the Highway Commission in settlement of the dispute.

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Hitchcock May Oppose Norblad

WELCHES — Phil Hitchcock, unsuccessful candidate for the Republican senatorial nomination against Douglas McKay in 1956, is giving serious consideration to the idea that he might oppose Congressman Walter Norblad for the second district congressional nomination next year.

In reply to a question fired at him by one of his hearers, Hitchcock said that he had not definitely made up his mind as to what action he might take but would announce his plans shortly after the first of the year.

Hitchcock was chief speaker at a pot-luck supper held here Wednesday night at the Mr. Hood Golf Club. Other state and county Republican dignitaries also spoke briefly. More than 50 men and women of the Hoodland area attended the meeting. President John Stein of the Mt. Hood Republican Club presided.

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Sheriff Seeks Check Suspects

Two complaints for alleged bad checks were registered with the sheriff's Sandy precinct office this week by Thomas B. Scales of Scales' store in Sandy. William Brandon, who formerly worked in the Eagle Creek area, is accused of passing a worthless check for \$25 and obtaining \$19 in change after making a \$6 purchase. He has reportedly since left this area.

In the other complaint, William T. Gallagher of Hood River, is accused of cashing a worthless \$20 check, obtaining \$18 in merchandise and \$2 in change. Gallagher formerly lived in this area.

Both checks were on the Clackamas County Bank. The Gallagher check was returned with the notation that the account had been closed. He is reported to be working on a farm near Hood River at the present time.

TRAIL OF BLOOD MAY LEAD COPS TO SOLUTION OF VANDALISM AT SANDY GRADE SCHOOL TUESDAY

A tell-tale trail of blood which led from the office of Superintendent Clyde F. Sutherland of the Sandy grade school to a point on Shelley street where a pick-up truck was stolen during the early hours of Wednesday is expected to lead to the apprehension and arrest of the vandals who broke into the grade school some time Tuesday night and obtained less than \$2 in cash after breaking into the desks in three classrooms and two offices.

Although he was not called into the case until late Thursday morning, Lieutenant Paul Lowery of the sheriff's Sandy precinct is reported to have obtained clues which are expected to bring the case to a close before the end of the week.

The vandals, it is believed, made their escape in a pick-up truck owned by Jack Watson of The Pastime Tavern. The trail of blood, apparently due to a deep wrist wound caused by shattered glass, was traced along the sidewalk to a point in front of Dr. Elton D. Leavitt's office, where Watson had parked his pick-up at about 1:30 AM Wednesday.

The stolen pick-up was recovered later Wednesday near Southwest Second and Davis streets in Portland. There was a large quantity of dried human blood on the right side of the seat of the truck.

Stolen from Watson's truck were four guns. There were two 30.06 rifles, a 12-gauge shotgun and a .22 rifle. Watson and Elmer Stone had only returned to Sandy late Tuesday night from an elk hunting trip. Watson had assisted his wife in closing the tavern and had gone to the Dewdrop Inn at about 1:30 AM Wednesday for a bite to eat. They had parked the pick-up in front of Dr. Leavitt's office for not more than an hour while they were getting a late snack. When they started for home shortly before 2:30 in the morning, the truck was gone.

School officials expressed the belief that it was mid-

night or later when the vandals broke into the grade school building. The PTA had held a meeting in the building earlier in the evening and it was sometime after 10 PM when this function was over.

The prowlers broke a window in the school cafeteria to gain entrance into the building. After first ransacking the desk drawers of three of the teachers, they broke a glass panel in the locked door leading to Superintendent Sutherland's office. They were able to reach inside and unlock the inner

No Fireplace Needed To Get This Duo Warm

Things got a little warm last weekend for a couple of Portland men even though they were without wood for the fireplace in their summer cabin.

On a routine patrol in the Rhododendron area, Lieutenant Paul Lowery of the sheriff's office noticed a car backed up behind a wood pile adjacent to Joie's Ski Shop, with the two men busily engaged in loading the trunk with fireplace wood.

Surprised in the act of helping themselves to the wood, the two men, George P. Nase and Norman F. Clark both of Portland, told Lowery they had permission from the owner to take the wood. Joe Smith, the owner, was located by Lowery and was told she had never seen the two men before.

But things cooled off when Miss Smith refused to sign a complaint when the two men gratefully agreed to pay for the wood. They told Lowery they needed wood for their summer cabin.

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Broken Bottle Causes Arrest Of Angry Youth

When he was refused a glass of beer at the Dewdrop Inn Saturday night, Donald D. Vogel, 23, of Portland, stomped to his car parked across the highway from the tavern. He grabbed an empty beer bottle and hurled it crashing onto the highway. About this time Deputy Sheriff Paul Lowery appeared on the scene and arrested Vogel for breaking the glass on a public highway.

Vogel told Lowery he lost his temper. If there's any more to his story he can tell it to Justice of the Peace Howeller next Monday, when he is scheduled to appear in court.

night latch to the door to gain entrance. They obtained less than a dollar in small change in Sutherland's desk.

They next broke the glass panel to the door leading to the office of Miss Hyacinth Grassel, school secretary. But they were unable to unlock the door and were forced to crawl through the jagged opening made by the shattered glass. It was here that one of the vandals suffered what must have been a deeply cut wrist as there was a large quantity of blood just inside the door to this office.

In every room, except the office of Miss Grassel the prowlers were careful not to disturb any of the furniture. Books and papers on top of the desks had been carefully removed and placed on chairs before they started ransacking the drawers.

In the secretary's office, however, they had turned a steel filing cabinet over on its side and had made a futile effort to open the two compartments to the cabinet before giving it up as a bad job. It was believed the badly cut wrist of one of the vandals caused them to cut short their burglary attempt, as there was every evidence that the injured person had lost a dangerous amount of blood.

Superintendent Sutherland said Thursday that the school personnel is under orders not to leave any amount of school money in the building, and the small sum the vandals obtained was chiefly small coins that had been received in book fines.

School officials and police feel certain the vandalism is the work of juveniles or local teen-aged youngsters.

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Bob Amsberry Dead In Crash

Robert W. Amsberry, 29, disc jockey for radio station KEX, Portland, was instantly killed early Thursday morning when his sports car went out of control between Sandy and Gresham and struck a telephone pole after traveling 340 feet after it had left the highway.

There were no witnesses to the fatal accident, although police theorized that he might have gone to sleep at the wheel of his sports car.

Amsberry was enroute to the summer cabin of his parents in the Mt. Hood area at the time of the accident. He had intended spending several days at the cabin.

Besides his parents in Portland, the deceased is survived by his widow and two small sons, Kevin and Kelley, in Hollywood, where Amsberry formerly worked for the Walt Disney studios.

Check Suspect Held In Texas

Kenneth J. Manderfeld, who reportedly left a lot of bad checks behind him when he disappeared from the Sandy area last September, is under arrest at Amarillo, Texas, on similar charges, according to word received this week by Lieutenant Paul Lowery of the sheriff's office.

Manderfeld posed as the owner of the non-existent Northwest Exterminators during his sojourn in this area. He is said to have given two worthless checks to both Eri's Supermarket and Gantenbein's General Merchandise store at Kelso, as well as other checks in other parts of the county that were returned as fictitious.

The sheriff's office asked that Manderfeld be held for Clackamas county when Texas gets through with him, but local officers were advised that the wanted man will first be turned over to authorities at Lawton, Oklahoma, where he is also wanted.

To Open Bids On New Bridge

Bids for the construction of a new bridge across Alder Creek on the Loop highway have been called for by the State Highway Commission and will be opened at a meeting of the commission in Portland on December 5, it was announced Wednesday.

The new bridge will be 170 feet in length, together with approaches. The new structure will span the stream on the right of way of the Loop Highway when work on the huge project is started early in the spring.