

Oregon State predicts wetter winter

The odds are strongly in favor of a normal or wetter-than-usual winter, says an Oregon State University atmospheric scientist who uses 80-year Oregon weather records to back that statement.

"There have never been two consecutive years since the turn of the century that western Oregon—or for that matter any broad area in Oregon—has had precipitation 25 per cent below normal or drier," Professor Fred W. Decker points out.

"And since last winter and spring were pretty dry—more than 25 per

cent below normal in lots of places—the coming fall-winter-spring figure to be at least average or wetter," he added.

First-week-of-September rains could well be an indication of what's to come, according to Decker. "The rains have begun and the weather patterns that produced them are characteristic of the storms of late fall and early winter."

New surges of cool, moist air are coming around a low aloft in the Gulf of Alaska. Such conditions are typical of the heavy storms that nor-

mally come much later, Decker explained.

"If there's hope for an Indian summer, it looks like it will have to come at the end of September or in early October."

Historical weather records are "very valuable," Decker emphasized. "They paint the big picture. We should not be pulled off balance by short and severe events, including periodic droughts."

The early September storms are interesting in that coastal precipitation was not unusually heavy in most

areas (other than the Coos Bay region) but rain records were set in the Willamette Valley and in some parts of eastern Oregon.

With just one week gone in the month, Eugene had 68 per cent more rain than it generally gets in all of September, Decker observed. Corvallis was 41 per cent over the normal all-month total; Salem, 26 per cent over. The first week rain reading at the Portland Airport Station was only 10 per cent below normal for the entire month.



Ms. Jackie Winters presents stuffed animal "Victor" to children of Dornbecker Hospital. Ms. Winters, who is the state Ombudsman, has a soft spot in her heart for the U of O Health Science Center because her first state job was in the records room. "Valentino was given to me to put where he would make children happy and I immediately thought of the hospital."

Wyden seeks House seat

Ron Wyden, former director of Oregon Legal Services for the Elderly, announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination to Congress in the Third Congressional District, the seat now held by Bob Duncan.

Wyden said he is running because, "Third District Democrats tell me they need a strong voice to speak for them and a good ear to listen to them."

"I'm running because all of us want to change the policies of big government and big special interest lobbies that burn a hole in our pocket today."

Wyden told a large crowd that gathered to launch his campaign, "Those of us who have been active in this community have proven that we have the know-how and the toughness to remake government that does not meet our needs. I organized people in the community. We took on the utility companies and forced changes in traditional practices that were unfair to consumers who pay the bills. We stood up to the health and auto insurance companies so that policies would be more readable, less discriminatory, and produce larger benefit payments. Together we helped make a dent in our inflation problem by showing low and middle income persons with small savings accounts how to use new Federal banking laws so that they could almost double the rate of interest they earn on their savings. Together led the fight for health care



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reform—because of that fight Oregon now has a Nursing Home Patient's Bill of Rights, Denturism and a home health care program as an alternative to institutional care."

Wyden, 30, is a graduate of the University of Oregon School of Law. Closely associated with the activities on behalf of senior citizens, he is co-director of the Oregon Grey Panthers and has served on the board of Loaves and Fishes, Inc. He was appointed by Governor Straub to represent the public on the Oregon Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators.

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