

No Relief Seen From Record Breaking NW Cold

-10 Temperature Sets Salem Mark

Weather records, car radiators and water pipes were broken Tuesday as the Salem temperature tumbled to an all-time minimum of 10 below, then reached only 16 above—an all-time base maximum. And the weatherman said no major relief is in sight. The forecast through Saturday is for recurring snowstorms with slowly moderating temperatures.

It was 13.8 above in Salem at 1 a. m. today and apparently headed toward a minimum of 5 above before it started to warm up. Today's prediction is for a high of 25 degrees and a low of about 15 tonight.

46-Year Mark Broken
Salem's high reading of 16 degrees Monday set a record because it was so low. It snapped a mark set Jan. 12, 1909, when the day's high reading was 17.

And the 10 below easily shattered the old record of -6. Fire hydrants, water pipes and car radiators suffered most from the deep freeze. The radiators were easiest to handle. There was plenty of anti-freeze.

Plumbers and pipe - thawers were in much shorter supply and waiting lists were longer than the icicles on the back porch.

Hydrants Frozen
About 50 of the city's oldest fire hydrants were frozen Monday, crippling fire protection in the areas involved. There are about 450 hydrants in Salem.

Fire Chief W. P. Roble warned residents not to thaw out pipes with a blowtorch. He said it was responsible for at least three fires here Monday.

Schools in the Salem public district, including three that shut down Tuesday, will be open today. Heating and power failures caused Liberty, Swegle and Auburn elementary schools to close yesterday.

Dallas Colder
Woodburn's Washington school will be closed today because of frozen water pipes. Other public schools there will be open.

Dallas went Salem one degree better with a -11 reading at the state forestry building Tuesday morning.

Salem's city bus schedules were uncertain Tuesday. "We are trying to maintain a regular schedule," said R. J. Davidson, manager. "When a bus freezes we bring it into the shops, chip off the ice and take it back on the run. No routes have been abandoned and regular schedules will be maintained whenever possible."

(More weather news on page 2.)

Tuesday's Readings

(By U. S. Weather Bureau)	
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Record Cold Grips Entire Pacific NW

The Pacific Northwest welcomed February today as the weatherman forecast warmer temperatures. Warmer, that is, at below zero in most of the region.

That's somewhat better than the official 31 below at Madras, Ore.; 28 below at Ellensburg and 26 below at Coeur d'Alene and Moscow yesterday.

What's more, western Oregon and Washington, where freeze records tumbled by the score yesterday, were told they would escape sub-zero marks today. Five degrees above zero is expected to be the coldest. The weatherman even saw a possibility of rain over southwest Oregon by Friday night or Saturday.

Meanwhile residents remained agog at what a cold wave from Canada was doing to their thermometers.

Unofficial readings ranged down to 39 below at Gilchrist in central Oregon. There was an official 36 below at Meacham in northeastern Oregon and 30 below in Moscow, Idaho.

There were these official lows: Oregon—Madras -31, Prineville -30, Bend -26, Pendleton -25, Burns -20, The Dalles and La Grande -19, Klamath Falls -14, Eugene -9, Corvallis -1.

Forest Grove's 18 below was a record there. Portland recorded 2 below at the airport but did not recognize it as a reading similar to that in 1882 which was recorded downtown.

One freezing death was reported. The body of a man identified as John Hammill, 75, a farm laborer, was found near Whistler, six miles northeast of Prosser, Wash. The coroner said Hammill froze to death after tripping on railroad tracks.

The few cities that remained above zero yesterday included: Olympia at 1 above, Medford 3 above; Grants Pass 5 above, Aberdeen 9 above, Tacoma 9 above, Newport, Ore., 14 above, Roseburg 18 above, Brookings, Ore., 23 above.

NATIONALISTS RAID DOCKS
TAIPEI, Formosa, Jan. 31—(AP)—Chinese nationalist bombers hit Foochow today for the second day in a row, leaving 80 per cent of the shipyards destroyed, the air force announced.

Other bids received: C. A. Lentz, \$6,900; T. J. Patzer, \$8,668, and Smith and Nelson, \$9,550. Carl did not enter the second bidding.

Truman Requests Miners to Resume Soft Coal Digging

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31—(AP)—President Truman stepped around the Taft-Hartley act today with an appeal to miners to resume soft coal digging next Monday for 70 days and submit their case to a presidential board.

He made the fact-finding proposal also to spokesmen for the nation's coal operators.

Asking both sides to let him know their answer by 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, the president made him telegram sound much like an ultimatum.

He did not mention the Taft-Hartley law and its provision for injunctions in cases of national emergency. But he did urge John L. Lewis, United Mine Workers chief, and the operator spokesmen to accept his proposal "in the national interest."

David O'Hara Named Acting City Mayor

Alderman David O'Hara, "dean of the city council," was named acting mayor Tuesday.

O'Hara, who has served a quarter century on the council, will preside while Mayor R. E. Elstrom is out of the city. It was decided at a special council session. Elstrom is in Arizona for several weeks.

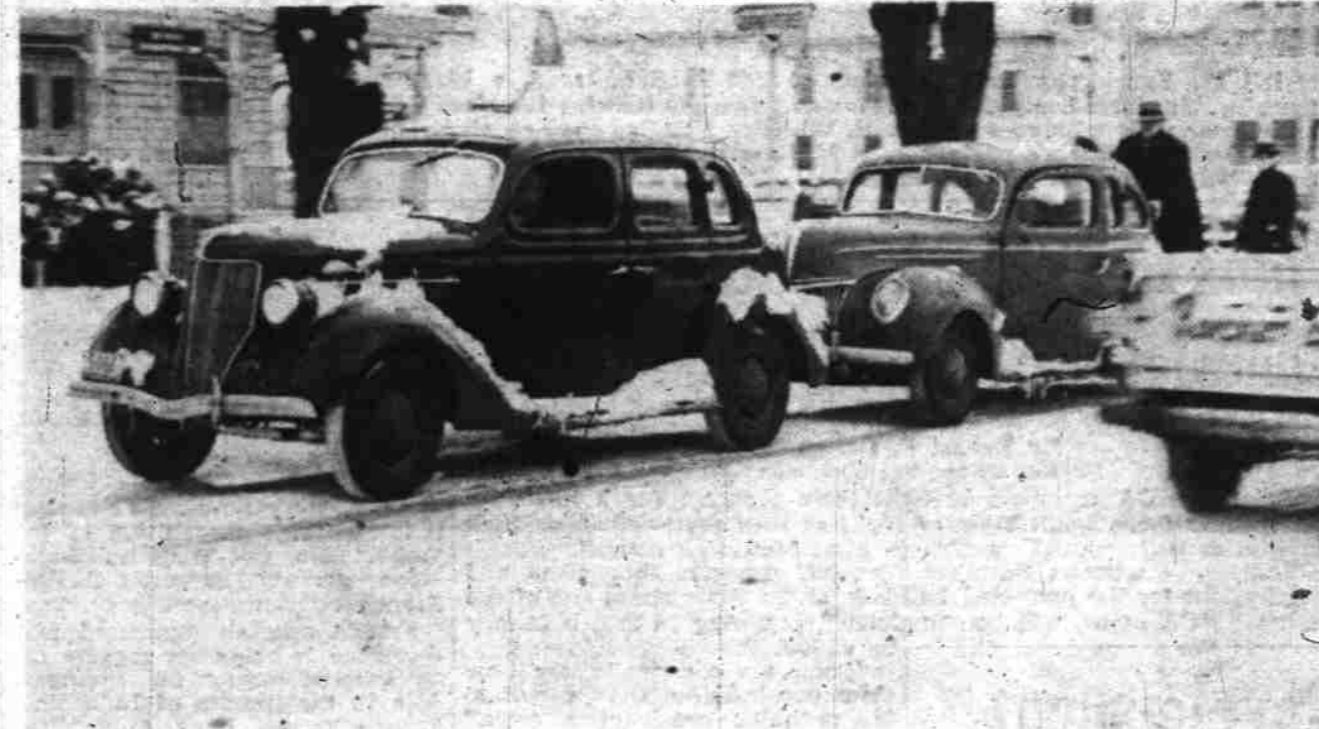
Broken Pipes Damage Woodburn Residence

WOODBURN, Jan. 31—Mr. and Mrs. Willard Branigan returned here Tuesday from the beach where they were working on a summer home. Now they're going to have to work on their home in Woodburn.

While they were gone water pipes froze and burst causing damage estimated at \$2,000.

THREE MINERS KILLED
WILLIAMSON, W. Va., Jan. 31—(AP)—Three miners were trapped and believed killed late today by a fall at the Puritan Coal Corp. mine at Puritan, about seven miles east of here.

TRUMAN GIVES H-BOMB GO-AHEAD



Frozen cars and frozen pipes are the two foremost worries of western Oregon residents following record sub-freezing temperatures. Above is a Salem motorist getting a helping shove from another driver early Tuesday morning—an oft-repeated scene in the Marion and Polk county territory. An unidentified man is standing on the back bumper of the rear car to give it more traction. Sub-zero weather sent motorists by the score to service stations for additional anti-freeze, and many more who were not warned of the situation found their cars solidly frozen Tuesday morning. (Statesman photo).

FHA Okeh Sought for Substitute Site Aerial Guard Planned for A-Plants

Federal housing administration approval will be sought for a seven-story apartment house at 1165 Chemeketa street, as a substitute site for the Robert T. Coates building project planned at 555 N. Summer street.

This developed Tuesday in the latest round of maneuvers by builder Coates, the city and the state to expedite apartment building near the statehouse without putting an expensive obstacle into the path of proposed state buildings extending north from Center street.

Coates said he had optioned a 66 by 157 foot lot on the north side of Chemeketa street between Capitol and 12th streets, now occupied by a frame dwelling. Several apartments are nearby.

The city council in special session Tuesday paved the way for possible use of this property by legislating a setback line of five feet from the front property line which would enable Coates to use existing plans at that site. The normal setback line would be several feet more, figured under city code by averaging the setback of other existing buildings in that block at the time of construction.

Coates said he felt that FHA approval for a transfer of its financing commitment to the Chemeketa site could be obtained, although some question had been raised by the city council.

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Bus Service Hearing Set Today Noon

A public hearing, to discuss Salem's city bus service, is scheduled for noon today in the Marion hotel.

The luncheon meeting is being conducted by the transportation committee appointed recently by Mayor R. L. Elstrom. Chairman M. B. Rudd said that representatives of organized groups who are interested in the City Transit Lines bus service are invited.

Main point at issue, said Rudd, is the City Transit Lines' recent announcement to reduce suburban routes. A second item of discussion, he stated, is the company, changing of some routes inside the city.

The transportation committee is investigating the service and the probable effects of the changes in order to determine if the curtailed routes should be reinstated. Rudd said the committee expects to have a report in about four weeks.

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Alaska Has 21 Above

SEATTLE, Jan. 31—(AP)—Pacific northwesterners noticed with no satisfaction today that Barrow, Alaska, just 1,100 miles from the north pole, was warmer than most places in Washington and Oregon. It was 21 above at Barrow, sub-zero to sub-freezing was the weather fare for the northwest.

SUB SINKING ACCIDENT

GILLINGHAM, Eng., Jan. 31—(AP)—A coroner gave a verdict of accidental death today after an inquest into the death of 10 of the victims of the sinking of the British submarine, Truculent.

Decision Surprise To AEC

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31—(AP)—President Truman today gave the fateful order for development of the hydrogen super-bomb so that the United States may defend itself "against any possible aggressor."

Mr. Truman indicated that the nation's atomic scientists may already have started tackling the problem of creating a weapon far surpassing the destructive fury of the A-bomb.

The president said: "I have directed the atomic energy commission to continue its work on all forms of atomic weapons, including the so-called hydrogen or super-bomb."

"Like all other work in the field of atomic weapons, it is being and will be carried forward on a basis consistent with the over-all objectives of our program for peace and security."

Repeatedly eight to 1,000 times more devastating than the atomic bombs dropped on Japan during World War II, the H-bomb has been the subject of behind-the-scenes debate for at least four months.

The cost of producing the new super-weapon has been variously estimated at \$100,000,000 to \$4,000,000,000.

Defense Necessary
Mr. Truman said he gave the historic order because "it is part of my responsibility as commander-in-chief of our armed forces to see that our country is able to defend itself" against any attack.

He said he has directed the AEC to press forward with the development of atomic weapons, including the H-bomb, "until a satisfactory plan for international control of atomic energy is achieved."

Within two hours after Mr. Truman's announcement, the senate-house atomic committee set to work with the federal atomic energy commission (AEC) to chart "ways and means and plans" for building the H-bomb.

Chairman McMahon (D-Conn.) told newsmen "the utmost speed is necessary," but he did not explain why.

Word Unexpected
Mr. Truman's announcement clearly took committee members by surprise. The president had said last week that he alone had the power of decision—a statement which rattled some lawmakers—and there were indications today that the committee had not expected a presidential announcement before next week.

Though Chairman McMahon told reporters the president's decision met with the "unanimous approval" of the 18-member congressional committee, Rep. Cole (R-N.Y.), a committee member, quickly issued a statement blasting the decision. He said it usurped congressional authority and that the president had "muffed" a chance to take the leadership in a movement to halt the "mad race of modern science toward more and greater weapons of destruction."

Second Decision
For Mr. Truman, it was the second time he has made a decision of unparalleled gravity that could affect the whole course of world history. Less than five years ago, he made the decision to drop A-bombs on Japan and ushered in the atomic era.

Hopes for air-tight international control of atomic weapons—as sponsored by this country in the United Nations—have been repeatedly blocked by Russia's refusal to accept the American plan for international inspection.

Mr. Truman's statement, handed to White House newsmen, gave no hint of a possible attempt to renew negotiations with Russia for international atomic control.

Power Demand Brings Request To Curb Use

Willamette valley electrical power users were urged Tuesday to curtail the use of electricity whenever possible—especially during the peak morning and evening hours.

"The power load Tuesday was at the maximum capacity of generating equipment in the northwest power pool," said Fred G. Starrett, manager of the Portland General Electric company.

Cold weather has brought into play electrical heaters and other electrical equipment far above the normal, he said. He reported that except for a few minor repair jobs on a burned-out transformer, at Chemawa and on downed wires on Garden road, damage to power equipment was slight.

Increase in Number of Children Posing Serious Problem of Rooms in Salem School District 24

(Editor's note: This is the first in a series of articles on the Salem public schools' salient problems—where to put the war babies as they reach school age. Recommendations by school authorities for meeting District 24's needs will soon be submitted to the public, and this series is designed to provide background information for the coming time when citizens will have to decide how best to solve a pressing and costly problem.)

By Marguerite Wittwer Wright
Staff Writer The Statesman

Except for the proud parents, the one person in Salem most interested in new babies is the superintendent of public schools, Frank B. Bennett.

To him each little newcomer means another statistic on the charts and graphs he has been nursing along in his office for seven years or so. Salem's high-climbing birthrate has meant a lot of changes—in more ways than one.

The phenomenal increase in births during the war years, and the swift flow of immigration that has made Oregon the nation's fastest growing state, mean, to the city's public school system, more classrooms, more teachers, higher operational and maintenance costs. To the area's taxpayers they represent an increase in taxes to pay off bond issues that made possible expansion to date, and, likely, more of the same.

That careful, long-range planning is the best way to tackle the problem was evident to Superintendent Bennett as long ago as 1943. Last December, the school board authorized a study of a survey which indicated the district may need 180 more elementary classrooms before the enrollment peak is reached. The board also looked ahead to a meeting with civic leaders to discuss formulation of a definite comprehensive proposal which would be submitted to the public for study and, eventually, action.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sengstack

Sure, we'll have the hydrogen bomb. President Truman has just given the "go" signal on the project. One could see the pincer jaws of logic closing:

First, the H-bomb is reputed to be a thousand times more destructive than the uranium bomb.

Second, if we don't get it the Russians will. If they do and we do not have it the jig is up for the USA.

Third, we must get the bomb to keep ahead of the Russians.

Such reasoning is compelling. The military naturally is always reaching for a more powerful weapon. Even a money-conscious congress is ready to loosen its purse strings to finance the experimentation. Final decision rested with the president, and Washington was confident he would give the work his favor.

Consider the president's position: With the safety of a nation and the fate of millions of people in his hands he just didn't dare reject the H-bomb program. That would be construed as inviting a Pearl Harbor on a greatly magnified scale.

Ethics doesn't figure much in the equation. After all war itself is unethical. Aerial bombs killed civilians when they hit industrial cities. Atom bombs merely killed more civilians per bomb. The H-bomb will merely kill on more of a wholesale basis than the A-bomb. If one is going to argue against the H-bomb on the basis of ethics he should go back to arguing against war.

David Lilienthal, retiring chairman of the atomic energy commission, has been reported as favoring a hold-back policy on the (Continued on editorial page 4)

Soviet Boycotts Allied Council For Japanese

TOKYO, Wednesday, Feb. 1—(AP)—Russia today boycotted the allied Four-Power council for Japan. The issue was a U. S. charge that Russia failed to complete repatriation of Japanese war prisoners.

Lt. Gen. Kazuma Derevyanko, the Soviet delegate, refused to attend.

The only matter on the agenda was a discussion of the fate of 376,000 Japanese whom General MacArthur says still are unaccounted for since their capture by the Russians during World War II.

The boycott followed three Russian walkouts from the last four council meetings. Each time they walked out rather than discuss repatriation—one of the major conflicts of the allied occupation.

Out of the four previous sessions, the Russians remained in only one—which did not have repatriation up for discussion. The Russians maintain repatriation is not within the jurisdiction of the council.

The council is an occupation advisory group. Other nations represented are the United States, Britain and nationalist China.

LION TRAINER MENDING

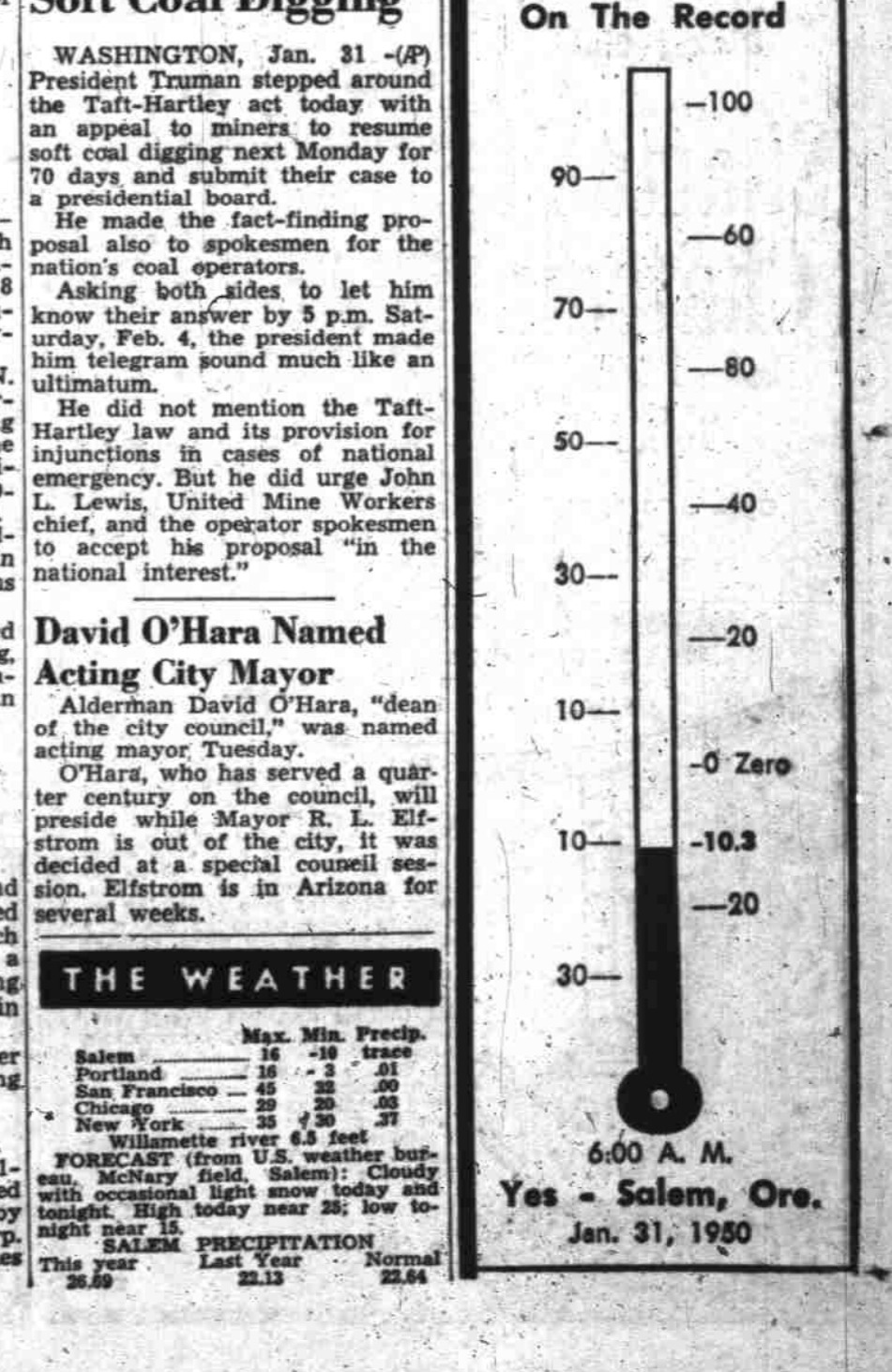
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 31—(AP)—Animal Trainer Mabel Stark has recovered sufficiently from clawing by a tigress to appear Saturday at a March of Dimes show, her physician said today.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"I know it isn't right, but this straight and narrow stuff doesn't get me anywhere."



6:00 A.M.
Yes - Salem, Ore.
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