

Tax Dispute Settled, Legislature Adjournment Near

Weather	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	56	43	.03
Portland	57	41	.17
San Francisco	61	49	trace
Chicago	80	60	.00
New York	73	50	.00

Willamette River 1.5 feet
FORECAST from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem: Generally fair this morning, becoming cloudy this afternoon with rain by tonight. High today near 58; low tonight near 40.
SALEM PRECIPITATION
 Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1
 This Year 47.30 Last Year 39.95 Normal 33.77

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Navy Planes Blast Dam Gates Open to Wash Out Red Plan

TOKYO, Wednesday, May 2 (AP)—Torpedoes from U.S. navy bombers blasted open two flood gates of the Chinese-held Hwachon dam in central Korea Tuesday.

The carrier-based attack was aimed to wash out moves by the Reds below the reservoir to get their offensive rolling again down the mountainous middle after their bloody defeat before Seoul.

IT SEEMS TONIGHT

By Charles A. Squire

Are doctors performing fewer tonsilectomies now than formerly? Perhaps not, because the population is growing, but there is not the readiness to "yank 'em out" that there was a few decades ago. You can read more about the change in ideas about tonsils in the May "Reader's Digest."

Standard practice used to be to remove tonsils if they were swollen and inflamed and gave recurring trouble. Children up to age ten were commonly taken to the surgery for removal of tonsils and adenoids. The prevailing theory then was that tonsils were a seat of infection, like bad teeth or sinuses. Take out the tonsils and the infection would disappear.

Present theory as related in this Digest article, which is based on one in the American Medical Journal, is that tonsils are not sources of infection, but traps to capture and drain off infection. Thus, they capture the infections which occur in the oral and sinus regions and prevent their drainage to other parts of the system where they might do greater damage. The tonsils, according to the new theory, help the body to build up immunity against numerous infectious diseases of serve to reduce their virulence.

One factor which makes removal of tonsils less necessary is the development of drugs like the sulfa compounds and antibiotics like penicillin. These work more quickly to combat streptococcal infections. Using them, the tonsil irritation and swelling are reduced so there is less urgency in pulling them out.

Doctors have not given up tonsilectomies, by any means, or removal of (Continued on editorial page, 4.)

Studio Spanks Betty Grable

HOLLYWOOD, May 1 (AP)—Betty Grable was suspended today for eight weeks for refusing, her studio said, to do a comedy-musical picture which was to start this month.

The studio said the blonde actress does not have the right in her contract to reject a script. A spokesman said that Miss Grable, who recently completed a picture after seven months' steady work, has been complaining that she does not have enough time off pictures for rest and relaxation.

Deadline for Draft Quiz Applications Set May 15

WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP)—Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of selective service, today set May 15 as the deadline for college men to submit applications to take the aptitude test.

Scores in the quiz will be a factor in deciding which students shall have draft deferments.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Darling, your eyes are like deep, emerald pools, your teeth are like, well, uh... then there's your feathers..."

Dawson Agrees to Testify

WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP)—Donald Dawson agreed today to testify May 10 before a senate subcommittee investigating the reconstruction finance corporation (RFC).

Dawson, administrative assistant to President Truman telephoned Senator Fulbright (D-Ark) this afternoon to notify him of his willingness to appear.

His long-delayed acceptance of Fulbright's request for his appearance had the full approval of President Truman.

Presidential Secretary Joseph Short, who made the announcement, had no comment when asked why the step was not taken "a long time ago."

Fulbright's subcommittee has charged Dawson was one of an influence ring exerting political pressures on RFC loans.

"Mr. Donald Dawson has just telephoned Senator Fulbright that he will testify on the date requested," Short told newspapermen.

Dawson's telephone call came after the passing of the time, last midnight, which Fulbright had suggested for a reply to a letter he wrote Dawson some days ago.

Dawson also had ignored an earlier invitation to appear before the committee and tell his side of the RFC story.

President Truman had characterized the original report of the Fulbright group, naming Dawson, as asinine.

Fulbright at the capital said Dawson told him he "wants to get it over with."

Quigley Named Councilman At Woodburn

WOODBURN, May 1 (AP)—Howard Quigley was appointed here tonight to fill the unexpired term of eastside councilman Jess Fowler who resigned.

Fowler in his resignation tendered tonight, explained that he was sold his Woodburn business and is moving to southern Oregon.

Al Cowan, chairman of the city recreation and park board, reported that turfing of the softball field had been completed and the dressing room and swimming pool have been renovated in preparation for the summer season.

In other business, the council ordered the painting of a no parking strip in front of the Pix theatre on 1st street.

Active Duty Means Guard Drill for Salem Unit



"Taking ten" for their break from interior guard drill are five of Salem's newest soldiers—members of the 894th army postal unit transferred from reserve to active duty Tuesday. Relaxing with their rifles, from the left, are Pvt. Loren Lippert, Cpl. Gerald Daily, Pvt. Donald Graves, Sgt. L. R. Hodges and Cpl. Kenneth Young. The group will move from reserve armory here to Ft. Lewis Monday. (Statesman photo). (Story and additional photos on page 12.)

Fire in Old Wheatland House Leaves Victims of Tornado Homeless Again

WHEATLAND, May 1 (AP)—The Ted Hensley family, victims of a tornado in Oklahoma in 1944, was homeless again today when fire destroyed their ten-room home on the LaFollette ranch here.

The blaze, of undetermined origin, had completely engulfed the old frame structure before it was noticed by a neighbor about 1 p.m. The fire cut telephone service at Wheatland preventing any call for outside aid.

Hensley, ranch foreman for Mrs. Luella LaFollette owner of the house, was in Newberg at the time of the fire. Mrs. Hensley was away at work and their teen-aged daughter, Billie Marie, was in school. All their household possessions, valued at \$3,000 and including several hundred dollars worth of new furniture, were lost in the fire. Neither the house nor the household goods were insured.

The big, two-story house dated back beyond the turn of the century. Mrs. LaFollette reported, it had been added to about 60 years ago, but the original structure was built about 90 years, she said.

It was the second time in seven years that the Hensleys had lost their home in a disaster. On April 12, 1944 their home at Antlers, Okla., was destroyed by a tornado, killing their son and injuring Billie Marie.

A benefit is scheduled for the family Saturday night at the Wheatland community hall. The benefit will start at 8 p.m. Friends and neighbors have been asked to contribute items of clothing and furniture to aid the destitute family.

The Hensleys were staying at the home of relatives near Dayton Tuesday night.

Boys Charged With Vandalism

Three Marion county youths were in the Marion county jail Tuesday night charged with malicious destruction of property in the Scotts Mills area last March.

The trio, Alec Schaffner, 19, Mt. Angel, and two juvenile companions are charged with tearing the siren from the Scotts Mills fire engine, kicking in the headlights and tearing loose the distributor and wiring on the motor. They are also charged with throwing beer bottles through several windows of the Friends church near Scotts Mills.

Marion County Deputy Art Beddoe said the three were being held in lieu of \$1,000 bail each following their arraignment in Silverton justice court Tuesday night.

Control Board To Speed Work On Buildings

There will be no delay on the part of the state board of control in starting its institution construction program when the \$2,000,000 appropriation approved by the current legislature becomes operative, the board agreed at a meeting Tuesday.

BLAZE IN PORTLAND
PORTLAND, May 1 (AP)— A three-alarm fire swept through a west-side warehouse here tonight and burned oil filters and equipment valued at between \$20,000 and \$30,000. The building and equipment belonged to the Western Sales Co.

Agreement Raises Hopes Solons May End Session Today

By Lester F. Cour
Staff Writer, The Statesman

The house and senate settled their tax program disagreement Tuesday, boosting hopes that the 1951 legislature may adjourn tonight after laboring for 115 days.

Senate and house conference committees reached agreement late Tuesday night after meeting for five days in an attempt to iron out their differences.

The 1951-53 tax program to reach senate and house members today will scuttle a major portion of tax legislation passed by the house several weeks ago, following changes made by the senate assessment and taxation committee.

The stop-gap program makes no provisions to meet a 1953-55 deficit which some legislators believe will total \$100,000,000.

Agreed by Conferees
 Bills agreed on by conferees Tuesday will:

1. Balance the \$180,000,000 budget without levying any new taxes except the 3-cent-a-pack cigarette tax by using up surplus income tax and miscellaneous funds.

2. Use personal income tax receipts to offset state property taxes. (The house tax committee wanted to put the money in the general fund, but Tuesday agreed to the senate committee's wish to use personal income tax funds for property tax relief.)

3. Place all corporation income tax funds in the state general fund permanently. (The senate wanted to limit this shift to the next two years, but agreed to this house amendment.)

Limit Property Tax
 4. Limit state property taxes to 6 mills or about \$3,000,000 every two years. This proposal will be submitted to the voters in November, 1952, and would require that the legislature authorize any property tax. (The house tax committee had called for outright repeal of state property taxes.)

5. Require counties to levy the \$10 per pupil property tax for their share of the basic school support which has been paid by state income tax funds for the past 10 years. This will require counties to levy about \$4,000,000 more a year in property taxes.

6. Create an interim committee composed of five legislators and some public members to write legislation which will permit the legislature to put personal income tax money in the general fund and abolish the state property tax if possible. The committee will also seek new sources of revenue.

Point of Disagreement
 The principle point of disagreement between the senate and house tax conferees stemmed from the house-passed bill to put surplus personal income taxes in the state general fund.

Because of a supreme court ruling a few years ago, a majority of the senate tax committee felt that such a transfer would be declared unconstitutional if a test case were taken to court.

The supreme court, in a split opinion, has ruled that personal income tax money cannot be used for general expenses because of the constitutional provision which says the receipts must be used to offset property taxes.

House tax committee members, however, cited an opinion handed down by Attorney General George Neuner Tuesday which said personal income taxes could be transferred to the general fund by the legislature.

Rep. Radie Wilhelm, chairman of the house tax committee and one of the conferees, said his committee agreed to senate terms on the issue because they felt the house proposal would not pass in the senate and would hold up adjournment.

Willing to Take Risk
 "In view of the attorney general's opinion, the house conferees were willing to take the risk that the fund transfer would be constitutional," Wilhelm commented.

"But in view of the senate conferees' inability to take this risk until a court ruling is made, we felt we had to compromise."

"I feel that the house program would have insured against a budget deficit, but a small deficit might arise under the senate plan," Wilhelm stated.

Other members of the conference committee serving with Wilhelm were Reps. Giles French, Moro; Edward Geary, Klamath Falls; and Lee Ohmart, Salem.

On the senate committee were Sen. Dean Walker, Independence, chairman of the senate tax committee, and Sens. Eugene Marsh, McMinnville; William E. Walsh, Coos Bay, and Howard Belton, Canby.

Te Push Action
 Both the house and senate will rush action on the tax program today in an attempt to accomplish adjournment sometime tonight.

The only other bills necessary to operate the state government during the next two years—mostly appropriation measures—will be speeded through the senate today. The house has passed most of the budgeting bills.

Both the house and senate will meet at 10 a. m. today to wind up the longest session in Oregon's history. (Other legislative news on page 8.)

Courthouse Bids Rejected; To Try Again

All bids for construction of a new Marion county courthouse were rejected as too high Tuesday by the county court, which announced plans to call for new bids on changed specifications by early summer.

Court members conferred with representatives of Pietro Belluschi, the architect, and exchanged suggestions on changes which they believe will bring the project within the reach of funds. County Judge Rex Hartley said the alterations would not be structural.

Five bids were opened last Thursday. The lowest was \$1,918,388 by Viesko and Post of Salem but the county has only some \$1,625,000 available for construction.

Felton Wins Lawyers' Vote For Judgeship

Marion County District Judge Joseph B. Felton was recommended by the Marion County Bar association for the newly-created circuit judgeship.

Gov. Douglas McKay, to whom the recommendation was made, said Tuesday he had "already made up my mind as to whom I will appoint, but I want to study the matter a little more before I make the final announcement."

The governor, who said he was "very busy" this week with state tax matters, indicated he would make an appointment to the new position soon. He had asked for the Marion County Bar's choice.

If Judge Felton is appointed to the circuit court he would leave a vacancy on the district court bench, which would also have to be filled. Gov. McKay would make this appointment, too.

The law creating the new judgeship does not become operative for 90 days after the legislature adjourns.

External Weight Fails, But Internal Weight Succeeds

PORTLAND, May 1 (AP)—When John Fitzpatrick showed up at the army induction station today he weighed 115 pounds.

Eighteen days ago at another examination he weighed 101 pounds—four less than the army minimum.

But today the examining sergeant noticed a suspicious bulge around Fitzpatrick's waist, underneath his shorts. It was a bell hung with 13 half-pound lead sinkers and a three-inch strip of iron.

When it was removed, Fitzpatrick was down to 104—still one pound too light.

He came back an hour later and the scales registered 105.

How did he do it?
 "Milkshakes," he belched.

Ceiling Prices On Cars Extended

WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP)—Present ceiling prices on passenger automobiles were extended indefinitely today.

And manufacturers must reduce charges for cars delivered without a spare tire and lube.

The office of price stabilization (OPS) issued the orders today.

Lt. Gen. Wedemeyer Predicted Korean Conflict in 1947 Report

By Willard H. Mobley
WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer warned in 1947 of just such a "Soviet-controlled invasion" of Korea as later set off the war now roaring to a bloody new climax.

The U. S. did grant some aid to the South Koreans. The program, designed to give each of the fighting services a proportionate share of the best talent, also provides that no one service may enlist more than a stated ratio of men in each of four military groups.

far east as head of a presidential commission. The section on China was given out in 1949.

The portion on Korea, with certain parts deleted, was given out by the senate armed services committee in a preliminary report to formal hearings on the dismissal of Gen. Douglas MacArthur as United States and United Nations commander in the far east. That inquiry opens Thursday with MacArthur as the first witness.

Along a related line Rep. Scott (R-Pa.) said today that Wedemeyer strongly urged U. S. occupation of north China in 1945 as the war there drew to a close.

sians later took over in the northern areas the Japanese had conquered.

Scott said that the reply to the first two reports was that not enough American troops were available. The third time, he related, Wedemeyer was told that the decisions on occupation already had been made by his superiors. Scott said the general got a "sharp reprimand" and was told not to "repeat your recommendations."

Scott said he was not sure whether the 1945 proposals included occupation of the Korean peninsula "but I believe they did."

At the time Wedemeyer wrote his Korean report, Russia occupied the northern part of Korea and the United States the south.

Wedemeyer advised against quick withdrawal of U. S. forces, pointing out that the Russians dominated the North Koreans through communists and by the same means were promoting revolt threats in the south.

He recommended further that U. S. withdrawal from this country's occupation zone south of the 38th parallel be only apponate to the removal of Soviet forces from the south.

The Korean units which crumpled before red invaders from the north last summer were under their own officers, though there was an American advisory mili-

tary mission in the infant republic.

And nobody was allowed inside North Korea to check the Russians' claim that they had pulled out their troops before Americans were sent home.

Wedemeyer was insistent as to the ultimate danger of a "Soviet controlled invasion of Northern Korea forces" though he called it "currently (1947) improbable."