

Weather Records Confirm It's Been Mighty Dry Lately

The driest autumn in several years has this year raised not only the temperature but the fire hazard and the amount of water used for irrigation.

According to the U. S. Weather Bureau station at McNary Field, the last rain was on Sept. 8. There was a sprinkle Oct. 8. This is far below the normal precipitation. The three summer months were also below normal. July had not even a drizzle.

The current dry spell caused loggers to shut down operations Oct. 2. According to a spokesman from the State Forestry Department, the long dry spell coupled with an easterly wind has made this "Indian summer" particularly dangerous to the forests. He said the wind causes the humidity and the fuel moisture to drop which dries out the timber to perfect burning texture.

Also hit are the farms and residential sections which, according to Salem city water department, have been irrigating for six months. They usually stop around Labor Day.

As far as the heat is concerned, the hottest day this month so far has been 89 degrees on Oct. 1.

Last year the hottest day had 80 degrees heat and in previous years the high was 92 degrees.

Weather bureau records go back to 1892. They show that the lowest precipitation in October since that time was in 1917 when no rain fell during the month. Next lowest was in 1925 when precipitation was recorded at .03. For rainfall before Oct. 14, 1917 and this year hold the record. In 1945 and 1925 there was a fall of .01 before this date.

In the last three months, July, August and September, rainfall totaled less than one-quarter inch. For April, May and June, there was a fall of 4.41 inches.

Sen. McCarthy Claim Denied By Publisher

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP)—A Las Vegas publisher accused by Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) of being "an admitted ex-Communist" made an affidavit Tuesday denying the charge.

"It's the dirtiest lie McCarthy ever told," said Herman M. Greenspun, publisher of the Las Vegas Sun, after the two men tangled verbally at a Republican meeting Monday night.

Greenspun said he was publishing on the Sun's front page Wednesday morning an affidavit swearing he is not and never has been a Communist, nor consorted with Communist and fellow travelers. The publisher said he is offering \$1,000 to anyone who can disprove one word of the affidavit.

McCarthy, the object of a pointed column by Greenspun Monday, labeled the publisher "one who spouts all the mouthings of the Daily Worker." The senator told the audience that Greenspun is "an admitted ex-Communist" and referred to him as a violator of the articles of war and an indicted smuggler.

Stalin Closes Sessions of Red Congress

MOSCOW (AP)—Prime Minister Joseph Stalin, in an address at the closing session of the 19th Communist Party Congress Tuesday night, pledged Russian support to Communist parties all over the world in a fight for "liberation and preservation of peace."

His speech was greeted by "stormy and prolonged applause turning into an ovation," the Moscow radio said.

The 72-year-old leader also appealed for support from Communist parties abroad.

"The party and our country always needed and will need the trust, sympathy and support of fraternal peoples abroad," he declared.

Stalin said the interests of the Soviet Union "generally are indivisible from the cause of peace the world over."

"It stands to reason," he added, "that our party cannot be in debt to the fraternal parties and must in turn give them support and also support their peoples in the fight for liberation and for preservation of peace."

Murder Case Details Told to Police by Girl

CHESTER, Calif. (AP)—Little 3 1/2-year-old Sondra Young fearfully told officers Tuesday of two robbers who beat her father and left her to death Friday, and left her too, for dead.

The little daughter of Gard Young, Chester grocer, related first from a hospital bed and later at the scene of the crime, details that led Pumas County District Atty., Bertrand Jones to say he is confident that he can identify the killers if they are found.

Meanwhile, during the day, Reno, Nev., officers acting on word from Pumas County officers picked up Louis Edmond Blair, 37, at a roadblock north of Reno.

Blair, owner of the Chester movie theater, was a neighbor of the Youngs. Held at Washoe County Jail, Reno, for questioning Wednesday by California officers, Blair denied any knowledge of the slayings.

Sondra came close to collapse as she talked to officers only a few feet from the scene of the crime, near Chester. She had been in a hospital at nearby Westwood for treatment of a skull fracture and other injuries suffered at the hands of the killers.

The slayers stuffed her into the trunk of her father's car, along with the bodies of her father and her sisters, Jean, 7, and Judy, 6, and her playmate, Michael Salie, 4.

Jones said Sondra told of two robbers in a blue car, one of them bald and masked and carrying a gun, the other without any facial covering.

Jones said he hoped Sondra would be able to furnish even more details Wednesday, after she is rested from Tuesday's ordeal.

Plans for South Salem School Win Approval

(Story also on page 1.)

Directors of Salem School District are going ahead with plans for a South 12th Street elementary school, they indicated Tuesday night after examining preliminary sketches by Architect William I. Williams.

The sketches at hand showed an 18-room school to be built in two stages, starting with a building with eight classrooms, library, multi-purpose room and office.

Board members indicated the South 12th Street location of a new school is an early need to relieve present crowding at Bush, Pringle and other schools in South Salem.

Mrs. Frank Stone was employed to head the annual school census, starting this week. Several enumerators will be hired to make a house-to-house check of the number of children in the school district. The count is needed for allocation of state funds and for planning purposes.

The board authorized purchase of a \$318 pre-heater for oil used in heating Englewood School, as an experiment to find out if heating costs could be reduced by the method which permits use of a heavier grade of oil. A different type of pre-heater also is being tried at Bush School this year.

Business Manager C. C. Ward reported that the final cost of acquiring the South Salem high school site (South of Leslie Junior High) was \$119,760. The full block of property contained 18 houses of which 16 were sold at auction recently. Net recovery amounted to \$19,641. Below Estimate.

The 12 properties liquidated most recently come under the special construction fund and cost \$100,084 net, compared with the administration's estimate of \$125,000.

Miss Maxine Heringer was authorized to take a year's leave of absence as an exchange teacher to teach in Europe under arrangements by the U. S. Office of Education. In her place a foreign teacher would come to the Salem schools.

Miss Heringer, English, a 2nd mathematics teacher at Parrish Junior High, has applied for teaching in The Netherlands.

Teachers admitted to tenure by board action Tuesday were Mrs. Virgie Lyman and Mrs. Lillian Schmidt.

Fund Obligated. Insulation for Washington School could not come out of the emergency fund of the school district, reported Clerk Ward, inasmuch as \$18,280 of the \$20,000 fund already has been obligated.

The board voted to enter a protest with Oregon Liquor Control Commission against granting a beer selling license to a store near Liberty School. Marion County Court has recommended in favor of the license, it was reported to the board.

Use of Parrish Junior High School auditorium was granted The Oregon Statesman for Wednesday night, March 25, for the newspaper's annual Spelling Contest for 7th and 8th graders of the Salem area.

Commercial Canning Week Designated

A statement designating the week of Oct. 25-31 as Oregon Commercial Canning Week was issued Tuesday by Gov. Douglas McKay.

Noting that 1952 marks the 83rd year of "broken progress in a nation-wide distribution of Oregon agricultural and fishery products," as well as the 200th anniversary of Nicholas Appert, discoverer of the method of present day food canning, the governor "salutes the past and present accomplishments of the people who make up the canning industry and who have contributed substantially to the welfare of this state."

Five-Day-Old Baby Kidnaped From Hospital

NEW YORK (AP)—An international hunt was on Tuesday for a dark-haired woman who kidnaped a five-day-old baby girl from Bellevue Hospital by casually asking for it by name.

Twenty-four hours later, the infant's mother, Mrs. Anna Hernandez, 39, showed up from another part of the hospital to claim the child and was told it already had been called for. She collapsed, shrieking:

"Oh, my baby, my baby."

Every air, rail and highway exit from the city was closely watched by police for a trace of the kidnaper, a short woman of about 40 wearing a rose-colored coat. She speaks Spanish and broken English.

A routine alarm was flashed through 13 Northeastern States. In addition—since the parents are Puerto Rican—authorities were alerted in Florida, Puerto Rico, Cuba and Mexico against any attempt to get the child out of the country.

There was no apparent motive for the kidnaping. It happened Sunday but was not reported until Monday. Police guessed the unidentified kidnaper may have yearned for a child she, herself, couldn't have.

Hernandez, the child's father, is a porter who brought his family here from Puerto Rico three years ago. The parents have five other children and get \$125 a month in relief funds from the city welfare department.

Looters Raid Salem Autos

Two Salem autos were reported Tuesday to city police as looted over the week end.

The Truck Sales and Service Company, 555 N. Front St., reported the loss of a \$10 sport light from a truck sometime Saturday or Sunday. Also M. F. Herb, 3355 Willa Lane, reported the theft of a spare tire, tube, wheel and jack, totalling \$75, from the trunk of his car sometime over the week end.

Monday two other Salem residents reported minor looting of their cars while parked in front of residences.

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Star Farmer Award Goes To Ohio Youth

KANSAS CITY (AP)—A 21-year-old Ohio tenant farmer, who got his start in agriculture while a freshman in high school, Tuesday night received the top award given to the nation's boy farmers—that of Star Farmer of America.

It was seven years ago that Walter Wayne Vogel of Republic, O., rented his first plot of ground and machinery to cultivate it. Now, married he lists his assets at more than \$16,000.

Tuesday night before 6,000 members of the Future Farmers of America, young Vogel was acclaimed the "most outstanding in farming and leadership" of the FFA's 352,000 members throughout the United States, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

With the honor goes a \$1,000 cash prize.

Three other members were named regional star farmers at the ceremony and received \$500 checks. They included: George E. Warrington, 20, McMinnville, Ore., Star Farmer of the Pacific region.

By the time Warrington graduated from high school in 1949, he had already made some \$9,000 from farming and decided to stick with it.

He brought ten cows when he moved to his present place three years ago, and his herd has been among the top four in his county for butterfat. He now has 28 cows. He counts the current net worth of his farm property at \$42,000. Last year he was vice president of the McMinnville Farmers Union.

Oil Company to Build Refinery In Northwest

SPOKANE (AP)—An oil refinery to cost between 75 and 100 million dollars was forecast Tuesday for the Pacific Northwest by an official of the Shell Oil Co.

Dr. R. C. Barton of San Francisco, a refinery superintendent, told Spokane Chamber of Commerce members that the huge oil plant would be built in the region "in the relatively near future." Barton said that several large refineries will eventually be built in the Northwest to process Canadian crude oil.

The men did not comment on possible refinery sites.

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Both Washington and Idaho have state controlled sale of liquor by the glass. It may surprise many to learn that British Columbia has also adopted this sensible system. Official records show that the people of Washington and Idaho, with liquor available in both state stores and by the drink, actually consume less liquor than the residents of Oregon—a bottle state.

Think it over. A vote for the sale of liquor by the glass will put Oregon in

step with the vast majority of states in the nation operating with workable liquor laws.

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Accident Victim In Fair Condition

William L. Neimeyer, 32, 3320 Duncan Ave., injured in an auto accident early Monday morning, was said by Salem Memorial Hospital authorities Tuesday evening to be in "fair" condition.

Neimeyer was injured when flying steel from an overturned pickup truck struck him in the head. The accident occurred in a fog bank about seven miles south of Salem on Highway 99E. Driver of the car, two other passengers and the truck driver were uninjured.

Oscar Wachter Found Dead

Oscar F. Wachter, 74, 2826 Evergreen Ave., was found dead in his home Tuesday evening. His death was listed by Marion County Coroner Lester W. Howell as apparently from natural causes.

Suspicion of something amiss led Roy Lamb, a nearby grocer, to call Marion County Sheriff Denver Young. He told Young that Wachter came in to buy bread daily and he hadn't been in since Sunday. Neighbors said he had complained of pains in his chest Saturday evening.

Wachter was born in Menominee Falls, Wis., Feb. 24, 1878. Known survivors include a nephew, Fred Wachter and a brother, William Wachter, both of Winlock, Wash.

Jack Hayes Still Listed as 'Critical'

Jack A. Hayes, 45, state director of civil defense, was said by Salem General Hospital authorities Tuesday evening as still critical. He suffered a heart attack at his home Sunday.

Hayes, a resident of 2045 Virginia St., was said by business associates to have been working at a terrific pace for the past two months.

Guernsey Cow Sets Record For Butterfat

PORTLAND (AP)—A Guernsey cow named Ivy Oaks Belle's Jingle Monday became the first of her breed to produce more than 1,000 pounds of butterfat for three years in a row.

The cow, owned by Marvin C. Fleming of nearby Fairview, produced 1,027 pounds of butterfat in the 305-day lactation test period just ended.

The year before she produced 1,045 pounds of butterfat to set a national production record for all breeds. It still stands.

Elmer Meadows, western field representative for the American Guernsey Cattle Club, said as far as he knows only two other cows of any breed have ever topped the 1,000 pound mark for three years straight.

Both of these are in Oregon—one at Langlois and the other at Brownsmead.

The 9-year-old Jingle was bred by W. H. Brandt of Silverton. He sold her to Fleming.

Among those on hand for the final milking were Fred Walberg, Oregon State College, official testing supervisor; Dick Lyon, Junction City, president of the Oregon Guernsey Breeders' Association; and Kenneth Price, Port Orchard, Wash., executive committeeman for the American Guernsey Cattle Club.

CHICO YOUTHS CAUGHT. Two teen-age Chico, Calif., youths were apprehended Tuesday and held in Salem city jail on the authority of a telegraphic warrant from the chief of police in Seattle, Wash. The two were residing in Salem and are reportedly runaways from a Washington detention home.

Wreck Victim Still 'Critical'

Lucille Anna Cook, 1970 Highway Ave., critically injured in an auto-truck accident at Central Howell Monday evening, was said by Silverton Hospital authorities Tuesday to be "about the same."

She was taken to Silverton after the car in which she was riding with Jerry S. Graham, 25, 1398 N. Liberty St., and Charles Robert Cochrane, 695 S. 18th St., collided with a truck at Central Howell. The truck driver and his passenger were uninjured and both Cochrane and Graham were released from Salem General Hospital after treatment for lacerations.

Cochrane was lodged in city jail in lieu of \$250 bail on a charge of failing to stop for a posted stop sign.

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