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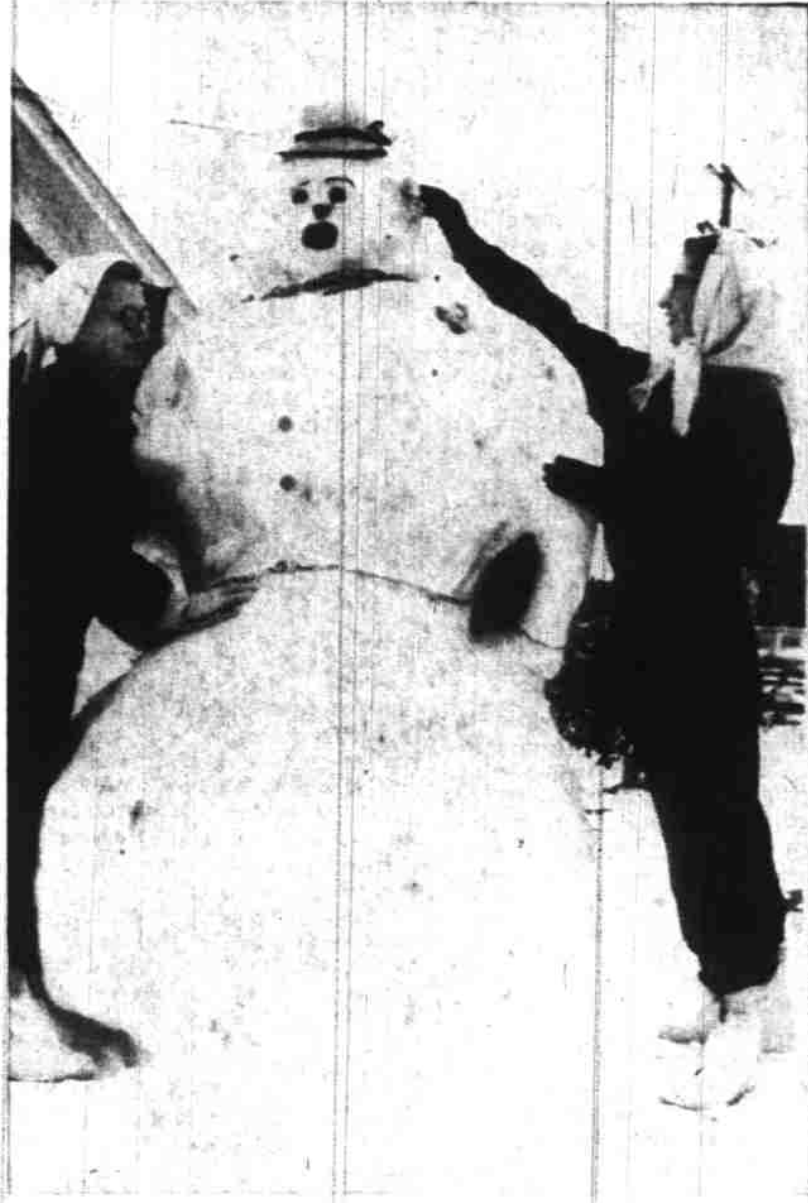
	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	38	32	
Portland	35	28	.75
San Francisco	58	50	.66
Chicago	35	19	Trace
New York	39	33	

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem):
Periods of mixed rain and snow today. Occasionally falling as snow tonight. High today 36 to 38 and low tonight 30 to 32. Temperature at 11:01 was 32.

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Salem Digs Out From Under 5-Inch Snowfall

City Abounds in Snowmen and Snowmaids, Both Curvaceous and Conventional



The Willamette Valley's first snowstorm of the season found snow sculptors busy at work Saturday in Salem. Snowmen, and snowwomen, of all shapes and sizes dotted the city scene. Jesse J. Williams, 4040 State St. fashioned this devoted, but none-the-less nude runner-up to Venus Victoreuse (left). And like Venus she bowed out of the picture only seconds after the picture was taken

when gravity proved too much for her backbone. Young Alan Kuhnly, 17 months (center), surveyed the white expanse from the top of this king-sized snowball rolled into shape by his daddy, Paul F. Kuhnly of 4460 N. Lancaster Dr. A buxom snow woman (right) gets a bit of touching up from two comely passers-by at 1348 S. 12th St. At left is Judy Dieker, 1340 State St., and (right) Jan

Fromme, 1165 Lewis St. The oversized snow creation was the work of Susan and Pamela Morrison of 1348 S. 12th St. and Gale Abrams, 1358 S. 12th St. The "old girl" added considerable color to the white scenery with her carrot nose and apple mouth, and accessories to match. The Statesman received many calls describing photogenic snowmen. (Statesman Photos.)

Phones, Power Cut; Seattle Hardest Hit

Salem Saturday dug its way out of the season's first snowfall which dumped over five inches on the area Friday night and Saturday.

Snow was still falling early this morning but the weather bureau at McNary Field predicted only snow showers today mixed with rain.

Near freezing temperatures along with snow and slush made nearly all roads in the northern part of the state extremely hazardous, state police reported. Emergency crews from both power and telephone companies were out in force Saturday repairing damage caused by the heavy snow.

Major Roads Open
State police reported all major roads open including both Santiam and Willamette Passes but chains should be carried where snow has fallen, they warned. Detroit reported seven inches of snow Saturday and Warm Springs junction 12 inches.

The storm extended over a wide area of the Pacific Northwest with Northwest Washington reporting it the worst in four years. A blanket of snow fell on northern Oregon and extended as far south as Eugene.

Up to eight inches of snow lay in Seattle and other western Washington points and a light fall was forecast for that area today.

Making Repairs
Crews from the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. were on the go throughout the day in the Salem district Saturday making repairs wrought by the sudden snowfall.

Elmer A. Berglund, manager of the Salem telephone office, said some 900 subscribers in this area had service interrupted as a result of the storm.

He said that about 300 lines were out in Dallas, 150 in Independence and about 50 at Woodburn. Late Saturday night Berglund estimated that about 15 per cent of the outages were repaired and said crews would be out at 6 a.m. today to complete the job if no new interruptions were noted during the night. Telephone linemen don't work at night, he explained, because of the danger of power lines.

Snow Around Wires
Some trouble was reported in the Detroit area and a toll circuit between Salem and Detroit and Mill City was still out late Saturday night. Individual outages were reported elsewhere, he said. Some trouble with long distance lines was reported because of packed snow around wires, he added.

Most trouble resulted from heavy snow breaking lines and some limbs falling from trees caused line breakages. Electrical repair crews in the Salem district were faced all day by regular, emergency and standby crews of the Portland General Electric Co., reported Fred G. Starratt, local manager. Most electrical troubles were caused by wire breakage of lines leading into homes, he said.

Fuses Blown
Lines flying up when snow suddenly dropped from them caused some electrical shorts and consequent blown fuses, he said. Crews from Davidson's Auto Service and Bales and Brady towing were kept busy on constant call during the day and in the night with demands ranging from just being "stuck" to serious accidents.

A 50-foot maple tree, weighted with the snow, crashed into the home of William Bliven about 10 miles south of Salem on the Independence-Sidney road, and damaged the kitchen and utility room. The three-foot trunk narrowly missed the main part of the house, he said. No damage estimate was given.

Dallas reported eight inches of snow by late Saturday night with a general power outage lasting about 15 minutes during the afternoon. Outages were also reported at Independence and Falls City.

(Additional details on page 7, sec. 2.)

Daily Speller

Following are 26 words from a list of 1000 which will form the basis for semi-final and final oral competition in The Statesman-KSLM Mid-Valley Spelling Contest for 1954, in which 83 schools are participating.

experiment blouse seriously blouse perfectly service adjust curriculum seize communicate curricula enamel desirous fate glory highly sincere selection decrease lecture brilliant janitor

All Sizes of Snowmen Dot Scene in City

Snowmen of all sizes, up to and including 12-foot giants, dotted Salem's landscape Saturday in the wake of the city's heaviest snow in two years.

Forts, igloos, animals of known and unknown varieties were among the sculpturing efforts of Salem residents taking advantage of the infrequent snow-covering.

One giant production was the combined efforts of Laurel Williams, Dave True and "Curly" Barker all of whom reside at Weber Apartment Courts on South 13th street. The 9 1/2-foot snowknight was the neighborhood pride of five-year-old Blaine Amundson, son of Chester Amundson of 1652 S. 13th St., too.

The Statesman received several score calls from area residents reporting unusual snow compositions. An igloo at Winter and D streets was big enough for several neighborhood youngsters at five-foot tall and a four-foot-long entranceway. Junior High youths built a ten-foot snowman on the lawn of Parish Junior High School.

Eugene Milk Price Cut Set

EUGENE — Eugene milk distributors and producers agreed Saturday to cut the price of milk 1 cent a quart, beginning Feb. 1.

They were urged to take this action by William Weidel, state milk marketing administrator who said the present price of 24 cents in stores and 24 1/2 cents per quart when delivered to the home "reflects unfavorably against the marketing administration and the industry."

The state-established minimum for this area is 22 1/2 cents a quart in stores and 23 cents delivered to the home.

Weidel said that if the new price works any hardship the producers and distributors could appeal for a hearing on the question of raising prices.

Salem Precipitation Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1

This Year	Last Year	Normal
23.42	17.40	21.40

Do You Drive a Car or Herd It?

Question: If one side of a two-way street is wide enough to accommodate two lanes of cars going in the same direction, should drivers keep to one side or the other of their half of the street or go down the middle?

Answer: They should keep to one half or the other. There are "lanes" even if there are no visible stripes and a driver who takes up both of them is a road hog.

Final Tally Gives Edge To Opponents of Grid

Participants in The Statesman's poll on Salem's one-way grid voted 2,029 to 1,612 against the system, a final tally of ballots showed Saturday.

Some of the system's opponents said the vote proved that one-way streets were generally disliked. Some of the proponents said the vote proved that one-way streets were generally favored because otherwise the vote against them would have been heavier.

There was a total of 3,641 votes cast. The over-all margin was 55.5 per cent opposed.

Of the 2,029 against the grid, 1,591 were from persons residing within 5 miles of downtown Salem and 438 from persons residing more than 5 miles from downtown Salem.

Of the 1,612 in favor of the grid, 1,424 were from persons residing within 5 miles of downtown Salem and 188 from persons residing more than 5 miles from downtown Salem.

Thus, the within-5-mile vote was 1,591 to 1,424, and the suburban vote was 438 to 188, both in opposition.

Percentage-wise, the vote of persons residing within 5 miles of downtown Salem was 53 to 47 against the grid; persons residing more than 5 miles from downtown Salem 60 to 40 against.

The final day Saturday brought in 546 new votes, 326 of them opposed to the grid (including 78 from other towns) and 220 favoring the grid (including 29 from other towns).

(Comments of voters are on Page 5, Sec. 1, today.)

Lyons Woman Overcome By Fumes

Statesman News Service
LYONS — A Lyons woman was overcome by carbon monoxide fumes in her sleep here early Saturday.

The victim was Mrs. Russell Pihel, who operates a grocery store and locker plant with her husband. She was taken to Santiam Memorial Hospital where she was reported "much improved" Saturday night.

Pihel awakened about 7 a.m. and thought his wife had been stricken by a heart attack when he could not arouse her. He was groggy from the fumes but summoned help from a neighbor, Ernest Garsjo.

The carbon monoxide was believed caused by an unvented circulating heater.

Air Raid Test Gets Serious Participant

ST. LOUIS — At least one motorist went all out Saturday during St. Louis' air-raid warning test — the first public participation test in the Midwest. When the test started, the motorist pulled to the curb, got out and crawled under the car.

Nausea Fatal to Daughter of Iceland Envoy

WASHINGTON — Mrs. Lucian Blaine Clarke, beautiful 26-year-old daughter of Iceland's minister, swallowed about 30 sleeping pills early Saturday and then choked to death, authorities reported.

The death, which occurred after Mrs. Clarke and her husband had returned to their home in fashionable Chevy Chase, Md., after an evening of dancing and dining, was officially ruled an accident.

Dr. Frank J. Broschart, Montgomery County, Md., coroner, who issued the ruling after an autopsy, said the sleeping pills could not have been the cause of death.

He said Mrs. Clarke "has been drinking a good bit" and became nauseated.

"She aspirated (drew in by suction) a lot of stomach contents into bronchial tubes," he said. "How many capsules she took makes no difference. They do not act in that short a time."

But Broschart added that the pills "may have had something to do with the nausea." The coroner said specimens of Mrs. Clarke's blood had been forwarded to Baltimore for tests but he did not expect a report before next week.

No explanation was offered why Mrs. Clarke swallowed the pills. The dead woman was the daughter of Icelandic Minister and Mrs. Thor Thors. The family has lived here since 1941. The Clarks were married last February and have an infant son.

GOOD SAMARITAN

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — Robert Skaggs said he pushed a stalled car Friday and refused any pay for his favor, then had to fork up \$100 when the driver pulled a pistol on him.

Hull Informs India U.N. Plans to Release PWs

By WILLIAM C. BARNARD
PANMUNJOM, Sunday — Gen. John E. Hull Saturday night told India that his U. N. Far East Command definitely will free 22,500 Chinese and North Korean prisoners as civilians in anti-Red territory Jan. 23. He disputed India's charge this would violate the armistice.

Instead, Gen. Hull said the supervisory commission which India heads will be deliberately avoiding "an important element" of the armistice by prematurely turning back these men as war prisoners Wednesday.

Hull insisted the neutral nations repatriation commission has the "solemn obligation" to hold on to them until Saturday and then let them go as civilians. Hull's letter clashed with views expressed to him by Lt. Gen. K.

Allies, Russia Agree On Berlin Parley Site

BERLIN — The Western Allies announced early Sunday a "basic decision" has been reached with the Soviet Union on where in Berlin the sessions of the four-power foreign ministers will be held starting Jan. 25.

Then the Berlin commandants of the four powers went back into session to work on details. They finally retired after deciding to resume their deliberations Sunday afternoon at a time to be fixed later. They gave no hint of what the basic decision was.

An American spokesman said all four powers agreed that none of the details of a compromise apparently being worked out would be made public until the final decision is reached.

The Saturday-Sunday overnight session lasted almost 12 hours.

The conferees broke up last week after being stymied on the Soviet demand for equal division of the sessions between East and West Berlin.

Slide Damages Coaxial Cable, Interrupts TV

ROSEBURG, Ore. — A sliding hillside damaged a coaxial cable about 50 miles south of here Saturday, knocking out network television programs in the Pacific Northwest.

A spokesman for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. said crews were working in the Wolf Creek area to restore service. The underground cable in that area is along a steep hillside, which started slipping after soaking rains weakened it.

This put a strain on the cable and water seeped inside. Chances were slim that TV service could be restored before Sunday, as the continuing rain hampered efforts of repairmen.

The cable carried television programs as well as regular telephone calls and wires leased by the Associated Press and other news services.

Long distance telephone calls were being rerouted through Central Oregon, the spokesman said, but delays were likely.

Television stations in Portland, Seattle, Tacoma and Yakima all were without network programs.

Gets One Scent Bounty for Skunk

JEFFERSON, Iowa — Little Junior McCain got a new rifle and set out to hunt a certain animal on which "friends" told him bounty was being paid.

He proudly walked into the county auditor's office, plunked his kill on the counter and asked for his money.

However, the office air turned blue and the seventh grade youngster fled. There's no bounty on skunks.

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Three Ejected From Hearing By McCarthy

BOSTON — Sen. McCarthy's second Red-hunting visit to New England wound up Saturday in an uproarious session marked by the ejection of three persons from the hearing room.

Four of the day's five witnesses invoked the fifth amendment of the U. S. Constitution when they were asked about Communist party connections. The fifth said he was a Communist for a year or two after 1937.

The most spectacular ejection was that of Nathaniel G. Mills, a Lynn employe of the General Electric Co. under suspension for refusing to answer McCarthy at a previous hearing. Mills suddenly stood up in the rear of the courtroom, and shouted:

"McCarthy, I accuse you of conspiring with the company and getting the jobs of General Electric people." The senators were sitting as a one-man committee.

To encouraging shouts of "throw him out" from most of the spectators, the marshals yanked Mills out into the aisle, into the corridor and into an elevator.

One Satisfies
The only witness who satisfied the senator was Simon Pallett of Lynn, a short, dark, soft-spoken man who admitted he had been a Communist in 1937, "and for a year or two after that."

He said he has been a GE employe for about 13 years.

McCarthy complimented him, saying: "You are a pleasant contrast. We realize it is difficult for you to appear publicly and tell of your experiences. It is a very pleasant experience for this committee to find a man who freely admits he was a dupe. He aids the committee greatly."

Both Expelled
Theodore G. Pappas, 29, who said he was a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, was expelled from the hearing room with his attorney, Oliver S. Allen, just as Pappas had finished his testimony.

Pappas said he wanted to read a statement, McCarthy called the marshals to "remove him."

Issues Objection

BOSTON — Atty. Oliver S. Allen, 43, physically ousted Saturday from a hearing before Sen. McCarthy, said a "repetition of today's events will sound the death knell of the independence of the American bar."

Allen, a lawyer for 19 years, was expelled on McCarthy's order after a discussion over the testimony of his client, Theodore G. Pappas, 29, General Electric Co. worker.

"I was forcibly ejected from the hearing room because I was doing my sworn duty as an American lawyer," Allen declared in a statement to the press. "It is a duty to advocate and to defend, without fear or favor, the rich and the poor, the orthodox and the unorthodox, the popular and the unpopular."

Reconciliation Hopes Fade After 18 Years

STEVENS POINT, Wis. — Gerald E. Larson finally gave up hope of a reconciliation with his wife, Bernice.

He was granted a divorce when he told the court Mrs. Larson left him on their wedding night — 18 years ago.

12 PEOPLE DIE IN WRECK

URUAPAN, Mexico — Twelve persons were killed and 17 seriously injured near here Saturday when a bus and a truck collided on a dangerous mountain curve near the extinct volcano Paricutin.