

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Stryker

The Weather

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, Medford field, Salem):
 Cloudy with intermittent rains today and tonight, becoming showery Wednesday; high today 46-48, low tonight 36-38; warmer on Wednesday.
 Temperature at 12:01 a.m. today was 36.
SALEM PRECIPITATION
 Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1
 This Year Last Year Normal
 44.72 18.73 23.00

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KAHULUI, Maui Id., Hawaii, Feb. 18—We were sorry to leave Coco Palms on Kauai Id. this afternoon. Signs were posted that the Republicans were having a party rally there tonight. Secretary of Labor Mitchell and Governor King were to be present. The Secretary was to have the honor of planting a coconut palm tree, a distinction reserved for VIP's. Also there were six fat turkeys turning on the broiler spits. Though whether they were for the GOP "fat cats" or for the regular hotel patrons I did not learn.

Mitchell has been in the island most of the week. His visit has "hotted up" the party faithful (at several \$100 a plate dinners) and frozen labor negotiations between the Harry Bridges union and the sugar and pineapple employees. Peeved over Mitchell comments on Reds in the ILWU, the latter has suspended negotiations with Mitchell until Tuesday. It's a bit of grandstanding—if the employers had employed a similar tactic Bridges would have accused them of refusing to bargain collectively.

Labor relations here are pretty tight—some employers may find Jim Mitchell something of a radical. On Kauai we were told that of the (Continued on editorial page 4)

18 More U.S. Tanks On Order for Arabs

\$3 Million War Gear Sent to Israel

WASHINGTON (AP)—Saudi Arabia has 18 more U. S. tanks on order—M47 Patton tanks nearly twice as big as the 18 controversial M41 Walker Bulldogs shipped out Monday.

American and other diplomatic officials also reported Israel has received at least three million dollars worth of U. S. radio gear since last August.

Israel is pressing for approval of its request, filed last Nov. 16, to buy 50 million dollars in U. S. defensive weapons. This is sought as a counter to Egypt's purchase of 80 million dollars in Communist jet planes, tanks and artillery.

Secretary of State Dulles is to return Wednesday from a Bahamas vacation. Israeli Ambassador Abba Eban is expected to call on him or his top Middle East aide, George V. Allen.

Meanwhile, Sens. Morse (D-Ore) and Lehman (D-NY) joined in attacking Dulles in Senate speeches. Both demanded that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee make a thorough inquiry into the Middle East situation.

Morse said the American people are going "to do the dying by the millions" if Dulles stumbles "off the brink."

"I have no confidence in his equilibrium," Morse added.

52 Die In Cairo Crash

12 Others Escape Flaming Death in French Airliner

CAIRO, Egypt (AP)—A big French airliner, beset by engine trouble on a flight from Karachi, carried 52 persons to flaming death in a crash landing on the desert near Cairo Monday. Twelve others—six passengers and six crew members—escaped.

All the dead were identified by the Paris office of the airline, the privately owned Transport Aeriens Intercontinentaux, as French or Vietnamese. The plane, an American-built Douglas DC6B Cloudbuster, was on the way to Paris from Saigon, South Viet Nam.

Surviving crewmen said two of the four engines had stopped as the 25-ton craft approached Cairo at the end of the 2,300-mile hop across sea and desert from Karachi. Fire surged up when the plane hit the sand.

The accident came only 40 hours after a British aircraft, carrying British troops home from Egypt, crashed on the island of Malta and killed all 50 persons aboard.

Three American pilots helped Egyptian troops in rescue work over the trackless sands around the site of the wreck, 15 miles southeast of Cairo. They flew out seven of the survivors in light planes.

The airliner's skipper, Capt. Charles Bilet, was among the seriously injured. All were taken to the French Hospital at Abbasia, a Cairo suburb.

New Nickname, 'Butterflyhead'



HONOLULU—Ed L. Whitley, 22, from North Carolina, boatswain mate on the USS Eversole, had his nickname graphically changed from "Tarheel" to "Butterflyhead." Whitley already sports some 35 other tattoos, but probably is the only one on his ship with a tattooed scalp. (AP Wirephoto).

Storm Leaves Valley Soggy, Passes Snowy

Southern Oregon Braces for Possible Renewal of Floods

By JERRY B. STONE
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The Salem area was saturated by more than two inches of rain in a 24-hour period ending at 12:30 a.m. Tuesday and more rain was forecast. Eastern and western perimeter points of the valley were hit by near-record snowfalls.

Heavy rains combined with snow poured .56 of an inch of precipitation on the Salem sector between 4:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Monday. Large wet snow flakes plummeted down starting about 9:30 a.m., but failed to stick on the ground.

The rain measurement from midnight Sunday to midnight Monday was 2.05 inches.

Flood Problems

The County engineer's office said another 24 hours of heavy rains could bring flood problems in the area. City officials said their only troubles were a few overflowing catch-basins. The Willamette River rose an even two feet in a 24-hour period up to midnight Monday—but was still far under flood stage of 20 feet. Weathermen said the river will continue a slow rise.

Snow continued to pile up at Detroit in the Santiam Canyon, with more than 15 inches on the ground Monday, following a three-inch fall during the night. The Detroit sector reported 31.25 inches of snow since Feb. 11, which outdimmers called an unusual amount for so late in the year. A number of cars slid off the Santiam highway at Detroit, but no serious accidents were reported.

School buses operated with some difficulty but officials said schools probably would be open Tuesday.

To the west of Salem, steady rain turned into mixed rain and snow in the Dallas area and solid snow in the Valsetz sector.

Dallas had two inches of slushy snow on the ground by noon Monday, but most of it had disappeared by early afternoon. From Valsetz there were reports of five inches of new snow in a 24-hour period—and snow for the seventh straight day. Eleven inches of snow weighed the ground in Valsetz and more than two feet was estimated on the road to Falls City. Road crews fought to keep two-way traffic going.

Valsetz rain-reader Ted Goodell said precipitation was 2.3 inches in the 24-hour period ending at 4:30 p.m.—all snow.

Snow reaching five inches was reported on the Pioneer Loop road about six miles northwest of Dallas.

Heaviest Snowfall

The Associated Press said heaviest snowfall of the season was reported in the Cascade and Siskiyou mountain passes, with new falls totaling as high as 20 inches. Klamath Falls reported eight inches of new snow Monday.

Southern Oregon braced itself Monday night for a possible renewal of the floods and slides which caused heavy loss of life and damage over the last Christmas holiday.

Torrential rains sent creeks over their banks and the Rogue and the South Umpqua Rivers were rising rapidly. The Pacific highway between Grants Pass and Medford was closed by runoff water at Savage Rapids Dam near Grants Pass. It was still raining hard late Monday night and there was no estimate of when the road could be reopened.

Massive Assault

The latest winter storm to hit the Northwest made a massive snow assault on Eastern Washington. Douglas and Okanogan counties were engulfed in snows up to 30 inches in depth. Many highways in the two Washington counties were closed as winds piled up huge drifts.

Meanwhile weathermen at McNary Field in Salem predicted rain today and tonight and Wednesday, but said it won't be as steady as that of the past two days.

End of Diphtheria-Caused Ban Near; Toledo Boy Dies

Oregon State Blind School officials were hopeful that restrictions on activities will be lifted by the end of the week as the eighth day passed since contact with either of the two diphtheria cases discovered there last week.

Students and staff members had not been in public places since the disease was discovered Feb. 13 in the death of Mrs. Violet Fry, house-mother. Supt. Walter R. Dry said, although they are restricted to the grounds. However, some students and staff members who live in Salem have been going home evenings.

The seven-day incubation period is being extended to nine days to be on the safe side, and restrictions will remain in effect until two negative throat cultures have been obtained from every person who showed positive reaction in the Schick skin test, Dry said.

Meanwhile, heavy traffic continued at the Marion County Health Department for Schick tests, cultures and immunizations. Dr. Willard J. Stone, health officer, said. One positive culture was found Sunday, son of a hospital aide who had contact with Mrs. Fry, he said.

A four-year-old boy from Toledo became the third victim of the disease within a week in Oregon when he died Sunday on a visit to Junction City, Associated Press reported.

The second death was Christine Artiano, seven-year-old pupil at the Blind School. Cause of the death of Daniel Lomax, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene W. Lomax of Toledo, was confirmed Monday as diphtheria, AP reported.

2 Oregon State Fraternities On Probation

CORVALLIS (AP)—Two Oregon State College fraternities were placed on probation Monday by Dean of Men Dan W. Poling, one of them because a student was hurt in a hazing prank.

The fraternities punished are Phi Sigma Kappa and Delta Upsilon.

The dean said Phi Sigma Kappa was denied social privileges because a student was hurt when struck by a paddle in a pre-initiation ceremony. The announcement said the student, whose name was not disclosed, "suffered an aggravation of an existing medical condition." He was held at the college infirmary for one day of treatment.

Violation of college regulations on the use of alcohol was given as the cause for denying Delta Upsilon social participation.

The report said the violation occurred when some of the fraternity members took liquor on a ski outing.

Suspension of both fraternities will be effective for the balance of the school year.

Dill on Civil Defense Staff

Donald F. Dill, who has been public information officer for the secretary of state for the past four years, was appointed Monday to a similar position for the Oregon Civil Defense Agency.

The appointment, made by Civil Defense Director Arthur M. Sheets, is effective March 1. Dill succeeds Tom Brubeck, who will join the staff of the Federal Civil Defense regional office at Santa Rosa, Calif.

Dill, a graduate of the University of Oregon School of Journalism, spent three years in the Air Force in World War II. He was formerly a reporter-photographer for the Oregon Statesman.

Washington's Birthday to Close Offices

The 224th anniversary of George Washington's birth falls Wednesday and city, county, state and federal offices will mark the occasion by closing up shop.

Both public and parochial schools will remain open Wednesday, with special exercises planned in tribute to the nation's first president.

Stores and banks in the city plan business as usual and shoppers won't have to worry about parking tickets. It being a legal holiday, no meters will be checked Wednesday, according to Chief of Police Clyde Warren.

Liquor stores will close along with other state agencies.

The Salem Post office will be on a full holiday schedule, with no mail delivery except for special deliveries. Lobby windows will be closed and holiday mail pickups will be confined to mailboxes.

8 Salem Schools Honored By Freedoms Foundation

Eight Salem schools will receive Freedom's Foundation awards for "contributions to better understanding of the American way of life" in 1955, it was announced Monday by the national organization.

Three of the eight are winners of Principal School Awards, the highest offered to schools. Four are being given in Oregon and 70 nationally.

Winners of the top awards will receive a trip for one student and one teacher to Valley Forge, Pa., later in the year. They are Keizer and Leslie Junior High Schools and Oregon State School for the Blind.

Winners of Freedom Library Awards are Bush, Englewood, McKinley Elementary and Salem Heights Schools. Richmond School won an Honor Medal Award. Fifty Freedom Library and 108 Honor Medal Awards were given nationally.

This is Englewood School's sixth consecutive award. It received Principal Awards three years in a row starting in 1951, an Honor Medal in 1954 and a special award last year for five years of outstanding work. Leslie Junior High, Blind and Salem Heights Schools entered for the first time this year.

(Also see story in section 2, page 8.)

Teacher



HILLSBORO—Mrs. Essie Robertson, 54, teacher in a one-room school near here, who was present at a grand jury hearing Monday after a school board member was indicted on charges of beating her. Her features show injuries. (AP Wirephoto).

Willamette to Hike Salaries, Endowment

PORTLAND (AP)—The Willamette University board of trustees approved Monday a program for substantial increases in faculty salaries over the next two years.

Details of the program were left to the university administration. It calls for increased endowment and increases in tuition charges.

The endowment would be raised by one million dollars. That includes \$216,000 given, Willamette by the Ford Foundation in its recent grants to private colleges. Another \$300,000 will be a s.e.k. through the Oregon Methodist Conference from churches. The university will try to raise the rest of the money from other sources.

Dr. G. Herbert Smith, university president, told the trustees that \$90,000 remains to be raised to complete financing of the recent \$1,190,000 building program on the campus at Salem.

Forty Aspirin Tablets Fail to Slow Salem Tot

A Salem tot ate 40 aspirin tablets Monday at his home. Quick use of a stomach pump apparently prevented any harmful after effects, city first aidmen said.

Two-year-old Dan Parkinson, 2265 N. 4th St., gulped down the tablets from a bottle about 2 p.m. He was checked by aidmen and rushed by his father to Salem General Hospital—and the stomach pump.

The father, Frank Parkinson, said the youngster "was smiling and cutting up." The youngster was back playing at home following removal of the tablets.

'Human' Sack of Bones Found to Be Sheep or Deer's

OREGON CITY (AP)—A sack of bones found on the bank of the Tualatin River near here Sunday turned out to be the remains of a large sheep or deer.

Coroner Leslie Peake identified the bones as being from an animal. It first it was thought they were the remains of a young man.

Mother Bears 6th Set of Twins

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. (AP)—Mrs. F. J. Arquette has given birth to her sixth set of twins—her 18th and 19th youngsters—and her husband says he has "about run out of fames."

The new twins, a boy and a girl, were born prematurely Sunday.

Jury Indicts School Board Man in Beating

HILLSBORO (AP)—Louis Forrest, 24-year-old Scofield School Board member, Monday was indicted by a Washington County grand jury on a charge of assault and battery.

He was accused of beating Mrs. Essie Robertson, 55, the teacher, in a school squabble last Tuesday. Forrest was jailed here Thursday after the woman accused him of blacking her eye and striking her in the jaw.

Forrest denied he had hit her. Mrs. Robertson said that Forrest and his cousin, Mrs. Yula Fellas, also a member of the board, came to the school last Tuesday and that a dispute broke out over the movement of some unused desks. Mrs. Fellas is custodian at the little school.

Mrs. Fellas said that Mrs. Robertson threw a book at her, but that she did not see any blows. Forrest said that Mrs. Robertson fell against a sink in a "showing match" that developed. Mrs. Robertson said that Forrest struck her.

Mrs. Fellas and school board chairman Samuel Hanson, 74, have resigned pending the outcome of the school squabble. This was at the suggestion of County Judge Harry Seabold. Forrest said he would not resign from the board of the little one-room school which has nine girls and five boys enrolled from the first through the sixth grade.

Mrs. Robertson is the only teacher at the school.

Brooks, Sunnyside Okeh School Budgets

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE

BROOKS—Voters of Brooks School District 31 approved their 1956 budget by unanimous ballot Monday night at a special election. Seventeen votes were cast.

SUNNYSIDE—The 1956 budget of \$16,516 for Sunnyside School District 96C was approved at an election held Monday night. The count was 22 votes for and one against.

Beauty Takes Time Out for Coffee

Miss America of 1956, otherwise known as Sharon Kay Ritchie, McCook, Nebraska, enjoys a coffee break Monday while in the middle of an arduous two-day schedule in Salem. Others pictured with her at the Meier & Frank coffee shop are three store employees, Mrs. Juanita Sellers, waitress; Mrs. Frances Nelson, cosmetician; and Allen Dobler. Highlight of Miss America's Salem visit is appearances in fashion shows. (Statesman photo).



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'56 Miss America May Have Her Problems—But They Don't Show

By CONRAD PRANGE
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If it makes you feel any better, Miss America has a weight problem, too.

Also, she has no boy friends. But, by George, she's got about everything else—youth (19), figure (33-23-35), sincerity (down-to-earth), personality (plus), and loot (scholarship, tours, etc.).

"When I was talked into running for the Miss Colorado title on short notice," says Sharon Kay Ritchie, Miss America of 1956, "I had to lose some weight. But I overdid it."

Well, she didn't look a bit overdone when she arrived in Salem for a two-day round of fashion shows at Meier & Frank store. Her last appearance here is at a 2:30 p.m. fashion show today at the store.

"Not every girl can be Miss America," admitted the reddish-brown haired, almond-eyed beauty who dresses in at 116 pounds. "But every girl can be well-groomed, better mannered. Sincerity is the keynote of beauty,

Intelligence Helps

"A girl can't stand on physical beauty, alone, these days. She must be neat and sweet and down-to-earth. Intelligence helps, too."

Sharon, whose father is in the insurance business, uses makeup sparingly. She feels the best beauty aid a girl can have is a Christian faith.

A steady church-goer, she says Christian principals have always played an important part in her life. She taught Sunday school in her home town of McCook, Neb., and was active in Christian Youth Fellowship.

Faith in God

"You must have faith in God, in yourself and in what you are doing," she tells youth groups. "You must set a goal, and then go after it."

She set her sights on the Miss America title when she was eight years old. Her older sister (her only sister—no brothers) last year was second place runner-up in the Miss United States contest, preliminary to the Miss Universe contest, in which she placed fifth. She also was Miss Nebraska.

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ka. Sharon says all this family glamour is "just accidental."

"Take advantage of every opportunity," is her advice to girls who have their hearts and calories set on being Miss Americas. "Beauty contests give a girl poise and experience."

Since she inherited the Miss America crown last September and, as the papers put it, "a jackpot of \$50,000 in prizes and personal appearances," Sharon has had a full, but interesting, time of it.

"The best part of winning the title, in addition to the \$5,000 Everglaze college scholarship, has been the experience gained in meeting people and seeing the country."

No Movie Offers

She hasn't had any movie offers. So she intends to finish college—she has two years to go—in Europe. She'll study fine arts, and fashions.

After that?

"Well," she sighed, "I'd like eventually to get married and have six children. Three boys and three girls."

That's what faith does for you.

Strike Progress Nil

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government launched a new "all-out effort" Monday to settle the 127-day Westinghouse strike but apparently made no progress.

Today's Speller

- (Editor's Note: A list of 23 words is being published each school day to make up the 900-word basic list for semi-finals and finals of the Oregon Statesman-B.L.M. Mid-Valley Spelling Contest in which nearly 4,000 7th- and 8th-grade students are participating.)
- cenozoic
 - holiday
 - dynamite
 - gracious
 - despair
 - illegal
 - wisdom
 - obedient
 - trouble
 - hasten
 - xylophone
 - judicial
 - warning
 - sherbet
 - disappear
 - admonish
 - thimble
 - incumbent
 - feeble
 - wishful
 - klonauat
 - idiot
 - vecepcion
 - tolerate
 - inconspicuous
- (Story in sec. 2, page 23)



"Wow—you should have seen the one that was gone."