

IT SEEMS TO ME  
By Charles S. ...

The Weather  
FORECAST (from U. S. Weather Bureau, Albany Field, Salem)  
Partly cloudy today, becoming mostly fair tonight and Friday except for some early morning showers. A high today, 65; low tonight, 40; high Friday, 60.  
Temperature at 12:01 a.m. today was 41.  
SALEM PRECIPITATION  
Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1  
This Year Last Year Normal  
52.40 22.34 34.52

# Congress Sends High Support Farm Bill to Ike

## FHA Lumber Edict May Halt Construction Of Up to 100 New Houses in Salem Area

West Coast Standard Sheathing Ruled 'Too Thin' for U.S. Approval  
By CALVIN D. JOHNSON  
Staff Writer, The Statesman  
Construction of 80 to 100 Salem area homes being built or about to be built through federal housing administration (FHA) loans may stop immediately if an FHA ruling put into effect Wednesday is maintained. The ruling would compel rejection of any FHA-financed house being constructed with 3/4-inch sheathing boards.

## Braille Switchboard to Give Jobs to Blind

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## Woman Blasts U.S. Bathroom As 'Relic of Prehistoric Age'

By FRANCIS STILEY  
NEW YORK — A suburban New York housewife Wednesday declared war on the so-called modern bathroom.  
"It is still a relic of the prehistoric age," averred Mrs. W. J. Moore of Pelham Manor.  
"She has lots of ideas for improvements, and she's all set to carry them out," women's congress on housing in Washington April 23-25.  
A number of women throughout the country were invited to the party by the housing and home finance agency. It wants women's ideas in preparing new housing standards.  
Big Boo-Boo  
"The great American boo-boo is the bathroom," she declared.  
"While hordes of experts have been fussing with the kitchen, poor old mama is still hanging over the bathtub bathing her children in about the same position as her ancestors beating clothes on rocks."  
"I'm also sick of the fact that nobody ever built a towel rack that you could dry a towel on."  
"The towel rack is built for a folded towel, so what do you do with your towel after using it? You fold it up neatly so you'll have a nice, soggy towel for your next bath—or you spread it out on the radiator."  
Miracle Fabrics  
"Another thing: now that they have invented all these miracle fabrics, we're back to washing by hand. And where do we wash? We wash in the bathroom. What do we do with wet clothes?"  
"We arrange them in a nice thicket on the shower curtain rod so that papa can invent a few new cusswords every morning when he tries to take a shower."  
Mrs. Moore, who is "33 and proud of it," has a boy of 12, a daughter 9 and twin sons of 10 months. Her husband is an attorney here.  
Bathe Babies  
"The fact that babies have to be bathed every morning has been entirely overlooked by everybody who builds houses."

## Rancher Adds 145 Acres

Matesman News Service  
JEFFERSON—Frank Williamson, recently from Colorado, bought another farm in the Ankeny area this week to add to the some 900 acres he purchased in that district in March.  
The deal closed this week covers the 145-acre farm of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Howard, Route 1, Box 54, Jefferson. Mrs. Howard disclosed Wednesday. The price was not made public. This farm joins the Thieson Ranch, which was among the three Williamson bought earlier.  
The Howards, who have lived here for the past 15 years, plan to buy a small acreage in the Salem area and turn to poultry raising, Mrs. Howard said.

## Attack on Cole Planned for Four Days; Mob Dwindled

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — An attack by more than 100 white men had been planned on Negro singer Nat (King) Cole as he sang at the Municipal Auditorium, police said Wednesday.  
Investigators officers said they had determined that Tuesday's attack, in which six men were arrested, had been planned four days before it took place.  
Cole, whose soft renditions of ballads has made him one of the nation's most popular vocalists, was shaken but unhurt when several white men assaulted him across the footlights while he was singing before nearly 4,000 white persons.

### The Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	57	41	18
Portland	57	47	18
Baker	53	27	11
Medford	50	40	14
North Bend	57	46	05
Roseburg	54	44	29
San Francisco	54	44	49
Los Angeles	64	48	06
Chicago	53	36	00
New York	52	40	00

Willamette River 4.3 feet.

## 6,000 N. Y. Firemen Picket for Pay Raise



NEW YORK—Some of the 6,000 uniformed firemen who picketed City Hall Wednesday to press for a pay increase tote placards addressed to Mayor Robert Wagner. The reference to the perils of their jobs was pointed up last week when six firemen died while battling a blaze in the Bronx. The firemen are seeking \$7,000 a year in place of their present \$5,315 annual wage. (AP Wirephoto).

## Eisenhower Edges Adlai in Illinois Race

CHICAGO — President Eisenhower drew more votes than Adlai E. Stevenson Wednesday in final tabulation of incomplete returns from the Illinois presidential preference primary.  
But the race was very close — and the result probably caused more concern than celebration among national political strategists.  
Eisenhower had nominal opposition on the Republican preference ballot from Sen. William F. Knowland of California, who is supporting the President for a second term, and Lar Daly, a Chicagoan who has made several unsuccessful bids for public office.  
With only 308 of the state's 9,511 precincts unreported — 279 of them downstate — Eisenhower had an overall total of 723,267, Knowland 32,685, Daly 9,069.  
With only 412 of the state's precincts unreported, including 355 downstate, Stevenson had 703,291.  
Sen. Kefauver received 27,897 write-ins in 8,299 precincts, or less than 5 per cent of Stevenson's total.  
The bulk of the missing precincts were downstate, where Eisenhower had an advantage of better than 2 to 1 in unofficial returns. Stevenson's margin was better than 2 to 1 in Cook County (Chicago), Democratic stronghold.  
Associated Press projections indicated that, if there is no change in the vote averages in precincts still unreported the final score will be 755,559 for Eisenhower and 726,964 for Stevenson.  
(Story also on page 2.)

## Electrician Cheats Death

A Salem electrician who touched a 7,200-volt wire atop a 40-foot pole Wednesday morning was due for release from Salem General Hospital this morning, attendants said.  
Francis E. Graham, 565 N. 18th St., reportedly was knocked out momentarily by the shock, but a safety belt kept him from falling. A Salem Electric employe, he was repairing wiring near American Asphalt Paving Co., 3000 Cherry Ave.  
First aidmen said he had severe (third degree) burns on his right forearm and left heel. Fellow workers said his finger apparently came in contact with the high-voltage line and his heel rested on a ground wire.  
Graham regained consciousness immediately after the shock and made his own way to the ground. He was taken to the hospital by Willamette Ambulance about 10:30 a.m.

## Tot's Body Found in Spokane Dump

SPOKANE — Workers salvaging tin cans from the city dump north of here Wednesday found the partially burned body of an infant boy.  
The baby, which weighed from five to six pounds, was apparently picked up by a garbage truck.

## Dust Storm Whips Gorge

HEPPNER, Ore. — Dust, apparently lifted by strong winds in Central Washington and in the Columbia Gorge near The Dalles, sifted down in this Northeastern Oregon area Wednesday.  
The dust coated houses, cars and streets. It was heavy enough for footprints to show on sidewalks. Visibility was cut to a quarter-mile.  
The dust began coming down in the night. There were no strong winds here. Weather observers at Portland said the strong winds, after picking up the dust, fanned out and dissipated their strength, allowing the dust to settle.

## Rocket Forms 'Moonlight' Over Desert

ALAMOGORDO, N. M. — A "star" back-pedaled up the evening sky Wednesday to spawn Holman Air Development Center's second "artificial moonlight" experiment.  
An aerobee rocket cut a sparkling trail from 30 to 70 miles into the upper atmosphere and then speeded sodium in a sequel to the much heralded test last fall.  
The orange sodium vapor quickly was molded by wind into a huge "S." The cloud spread rapidly but soon disappeared. Within 20 minutes there was no sign of it.  
Officials explained the experiment was another method of gaining more knowledge of the upper atmosphere.

## Fong's Trial Nears Jury

PORTLAND — The first degree murder trial of Wayne Fong was expected to go to the jury sometime Thursday after closing arguments by the prosecution and defense.  
Fong, 27, is accused of slaying Diane Hank, a 16-year-old girl who had been a frequent visitor and baby sitter at his home. She disappeared after spending the night of Jan. 6, 1954, at the Fong home.

## FATHER OF 7 KILLED

SCAPPOOSE — Frank Juracek, 40, the father of seven children, was killed Wednesday when a truck-trailer he was driving rolled off a hillside road west of here.

## President May Veto Measure

### Farm Relief Bill Out for Year if Ike Won't Sign

WASHINGTON (AP)—Congress passed its battle-scarred farm bill Wednesday night, handing President Eisenhower one of the worst legislative defeats since he entered the White House.

The election year measure offers farmers an extra three billion dollars in benefits during this growing season, including high, rigid price supports which Eisenhower opposes.

Many Republican leaders in Congress predicted the President will veto the legislation. Democrats and farm belt Republicans were equally confident he would sign it, some saying he had no other course.

Action on the controversial bill was completed by the Senate, which voted approval shortly after 9:10 p.m. EST. The House passed it 277-181 earlier in the day.

On the 50-50 rollcall by which the Senate approved the measure 15 Republicans voted with 35 Democrats for passage. Four Democrats joined 31 Republicans in opposing the bill.

Secretary of Agriculture Benson issued a statement saying he was "deeply disappointed" by the congressional action.

"Farmers have a right to be even more disappointed because the bill does not give them the sound help they have expected and deserve," Benson added.

"As it stands, the bill would seek to cure the farm problem with the very measures which build up the surpluses, which last the farmers their markets and which reduced their incomes."

This was a reference to 50 per cent of parity price supports, among other things.

Now the bill goes to the White House for a decision which will echo loudly through the presidential campaign this fall. If Eisenhower refuses to sign it, there may well be no farm relief legislation this year.

The Senate rollcall vote on passage was 50-50.

It came after the GOP leadership made a last-ditch fight in the House to send the bill back to a congressional conference committee for major revisions to make it more acceptable to the administration.

But the leadership failed to keep farm belt Republicans in line in either branch of Congress.

As approved by Congress, the bill virtually plows under much of the Eisenhower agricultural program.

It gives the President the soil bank plan he wants to cut down the production of surplus crops but scraps the flexible price support system he fought for and won after a hard congressional battle two years ago.

In the place of flexible supports, Congress voted to support major crops — wheat, corn, cotton, rice and peanuts — at 90 per cent of parity.

The administration contends supports at 90 per cent of parity would nullify the effects of the soil bank, adding to the surplus problem and hurting farmers more than it would help them.

WASHINGTON — Here is how Oregon members of Congress voted Wednesday on the Democratic-sponsored farm bill, passed by the House 277-181, and sent to the Senate:

For: Mrs. Edith Green (D), and Sam Cook (R).  
Against: Harris Ellsworth (R); Walter Norblad (R).

WASHINGTON — The six Pacific Northwest senators, including Senators Morse and Neuberger of Oregon, Wednesday favored the farm bill which passed the Senate by a 50-50 vote.

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