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The Weather Today's forecast: Continued fair. Variable cloudiness Friday, possible showers Friday evening. High 85, low 52.

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County Budget Balanced

Drop in Tax Levy Thought Possible

By RONALD REEVES Staff Writer, The Statesman

Marion County's budget committee wrestled a massive \$3,991,604 in requests and ended up Wednesday evening on top of the heap, with the budget expected to be balanced and within the six per cent limitation to allow a mill or mill and a half reduction in the county tax levy.

The committee approved the hiring of 14 new county employees, pay raises to the 11 elected county officials, totaling \$11,368, and \$48,030 for 143 employees below the fourth step in a six-step pay plan to reach maximum salaries.

Over \$2,000,000 was approved for general fund requests, \$1,353,000 for road fund requests, and \$351,000 for the schools.

There will be no levy for the coming year for road projects, as the costs will be covered by county revenues and money left over from last year's budgeting, officials said.

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Navy Shows Off Model Missile Cruiser



Cmdr. Vernon Gilmore of Salem Naval Reserve Surface Division 13-28M inspects model of Navy's newest cruiser armed with guided missiles. Ship was a feature of unit's 19th anniversary open house Wednesday attended by some 250 persons. (Statesman photo.)

Pony Express Slated For State Centennial

BAKER, Ore. (AP)—Two Baker men Wednesday said they hope to create a massive pony express ride for Oregon Centennial Celebration next year.

Stan Thompson and Harry Long said they hope 4,000 riders throughout the state will hit the trail for Portland.

If plans go off, the men said they want to get Indians to stage mock attacks on the riders.

Thompson, 38, an excavating contractor, said that many riding clubs in the state already have said they will join the mass ride.

The riders would carry mail packed in 500 relay stations he plans to set up along the route.

The Klamath and Umatilla Indian tribes have not yet been approached on what Thompson hopes will be their part of the trek.

The riders would follow four main highways into Portland.

One route would start at Ontario on Highway 30, another at Brookings on Highway 101, a third at Klamath Falls on Highway 97 and the fourth at Ashland on Highway 99.

Thompson and Long, an insurance salesman, said the ride also would observe the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Pony Express.

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Airliner, Jet Just Miss Midair Crash

WASHINGTON (AP)—Capital Airlines said early Thursday an Air Force B47 jet bomber narrowly missed colliding with a Viscount jet-prop airliner near Findlay, Ohio, Wednesday night.

The incident occurred one day after a Maryland Air National Guard jet fighter rammed a Capital airliner near Brunswick, Md., killing 12 persons.

Capital headquarters here confirmed a report from Cleveland that a near collision had occurred over Northwest Ohio about 40 miles south of Toledo.

Airline officials said Capt. Jesse Bradford of Baltimore reported his airliner was flying east toward Washington at 19,000 feet when a B47, apparently dropping down to land, suddenly crossed within 500 feet of his plane.

"Bradford radioed the Civil Aeronautics Administration in Cleveland and asked that a formal protest be filed," airline officials said.

The officials said the airliner, a Vickers Viscount similar to the one involved in Tuesday's collision, carried a crew of four. They said they had no report on the number of passengers aboard.

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Heat Bakes Mid-Valley; Fire Danger Increasing

Foreign Aid Slash Restored

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee tentatively approved Wednesday the full amount President Eisenhower is asking for military assistance and defense support in his new foreign aid program. It runs to \$2,635,000,000.

Sen. William F. Knowland of California, a committee member and the Senate's Republican leader, told reporters after the closed-door session that the actions were tentative and still subject to reconsideration.

Eisenhower is seeking \$3,942,092,500 to continue the foreign aid program through the fiscal year starting July 1. The House has authorized only \$3,603,000,000.

On voice votes the Senate committee approved:

1. Military assistance of \$1,800,000,000 to Allied nations, including planes, tanks, ammunition and other military hardware. The House held the figure to \$1,640,000,000.

2. The full \$35 million the President asked for defense support—economic aid to countries with which the United States has defense pacts to enable them to support stronger defense forces that their own economies will allow. The House had voted 775 million.

3. A provision requested by Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass) and John Sherman Cooper (R-Ky) committing Congress to support, along with other nations, assistance of "the type, magnitude, and duration, adequate to assist India to complete successfully its current program for economic development."

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Rash of Head Lice Spreads

PORTLAND (AP)—Druggists report there is a run on medicine for treating head lice in Portland. But city and county health authorities disagree on how widespread the outbreak is.

Dr. F. Sydney Hansen, Multnomah County health officer, said there are lice in the hair of thousands of children and that the outbreak is spreading to hundreds of new children each day.

However, Dr. Thomas L. Meador, city health officer, said there was more hysteria than lice. Many people are mistaking dandruff for lice eggs, he said.

Those unable to get medicine are being advised by doctors to use vinegar or a mixture of kerosene and olive oil on children's heads.

Mail Rate Increase Approved in Senate

WASHINGTON (AP)—A bill providing for the biggest postal rate increase in U.S. history was passed by the Senate Wednesday and sent to the House.

It would raise the first class letter rate to 4 cents and add a penny to the cost of air mail letters and ordinary postcards, now delivered for 6 and 2 cents.

When these and other proposed increases become effective, Post Office revenue would be increased by an estimated \$75 million dollars a year.

About 265 million of this extra revenue would be spent annually on increased pay for the 520,000 postal employees. The bill carries a 10 per cent pay raise for most of the employees, retroactive to Jan. 1.

Dr. Irving I. Raines, director of the Postal Rates Division in the Post Office Department, said Congress has never passed a bigger rate hike than that contained in the 1958 bill. It covers practically every rate in every class of mail under congressional jurisdiction, he added.

Senate passage was on an 88-0 rollcall vote. The House is expected to pass the bill possibly tomorrow.

Compromise Measure

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Thieves Help Lick Slump

JACKSON, Mich. (AP)—What this county needs to beat the recession is more thieves.

That's what the Southern Michigan Prison newspaper, Spectator, says in a tongue-in-cheek editorial.

"Without a criminal element there would be no need for police officers to protect you," the editorial suggested. "If there were no need for police officers, thousands of men would be out of work. Banks, locks, burglar alarms, vaults, guards, insurance companies all would be unnecessary. Aren't you glad there are a few honest thieves around to keep you working?"

Salem Has 90-Degree Reading

By ALLEN MORRISON Staff Writer, The Statesman

The mid-Willamette Valley simmered under 90-degree temperatures Wednesday and forest fire danger in the area could quickly become critical if the scorching heat continues, forestry officials said.

The Salem area had a hot 90 degrees Wednesday, the highest reading for the year, and McNary Field weathermen said more of the same is forecast for today.

Meanwhile, U.S. forest service crews, helped by private logging firms, Wednesday had under control a forest blaze that burned over 60 acres on Mount June near Cottage Grove, Associated Press reported.

Fire Mopped Up

The blaze, believed started by friction on a logging block, broke out at about 11 a.m. Tuesday and fire fighters were mopping up Wednesday evening.

Ted Maul, of the State Forestry Department, warned that any fire negligence now would result in serious fires in lower elevations. He said fire danger was not considered a problem in areas above 2,000 feet because of the moisture from snow packs.

Guy Johnson, U.S. Forestry Department official, pointed out that a fast drop in humidity, coupled with a strong east wind could cause critical conditions.

The humidity dropped to 25 per cent in Salem Wednesday. Dangerous humidity is considered about 30 per cent.

The two forest officials said that about 25 small lightning fires broke out Sunday night on the western slopes of the Cascade Mountains were all extinguished. The lightning caused a chain of this type fires from the California border to Washington, but minor damage resulted, they said. A few were reported also in the coast range, Johnson added.

'Another Scorcher'

As the recent heat wave spread through Northwestern points, the area hot spot was The Dalles which registered 95 degrees Wednesday, Associated Press reported.

Forecasters said today would be another scorcher with still more hot, dry air moving in the region. There is little cloud cover to reduce the radiation, although some shower activity was reported in eastern Oregon.

Northern Oregon beaches are expected to escape real hot weather today, as the forecast calls for a temperature range from a high of 68 to a low tonight of 50 degrees, AP reported. Beaches will have low morning clouds with sunny weather this afternoon, AP added.

Necktie Party Falls Flat as 'Noose' Parts

QUESNEL, B.C. (AP)—It's enough to make an old outlaw sick to his stomach the way these modern Westerners bungled a necktie party here.

Folks up thisaway are having themselves a centennial celebration and they decided nothing represented the good old days like a good old hangin' of some pesky boss thief.

There warn't no handy thief so Dave Davis, a horse breeder and salesman, said he'd be right happy to be strung up from a tree in front of the historic Cariboo Hotel.

It was sorta solemn and everything Tuesday as Doug perched on a pony and the grim old noose dropped around his neck.

Someone prodded the pony and it ran right out from under old Doug—just like they used to do. Then a saving harness hidden under Doug's coat and attached to the rope went and snapped. Doug fell flat on his face in the deep dust on the street.

Blazing Truck Blocks Road

CORVALLIS (AP)—A truck which used propane gas for fuel caught fire and closed Highway 99 south of here Wednesday.

Cause of the blaze, which started near the cab of the venerable hauling truck, was not determined.

The driver, William Darland, 39, of Corvallis, suffered burns on his arms, neck and head. His condition was reported as satisfactory at a Corvallis hospital.

The truck was owned by the Corvallis Plywood Co.

When it became apparent that the fire could not be put out quickly, traffic was routed to a road two miles west.

Ike's Aides Differ Over Prospects of Slump End

By J. W. DAVIS

WASHINGTON (AP)—One top government official sees some fairly rosy prospects ahead for the economy while another said the government faces a lot of in-the-red spending.

Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks gave the cheery view Wednesday to the House Banking committee: "I anticipate that the economic picture will be much brighter later this year and the next, if we do the right things now."

"Employment has been rising seasonally, certain business indicators are a bit better here and there and a spirit of revived confidence is beginning to appear."

The red-ink discussion came from Budget Director Maurice Stans, talking to reporters after a call on President Eisenhower.

Stans predicted that spending in the current fiscal year, ending next June 30, will be 73-74 billion dollars, with a deficit of about three billion.

For the year beginning July 1, Stans said the government may be expected to go 8-10 billions into the red. Last January Eisenhower estimated spending in this new year would reach \$73,900,000,000, with a surplus of 500 million. The recession, cutting revenue and increasing spending plans, has changed all that.

Looking farther ahead, Stans predicted that federal spending in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1959, will increase to about 80 billion dollars.

Fish Cannery Strike Looms

ASTORIA, Ore. (AP)—Cannery workers, who voted to strike 15 fish packing plants in this area, said Wednesday they will continue to process river fish until Thursday midnight and ocean fish until Saturday midnight.

After that they will walk out of the plants unless the demands for increased wages and eight paid holidays are met, said John Janosco, international representative of the union.

Janosco said the additional time will permit the handling of all fish now on hand and that there will be no waste of docked fish. He said he understood that fishermen were tying up their boats in this area, pending a settlement of the dispute.

The workers are asking 7 1/2 cents an hour more. They now receive a base wage of \$1.56 plus a 4-cent cost-of-living increase which became effective earlier this year.

Winnipeg, Man. (AP)—Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson planted a row of beet-red faces at the Winnipeg airport.

Expected Tuesday on a flight from Calgary, Benson changed his mind and came on a plane from Edmonton. When no one met him, he gave his luggage to a porter and took a cab.

The cab driver observed en route that a big escort was at the airport to greet "some big shot agriculture man from the United States."

Benson called the airport from his hotel and said he had arrived safely and would be on hand to address the Chamber of Commerce. A welcoming party of three U.S. officials and six Winnipeg businessmen rushed off to the hotel.

Hom Chow Him Wants Name Changed to Joe

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Hom Chow Him, son of Hum Mow Gin, wants to change his name to Abraham Joe.

Hom Chow Him said his father was born in the United States but he was born at Chum Ha Cae, China, Dec. 27, 1901.

Hom Chow Him said he has been called "Joe" for 17 years. He asked Circuit Court to make it legal.

Spouting Parakeet Takes to Wilds

Statesman News Service

FOUR CORNERS—If someone hears "one, two, buckle my shoe, three, four, open the door," do just that. It will be an escaped parakeet that fluently spouts nursery rhymes.

The blue and grey bird, with yellow head, this week flew through an open door at the William Slater residence, 4285 State St. The bird's name is Smoky.

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Man Charged In Lion Death

NANAIMO, B.C. (CP)—Zoo keeper Paul Hietel, 48, Wednesday was committed for trial on a charge of criminal negligence laid after an African lioness escaped from his zoo and killed eight-year-old Maureen Vanstone.

Maureen was attacked May 3 on a road near the zoo, six miles north of this Vancouver Island city. A posse of armed men hunted down the lioness a few hours later and killed it.

On the Brighter Side . . .



Lotus blossoms and lanterns will decorate the Leslie Junior High School gymnasium Friday night as some 512 ninth graders have their annual graduation party. Theme of this year's farewell dance is "Sayonara." Steven Stewart, student body president, and Candy Painter, decorations chairman, are shown working on a Japanese archway for the affair.

Texan Dies At 124 Years

BROWNSVILLE, Tex. (AP)—Colorful Francisco Gomez Marfil, who was believed to be 124 years old and who bore the title of "The Man With the Ax," died Wednesday.

If his associates and his own memory were correct, he was born before Victoria became queen of England and while his adopted state of Texas was an outlying province of Mexico.

Until he became ill six months ago, he walked about this southern Texas city with his single-bladed ax balanced on his shoulder. The ax was his trademark. He actively made his living until 1950 as a wood cutter.

Portland School Names Princess

PORTLAND (AP)—Stephanie Ann Priddy, 17, Wednesday was named Madison High School's princess for the Rose Festival.

Miss Priddy, 5-3 and 129 pounds, has brown hair and brown eyes. She is the daughter of Al Priddy, a dick jockey for Radio Station KEX.

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