

WEATHER

High yesterday, 43 degrees.
Low last night, 29 degrees. Sun-
set today, 5:00. Sunrise tomor-
row, 7:32.

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FORECAST

Cloudy today with occasional
rain or snow flurries tonight and
Sunday; high both days 40-45;
low tonight 29-34.

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'Jinxed' Bridge Sends 5 to Deaths

Money Rolls In for GOP At 'Salutes'

By UNITED PRESS
"Salute to Eisenhower" dinners grossed an estimated five million dollars last night to back up Republican determination to stay in the White House another four years.
An estimated 100,000 Republicans made the salute a warm one for President Eisenhower to the tune of \$100 a plate in most cases. In Chicago, young Republicans who couldn't afford the high cost of campaigning got a "sandwich" instead of the box lunch at the bargain rate of \$12.50. In New York, an estimated 5,000 young Republicans got a free lunch.
In Boston, Thomas Pappas, a wealthy Greek immigrant, pledged the GOP coffers \$100,000 from the Massachusetts state party. He said the state organization would raise the money to "get Ike elected."
The biggest gathering was in New York's Madison Square garden where 17,000 persons donated more than one-million dollars. About 1,000 of the persons attending were entertainers and members of choral groups and 5,000 more were young Republicans who were admitted free.
Treasury Secretary Spoke
The \$100 donors got a lobster box lunch and heard Treasury Secretary George Humphrey laud the Eisenhower administration.
In Chicago, more than 4,000 Republicans heard Vice President Richard M. Nixon introduce President Eisenhower's television address. Nixon's own address defended the administration's policies and tore into Democratic critics.

Night Skiing Set Tonight

There will be night skiing at the Skyliner Playground tonight!
Skiing will start at 7 p.m. and continue until the demand slackens, probably around 9:30 p.m. Another generator shack still has to be constructed, but officials are going ahead with plans for night skiing anyway.
Conditions were a little icy at the multi-sports winter area Saturday morning, but they were expected to improve with more use this afternoon.
A new tow rope has also been installed, which will result in fewer breakdowns.
The Skyliner lift is also back in action, after a slight mechanical failure. However, the bus won't make any runs on nights or Sundays. And unless there are more passengers in the morning, the bus will only be used in the afternoons. At present there are a few too few skiers taking advantage of the bus in the morning.
Anyone desiring Skyliner membership can pick up his card at a new booth set up at the area, or inside the warming hut.

Mel Rogers Outstanding 1955 Citizen

By PHIL F. BROGAN
Bulletin Staff Writer
Recognition to men named as Bend's outstanding citizens of the past year was extended by the Junior Chamber of Commerce at its annual distinguished award banquet here last night, at the Pine Tavern.
Melvin L. Rogers, city commissioner, Pageantarian, filter center volunteer and United Fund worker, was acclaimed Bend's senior citizen of the year, with Ben W. Fanning, last year's top citizen, making the presentation.
Vince Genna, U.S. Air Force veteran, local leader in junior base ball activities and worker who spearheaded the rejuvenation of the Skyliners, was named the No. 1 junior citizen of the year. Owen Panner, last year's top junior man, made the presentation, and presided at the dinner.
Given Key Award
The Jaycees named Arnie Swarzens, who headed many club projects in the year, the recipient of their prized key award. Keith Shepard made the presentation.
This year the Jaycees also paid tribute to their outstanding worker on the distaff side—Mrs. Neil Jackson. The presentation of the certificate, something new in distinguished service award banquets here, was made by Mrs. Helmer Wallan.
Four special certificates, in recognition of community activities, were also awarded.
Lundgren Honored
1. Leonard Lundgren received one of these certificates, with special mention made of the lumberman's assistance to the Skyliners, and his aid in many other community projects. The presentation was made by Alvin J. Gray for the Jaycees, and in the absence of Lundgren, now in the south, Norbert Schaefer accepted the certificate.
2. Mrs. Charles B. Hinds, Jr., Bend air defense filter center civilian administrator, received the second of the special certificates, in recognition of her work with the center and the GOC. Rodney Hufstader made the presentation.
Special Recognition
3. The Bend Bulletin was the recipient of one of the special recognition certificates, for its efforts in behalf of a community college and its opposition to the establishment of a sawmill in alpine timber in the Crescent lake area. J. Pat Metke made the presentation to Phil F. Brogan of The Bulletin staff, who accepted in behalf of Robert W. Chandler, editor and publisher.
4. The fourth special certificate was awarded to Radio Station KBND, in recognition of its civic work. Jack Thornton of the KBND staff accepted the certificate from Helmer Wallan.



SPEAKER—Tom McCall, Portland radio executive, was guest speaker at the Jaycees' 1956 distinguished award banquet here Friday night, at the Pine Tavern. (Bend Bulletin Photo)

Americans Face Record Onslaught From Politicos

The most confusing, loudest and most expensive political bombardment in the history of America is already being triggered and will last until the frosts of November, Thomas Lawson McCall, Portland radio executive and news commentator, reminded an audience here last night.
He was guest speaker at the 1956 distinguished awards banquet sponsored by the Bend Chamber of Commerce, and was introduced by Owen Panner.
The bombardment, McCall cautioned, may weaken the very democratic system under which America became supreme in the world.
Perception Test
"Driven home with record campaign expenditures, the verbal cannonading of both parties will likely test the perception of the electorate of the nation as never before," McCall said, adding:
"It is going to take tenacity, patience, discernment and humor to enable the voter to keep from being torn away from his perspective by the great barrage of 1956."
"Of those four requisites, perhaps an active sense of humor will be his best defense for his own rationality."
"Would that America had an organization for sane politicking to see to it that real relaxers like, say, the old motion picture, 'The Senator was Indiscreet,' are brought into full play nationally."

12 Workmen Plunged Into Brazos River

HEMPSTEAD, Tex. (UP) — Twelve workmen plunged 75 feet into the Brazos River Friday night when part of a "jinxed" bridge collapsed and authorities feared today five men had been killed.
The men plummeted into the water along with a million pounds of steel after a concrete pillar supporting the bridge gave way.
It was the third accident on the bridge project since last spring.
Seven men survived the latest mishap, but three were injured, two critically.
A 180-foot long span of the bridge which fell into the river hung crazily on its side today, dipping into the water.
Mass Of Steel
The tangled mass of steel and concrete — the two I-beams that fell weighed 999,000 pounds — was so big some of it stuck up above the water's surface. The river is 15 feet deep.
R. T. Chalk, 37, of Kaufman, Tex., who was injured said he was fastening the two great I-beams together when he saw one of them start slipping away.
"I grabbed the beam that was attached to the crane," he said. "It started moving and I hung onto it. I figured I'd dropped about 10 feet holding onto it."
"Then it turned and threw me off. Just then I heard a loud pop and the whole bridge seemed to come crashing down. The next thing I knew I hit the water 75 feet below with a crash."
"I swam out under my own power."

Workers Idled By Auto Firms

DETROIT (UP) — The auto industry, anticipating a seasonal buyer slump, has idled some 25,000 production workers in the past month in an effort to right the lopsided level of supply and demand.
Plymouth division of Chrysler Corp. laid off 10,350 workers yesterday, the biggest individual lay-off notice announced since the industry started gradually trimming production in mid-December.
Plymouth said 8350 workers would be laid off in Detroit and 2000 at two plants at Evansville, Ind.
William J. Bird, Chrysler vice president in charge of the Plymouth division, said production schedules were reduced in order "to bring dealer stocks into line with market demand."

Farmers' Club Helps Pay For Old Folks' TV

A bonus donation to the River View nursing home for the television set hookup and service charges has been made by the Powell Butte Farmer's club.
The amount is \$25. The donation was received by Mrs. Mary Damon of The Bulletin who has acted a treasurer of the fund shortly before the subscriptions from residents and organizations reached the total needed and exceeded it.
The ranchers of Powell Butte donating the \$25 had sent in their check made out to another nursing home. Mrs. Damon returned the check and in a letter explained that enough money had already been received.
The Powell Butte Farmers Club was not to be denied.
Its treasurer rewrote the check, correctly and sent it back. Mrs. Damon has turned the money over to the home, which now not only has enough to pay this year's TV charges but some \$18.23 to apply to next year's.

GETS ONE YEAR
Ken R. Pruitt was sentenced to one year in the Oregon State penitentiary Friday on a check charge by Judge Ralph S. Hamilton. He will be transported to Salem Monday.

Vote Due Monday on Water Bonds; Polls Will Be Open from 8 to 8

By DON HIGGINS
Bulletin Staff Writer
Registered voters of Bend will ballot Monday on the question of issuing \$365,000 in bonds to complete financing needed for proposed improvements in the city's water system.
Voting will be held in two precincts. Voters living east of the Deschutes river will vote in Precinct 1 in the city hall, those west of the river in Precinct 2 in the basement of the Kenwood school, Newport avenue and Harmon boulevard.
The polls will be open continuously from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.
Well Publicized
During the past month, details of the improvements planned and

the reasons for installing them have been made public in a series of articles in this newspaper, in radio broadcasts and in talks by Walter T. Thompson, city manager, to civic groups.
Briefly, if the voters approve the issue, improvements will be started, as soon as the money is in hand, that will nearly double the present water capacity. If they vote against it, the improvements will be made over a period of about 15 years.
There will be no increase in taxes, the city commissioners declare, although the credit of the city is behind the issue. The bond will be retired when due from money paid by residents for water. The rates were increased Decem-

ber 1 for the purpose.
Bought in 1926
This will be the second bond issue election held for improvements since the city of Bend bought its water system in 1926 from the Bend Water, Light and Power company. The price was \$271,149.19. A bond issue of \$600,000 was sold to pay for the system and to extend it, principally by getting a new source of supply to replace the ill-tasting and odorous water then in use.
The second bond issue was voted in 1947 to obtain \$150,000 for the completion of payments on the first issue of \$600,000.
The first bond issue for improvements was voted in 1951. It was for \$300,000. Part of issue had been retired as the bonds became due from money paid by users of the water. As the remainder of the bonds, some \$474,000 worth, mature, they will be paid from the same source.

You'll Have to Sign Your Name in Voting This Time

New regulations governing voting in Oregon will be effective here Monday when Bend residents ballot on the \$365,000 water improvement bonds, to expedite the completion of the municipal system.
It will be the first election in Oregon under the new procedure.
The major change in the laws, passed at the 1955 session of the state legislature, will be that requiring all voters to sign two poll books, in either ink or indelible pencil.
By signing the poll books, the voter will attest that his residence, as listed in the books, is correct. The first clerk will inform the voter of this fact.
New poll books have been prepared by the Deschutes county clerk.
If the residence address of a voter in the poll books is not correctly given because of an error in the preparation of the poll books, the chairman shall ascertain the correct address from the voter by an oath, as provided by Oregon laws.
If an elector needs assistance in preparing his ballot, it shall be given by chairman and judge.
Guardrails are to be provided

around the board's table. Only electors admitted within the hall will be those preparing their ballots.
Board officials said that if voters acquaint themselves with the numbers of their precincts, voting will be expedited at the special election. Precinct numbers will be required, so the clerks can search the proper poll books for the names.
This will be Bend's first vote since the balloting laws were revised at the 1955 session of the legislature.
At the May primaries, and the November election this year, all persons must live in the precinct in which they vote. Business men and others who have been voting at downtown precincts will lose their right to ballot unless they register before the May primary.
The Oregon law now states that the voter must ballot in the precinct where his home is. The rule requiring the signing of the poll books will attest this fact and will be effective at the primary and general elections in 1956.

Bend May Get Another Fight On Fluorides

Bend had a new challenge today against its attempt to add fluorides to the water supply.
W. J. Baer, who carried his first battle against the program to the Oregon Supreme Court, said he was not through yet.
Baer's announcement came in the wake of a statement that Bend had ordered equipment to treat the water supply after the recent decision of the Supreme Court that the fluoridation of water was legal and within the rights of cities.
Baer said he would attempt to place the issue on the ballot at Bend for a second time on the grounds that "the voters were confused when" a approved fluoridation the first time. He said he would circulate initiative petitions to force a vote on the question to be passed simply: "Fluorine in Bend, yes or no."

Water Hearing Opening Monday

Hearings on the water adjudication of the Deschutes river are set to begin Monday before Judge Ralph S. Hamilton of the Circuit court in the county courthouse.
Some of the water rights to be adjudicated have been delayed by depression, war and continuance over a period of nearly 40 years.
A number of attorneys, representing water districts and individuals, are expected to get together on matters in dispute among themselves before filing their exceptions with the court. They have informed Judge Hamilton they believe they can iron out some differences.
Actual hearings may get underway late in the day.
Interested parties include, the Central Oregon Irrigation district, the Arnold district, the North unit and the Lone Pine, or Crook county improvement district.
Squaw creek district water rights were adjudicated in 1917. The Tumalo district, as the Deschutes Municipal Improvement district is popularly called, is not directly involved but will have supplemental proceedings.

Reports Confuse Search for Killer

PRINCETON, Ind. (UP)—Jittery citizens "positively" identifying fugitive Leslie Irvin in five states spurred a confused police and FBI search today for the escaped "mad dog" killer.
The search concentrated in Illinois and Indiana. But the slayer, condemned to the electric chair, was reported seen in Dayton, Ohio; Louisville, Ky., and St. Louis, Mo.
Irvin escaped the Gibson County Jail here Thursday. He was awaiting electrocution in June for murder. He had been accused of slaying six persons and was convicted for the murder of one of them.
The FBI entered the case Friday morning when a fugitive warrant was obtained at Evansville, Ind. The warrant charged the 31-year-old slayer had crossed the state line from Indiana to Mt. Carmel, Ill., where he is believed to have stolen an automobile.

Knowland Avoids Reference to Ike

PALM BEACH, Fla. (UP)—Sen. William F. Knowland (R-Calif) defended the administration's foreign policy against Democratic attacks last night but avoided paying personal tribute to President Eisenhower.
The Senate minority leader sharply attacked Democratic presidential hopeful Adlai Stevenson and other "New Dealers" for their "unwarranted" attacks on Secretary of State John Foster Dulles at a \$100-a-plate Republican fundraising dinner.



TOP CITIZENS OF YEAR — Jaycees at their annual distinguished awards banquet here Friday night named these men as Bend's outstanding men of the year. From the left they are Vince Genna, named No. 1 junior citizen; Melvin Rogers, senior citizen, and Arnie Swarzens, selected by the Jaycees as their key man of the year. (Bend Bulletin Photo)

Hudspeth Goes on Buying Spree

DENVER (UP) — John Hudspeth, an Oregon cattleman, finished a four-day buying spree at the National Western Stock Show yesterday during which he acquired 160 Hereford and Angus bulls.
Hudspeth was the biggest individual buyer at the 50th annual National Western, and one of the biggest in the show's history.
He must have spent more than \$100,000 on stock for Hudspeth Land & Livestock Co., at Prineville, Ore., which he operates with two brothers.
Hudspeth began on Tuesday,

paying an average of \$1,775 each for 12 herd bulls at the Lamont Pavilion sale. The same day he bought 10 yearling bulls from B. P. Franklin of Meeker, Colo., for \$5,350.
Then he closed deals for a load of bulls from the famed Deberard Cattle Co., of Kremmling, Colo., 26 yearling bulls from John Keller & Sons of St. Francis, Kan., and 20 yearling bulls from George Cummings & Son of Amherst, Colo.
On Wednesday he paid \$3,375 for the show's championship pen of three Aberdeen-Angus bulls and

\$3,150 for the reserve champion pen, shown by Lewis Pierce of Creston, Ill. He followed that with the purchase of the champion and reserve pens of five Angus bulls, and nine other Angus bulls.
On Thursday he bought 15 bull calves from B. P. Franklin for \$22,500—including one which Franklin valued at \$11,000.
Yesterday, Hudspeth bought 14 more Hereford bull calves.
Prices were not made public on all Hudspeth's purchases, but the 29 bull calves he bought alone cost \$32,000.