

THE WEATHER HERE

PARTLY CLOUDY tonight and Wednesday. Morning cloudiness, fog on coast. Slightly cooler temperatures. Lowest tonight, 55; highest Wednesday, 82.

Maximum yesterday, 85; minimum today, 55. 24-hour precipitation, 0; for month, 5.1; normal, .01. Season precipitation, 41.87; normal, 37.34. River height, -2.5 feet.

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Years Delay on Paving Faced on County Roads

Rep Tape Holds-up Petitions for Financing By Assessments

By DON UPJOHN County officials admit that while there will be possibly as high as 30 to 40 petitions asking for improvements of dedicated public roads under a new law of the last legislature when forms are ready for filing such petitions, they are dubious of there being much chance of going ahead on any of the projects before next spring.

The objective of the law is to allow such road improvements to be financed by assessments against abutting properties, somewhat as is done in the cities.

A petition bearing signatures of 75 per cent of the property owners representing 75 per cent of the property, can set in motion the request for the improvement. If it is approved by the engineer and the court the improvement may be approved and work done, the cost to be repaid by assessments against the property during a period of not to exceed five years.

Delayed by Red Tape What has held up petitions to date is an absence of the proper form for such petitions being prepared. The county court had inquired what was being done in Multnomah county and officials there said that the banks and others interested were working on a form which they would loan the county here when it was completed.

Word then came that such a form had been worked out but after being rehashed was found unsatisfactory and a new one was being worked on. Since then no further word has come as to progress being made there.

In the meantime, everyone who had evidenced an interest in the law and indicated that they wished to file petitions has been advised as to the situation and consequently no petitions have as yet been filed as no forms are available.

\$25,000 Set Aside The county court here has set aside \$25,000 for such road improvements in the current budget which they admit will probably be but a drop in the bucket to cover expense of what roads are likely to be asked to be improved.

Portland banks have evidenced an interest in possibly advancing funds in that county for an extensive road development program under the law and it is thought possibly some such additional money might be available here, but this is still to develop when petitions are available.

Rural Roads Questionnaire

The state highway department has filed with the county court an extensive questionnaire dealing with local rural roads in the county which is an outgrowth of hearings in the federal congress on two bills which would appropriate in excess of a hundred million dollars for development of such type roads.

County Judge Murphy said questions had been raised in congress as to whether, if the federal government appropriated the funds, all the counties in the country are equipped with personnel and other necessary factors to properly administer and expend such funds to get the most out of them.

Hence the questionnaire. Each highway department in every state has been asked to ascertain the status of each county in its respective state as to its personnel, equipment and ability to handle the funds.

In this state, when all the questionnaires are in, and it is asked they be filed with the commission by August 8, then the executive committee of the association of Oregon counties of which Judge Murphy is president, will meet with representatives of the state highway department and federal bureau of roads to go over the questionnaires and put the information gleaned from them into shape for filing with the congressional committee.

Governor on 2-Day Trip Governor Douglas McKay left today on a crowded two-day trip to southern Oregon.

This morning he was at the Oregon state police school at Corvallis. He will attend the opening tonight of the Shakespearean festival at Ashland, and tomorrow he'll inspect federal reclamation projects in Jackson and Josephine counties.

Oregon Facing Again Shortage Of Teachers

Rural Districts Shy Instructors—1000 Emergency Permits Issued

Oregon will again face a serious teacher shortage when the fall term opens next month, according to Rex Putnam, superintendent of public instruction Tuesday.

In a few spots, particularly around population centers, sufficient teachers are available to supply the demands, Putnam said. This is because teachers own homes in such places, wish to teach near their homes and are unwilling to move into rural areas where more teachers are needed. However, in the state generally the shortage remains acute, he said.

1000 Emergency Permits Already this year 1000 emergency permits for elementary teachers have been issued and it is expected that at least 700 more will be issued before the first of September. Last year more than 1700 emergency permits were issued.

No emergency permits are being issued this year for teachers in high schools, Putnam said. Last year only 72 permits to teach in high schools were issued and these were so-called carry-overs, or persons who needed one additional year to qualify as high school teachers.

Small Increase Noted There has been a small increase in the teacher supply gained from teacher training institutions in the state, Putnam said. However, the supply from this source is still far from the required number of teachers needed.

Last year slightly more than 10,000 teachers were engaged in the schools of the state. This number included both permanent and temporary teachers.

Clark Assured Confirmation

Washington, Aug. 2 (AP)—The double appointment moving Attorney General Tom Clark to the supreme court and Senator J. Howard McGrath (D., R.I.) into the justice department seemed today to have a clear path to senate approval.

President Truman sent his formal nominations of the two men to the senators today, after receiving word they would accept the posts.

But the backwash may produce conflicting bids by Senator Stennis (D., Miss.) and Senator Kerr (D., Okla.) for a coveted place on the senate's tax handling finance committee. Stennis is a states rights supporter; Kerr an administration backer.

McGrath's acceptance yesterday of President Truman's offer of the attorney generalship cleared the way for the official action by President Truman to nominate both him and Clark.

Clark's acceptance of the supreme court appointment, to fill the place vacated by the death of Associate Justice Frank Murphy, had been a foregone conclusion.

House Votes Increase In Veterans Pensions

Washington, Aug. 2 (AP)—An annual increase of \$112,000,000 in veterans' pensions and disability payments was voted today by the house.

The bill was passed without opposition or debate and was sent to the senate.

It would hike disability compensation for veterans of all wars, raise allowances for dependents, and liberalize regulations governing determination of service-connected disabilities for World War I veterans.

The veterans administration estimated cost for the first year would be \$112,597,300. It made no estimate of the cost of subsequent years.

Here's what the house veterans' affairs committee said the bill would do:

- 1. Provide for payment of full compensation, instead of the present 75 percent, to World War I veterans for disabilities legally presumed to be service-connected. Estimated first-year cost, \$4,691,000.
2. Liberalize the compensation schedule of any veterans suffering from tuberculosis by

Group Stymies Federal Aid To Education

2 Hours Stormy Debate Results in Disagreement

Washington, Aug. 2 (AP)—Two hours of stormy debate left the house labor committee today exactly where it was on federal aid to education.

It agreed unanimously to take up the subject, and then disagreed sharply on the following four motions.

- 1. By Rep. Howell (D., N. J.), to approve the school aid bill passed by the senate. This lost 14 to 11.
2. By Rep. Kearns (R., Pa.), to approve a republican backed bill which would grant some help to non-public schools. It was voted down 15 to 10.
3. By Rep. Kennedy (D., Mass.), to put off the whole thing until next year. Defeated 13 to 12.
4. By Rep. Nixon (R., Calif.), to bring up the republican bill again and consider amending it. This lost 16 to 8.

No Action Taken

When the noon convening of the house forced the committee adjourn, it was debating a motion by Rep. Weir (D., Minn.), to bring the senate bill back before the committee for amendments.

Chairman Lesinski (D., Mich.), said he will call another meeting on the subject as soon as he can arrange it.

The committee did not vote on the bill by Rep. Barden (D., N. C.), chairman of the subcommittee which held aid-to-education hearings this spring. Barden's bill would exclude non-public schools from all federal aid.

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Amethyst Limp To Hong Kong

Aboard H. M. S. Jamaica at Sea, Aug. 2 (AP)—The battered little sloop Amethyst limped toward Hong Kong today where a rousing welcome awaits the Doughty crew who brought her to freedom through Chinese communist gunfire.

A squadron of spitfires will dip in salute, bands will blare and a military honor guard will be waiting at the wharf when the shell-scattered royal navy craft arrives in Hong Kong harbor tomorrow.

The medal of the distinguished service order will be awarded Lieut. Comdr. John S. Kerrans, skipper of the Amethyst, which escaped Saturday night from moorings on the Yangtze river, 60 miles below Nanking.

The award will be made with the personal approval of King George VI, who already has commended the crew for its gallantry in bringing the ship to safety.

The Amethyst had been pinned down in the Yangtze since April 20 when she got caught in communist shore fire during a confused battle between British warships and communist armies.

The British admiralty has asked the far eastern naval command to make any further recommendations for crewmen who showed exceptional valor in getting the Amethyst out of her trap.



Marshall Testifies—Sen. Tom Connally (D-Tex.) (left) whispers into the ear of George C. Marshall as the former secretary of state testified before the house foreign affairs committee on the arms aid program. Marshall said the program is "urgently necessary" to help prevent Russian aggression. (Acme Telephoto.)

Brannan Urges CVA As Aid to Farming

Washington, Aug. 2 (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Brannan today supported creation of a Columbia valley administration in the Pacific northwest as "of vital importance" to the region's agriculture.

"Agriculture is, and will undoubtedly continue to be, the region's most important economic activity," he told the house public works committee. "It supports more people, produces more wealth and affects wider areas than any other resource."

Brannan was the final witness before the committee this session unless it and the senate public works committee decide to hear testimony in the basin area.

He said a CVA would help coordinate the agriculture department's work.

It would integrate the forest service, soil conservation service, production and marketing administration and cooperative extension service with the engineering, construction and power features of the CVA, Brannan added.

Committee members asked why, if the army engineers, reclamation bureau and Bonneville Power Administration are all placed in the proposed CVA, it would not be just as feasible to include the region's agriculture department activities.

Brannan replied work of the CVA and his agencies would be so closely integrated, the agencies' actual transfer would not be necessary.

Reps. Angell (R., Ore.) and Mack (R., Wash.) asked if a CVA would not interpose another agency through which the department would have to integrate its northwest programs.

Brannan agreed it would but insisted the bill provides means of composing any differences between the department and a CVA.

Auxiliary Chief Greeted Here

Mayor Robert L. Elfstrom, a representative of the governor and several high American Legion officials were on hand at the state capitol building early Tuesday afternoon to welcome Mrs. Hubert A. Goode, national president of the women's auxiliary, to Salem.

Mrs. Goode will be here all this week, in conjunction with the Oregon state American Legion convention.

Among Legion dignitaries welcoming Mrs. Goode were Wilda Thorn, state auxiliary president; Mrs. I. N. Bacon, chairman of the 1949 auxiliary convention; and B. E. (Kelly) Owens, department commander of the Legion for Oregon.

Meanwhile, hundreds of other auxiliary members, 40 at 8's and Legionnaires were arriving in Salem as the gay and colorful convention draws near.

Wednesday is 40 at 8 day, an event which promises a gala array of funmaking on Salem's downtown streets. Highlighting the initiation of the "goofs" (new 40 at 8 members) will be the 40 at 8 parade, scheduled to wind through downtown Salem beginning at 5 p. m.

Speedy Passage of Arms Bill Held Necessity by Harriman

Jet Planes to Be Standard Type In Germany

Grafenwohr, Germany, Aug. 2 (AP)—The United States joint chiefs of staff disclosed today that jet planes will replace all standard type American fighter aircraft in Germany.

The military leaders also declared that American troops here are ready for any emergency. Army Gen. Omar N. Bradley told reporters there will be no reduction of American troops in Germany "that I know of."

Troops Reviewed Bradley, Air Force Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg and Adm. Louis Denfeld of the navy reviewed American combat troops at the former German army training ground here.

Attack planes and bombers and a navy contingent joined 17,000 troops of the First Infantry division and constabulary units in honoring the military leaders.

Bradley, Vandenberg and Denfeld arrived in Germany Saturday for a 10-day study of European defenses and potentialities under the Atlantic pact. They flew to Grafenwohr from Frankfurt today in President Truman's personal plane, the Independence, and will leave for London in a few hours to continue discussions with British defense chiefs and other European leaders.

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Salem Building Permits For July \$257,662

July totaled \$257,662, according to city building office records. Of this total \$190,512 was for new construction and \$67,150 repairs and alterations.

The total showed a decrease from June, which totaled \$504,734. And the decrease was sharply under July of 1948 which showed a total of \$690,489.

New permits today: V. I. Clutter, to repair a one-story dwelling at 1920 Water, \$1000. Odd Fellows lodge, to reroof a three-story building at 187 North High, \$2950. Phil Brownell, to reroof a 1 1/2-story dwelling at 588 North Winter, \$425. Mable Egglehoff, to reroof a one-story dwelling at 2283 Lee, \$300. Wally Crowder, to build a garage at 420 Larsen, \$1000. Harvey Quistad, to build a one-story dwelling and garage at 1547 Charles, \$10,500.

Little Time Left For FHA Loans

Verne Elliott, assistant state director of the federal housing authority, told the Capital Journal Tuesday that Salem, according to FHA estimates, has room for one or two more elevator type apartment houses in addition to the 101-unit building already approved.

He said, however, that the time limit for application is merely a matter of days, because congress had failed to extend the special provision under which apartments could be built on FHA loans.

The act expires at the end of August, and it takes nearly 30 days to process an application. Elliott said also that no other application, besides the one just announced for the southwest corner of Union and North Winter had been received from Salem.

\$2.75 Price for Peaches Fixed

Nearly 40 peach growers meeting at the Chamber of Commerce Monday decided on a price of \$2.75 a box at the orchard for a 45-pound box of US No. 1 peaches to those who bring their own boxes and \$3 a box otherwise.

Second grade peaches will be \$2.50 a box at the orchard. Prices of peaches for processing commercially have not yet been fixed and a committee was named to visit the canners and discuss price.

Included on this committee are Merle LaFollette, Cornelius; Chester LaMar and Paul Townsend; Gervais; L. W. Scoggin; Dayton; Ed Bois; Brooks; Gordon Hadley, Independence, and Clyde LaFollette.

Belief was expressed that commercial peaches should bring at least \$60 a ton against the \$75 paid last year. Growers said they couldn't break even and pay their pickers at \$45 a ton.

Reds Drive on 3 Chinese Fronts

Communist armies in China spearheaded southward on three fronts today. Nationalists admitted Red gains in Hunan, Kiangsi and Kansu provinces.

In Hunan, the rice bowl province, communists are 313 miles north of Canton, Nationalist provisional capital the communists say the expect to capture by Aug. 15.

The communists have outflanked the main Nationalist defense force in Hunan and again have cut the Canton-Hankow railway. In Kansu province, the communists threatened vast northwestern China, ruled by Moslem warlords.

Hong Kong, the British crown colony, prepared a routing welcome for the battered little sloop Amethyst which escaped down the Yangtze river Saturday under communist gunfire. The Amethyst had been pinned since 60 miles below Nanking since April 20.

A Chinese Nationalist source in Seoul, capital of non-communist Korea, said Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek is expected to arrive there tomorrow to discuss a proposed Pacific pact with President Syngman Rhee. Chiang made a similar call on the president of the Philippines recently.

Two striking CIO longshoremen arrived by air from the islands last night to "survey the situation," as the union put it, in regard to the Matson Navigation company's decision to load cargo for the islands, strike or no strike.

One member of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union delegation on hand to meet the two said they were an "advance guard," and added:

"Hawaiian longshoremen are prepared to send as many as 2,000 pickets if they are needed."

Tailor Bites Nose Of His Rival in Love

London, Aug. 2 (AP)—Mahmud Ali 30-year-old tailor, was accused today of biting off the nose of his rival in love.

He was detained by the Old Street court for a hearing August 23 on a formal charge of inflicting grievous bodily harm on Abdul Matlib, 28.

"We had a quarrel over a girl and he bit my thumb," a policeman quoted Ali. "So I hit him and bit his nose."

Matlib was unable to appear. Doctors are equipping him with a new nose made out of plastic.

Senate Intent On Reduction, Size and Scope

Washington, Aug. 2 (AP)—Senators today postponed hearings from tomorrow until Monday on the administration's \$1,450,000,000 foreign arms program amid indications that they will attempt to reduce it in size and scope.

Chairman Connally (D-Tex.) said the joint foreign relations and armed services committees will seek "the widest possible area of agreement" among members on the foreign arms plan before asking senate action.

He spoke out as W. Averill Harriman, the Marshall plan's roving ambassador in Europe, urged the house foreign affairs committee to approve the arms program. He said it is needed promptly to "protect the growing generation from war."

Cuts \$50 Million Off The actual bill before the house committee would authorize \$50,000,000 less than was asked by the administration.

Connally's announcement came after Secretary of State Dean Acheson and Secretary of Defense Johnson were closeted with the senate group behind closed doors.

Some senators were reported to have told the two cabinet members bluntly that the bill involves too wide a grant of powers to the president and more than the stop-gap program on which they have been insisting.

They object to a provision which would authorize President Truman to make arms available to any nation in the world.

To Be Modified Connally conceded that the senators discussed possible modification of the administration bill "in some small particulars."

He said the combined committees will meet again Friday in a closed door session. This will delay the start of senate hearings until Monday.

Harriman told the house committee that "I earnestly believe we are winning the struggle for peace and freedom in Europe."

But he emphasized, any delay in shipping arms to America's European allies would create doubts which might reverse this trend.

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Compromise On Farm Bill

Washington, Aug. 2 (AP)—Senator Anderson (D-N.M.) today proposed a compromise farm bill to break the congressional deadlock over farm legislation.

One section of the Anderson proposal would allow Secretary of Agriculture Brannan to try out his "production payments" plan on oranges, grapefruit, apples, vegetables and similar farm products classed as "non-storable perishables."

The other two sections of the Anderson compromise—being considered at closed sessions of a senate agriculture subcommittee—would:

1. Put into operation a "flexible price-support" program of from 75 to 90 per cent of parity for so-called basic crops. These include corn, wheat, cotton, tobacco, rice and peanuts.

This is a modification of the Aiken law which provides for 60 to 90 per cent of parity. The Aiken law is due to go into effect next January.

(A parity price is one intended to give a farm product the same relative purchase power it had in a past favorable period.)

2. Allow a similar flexible support program for meats, butter, cheese, wool, oats, rye and similar "non-basic" but storable commodities, if effective control programs are approved by the secretary of agriculture.

Immediate reaction to the Anderson proposals were mixed.

"American Pressure"

Moscow, Aug. 2 (AP)—The communist party newspaper, Pravda, today headlined the U. S. joint chiefs of staff's visit to Europe as "American Pressure on Countries in Western Europe."