

THE WEATHER HERE

PARTLY CLOUDY tonight and Sunday. Lowest temperature expected tonight, 52; highest Sunday, 88.

Maximum yesterday, 86; minimum today, 52. Total 24-hour precipitation, 0.1 for month; 1.8; normal, .38. Season precipitation, 42.25; normal, 37.78. River height, 2.5 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

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Shooting Ends Lives of Pair at Independence

J. D. Hildreth, Soldier, Slays Wife and Self—Note Tells Story

Independence, Ore., Aug. 27—Gunshots ended the lives of a soldier and his young wife here early Friday afternoon, held by Paul Bollman of Dallas, Polk county coroner, as murder and suicide.

The dead are Cpl. J. D. Hildreth, 28, stationed at Camp Hood, Tex., and Mrs. Joyce Elaine Hildreth, 21, of Independence.

A note indicating that Hildreth had a third victim in mind was found among his effects. When police arrived at the scene an 18-month-old baby, mentioned affectionately in the note, was sitting on her mother's body.

The bodies were found in a woodshed adjoining the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Penrose, 432 A street by Chief of Police Ray Howard. Mrs. Penrose is a sister of Mrs. Hildreth. Neither of the Penroses was at home, she being employed at a cafe and he in a hopyard.

Letters on the table, written from Camp Hood and dated August 19 and 21, though both bore the same postmark, give clue to the tragedy.

Gets Gun in Salem

Investigation revealed that he arrived here Thursday night, got up early Friday and went to Salem where he obtained a second-hand single barrel shotgun and shells.

Empty dishes indicated the couple had eaten lunch together shortly after that hour.

Ellis Stone, 16, a brother of Mrs. Hildreth, and Ronnie Penrose, 10, were in the front room, they told the officers. Stone said Hildreth came into the room and got the shotgun and returned to the kitchen. He also went into the kitchen a few minutes later but saw no one, he said.

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Road Paving Petitions Drafted

The county court Saturday completed discussion of and sent to the printer forms for petitions to be used in connection with a new law allowing the improvement of public and dedicated roads, not county roads, lying outside of incorporated cities, the cost of improvements to be assessed against abutting properties.

The petitions have been long awaited by a considerable number of land owners who have expressed a wish to take advantage of the act and get their streets paved and it is expected as soon as they are available from the printer there will be quite a rush for them. The court said no petitions would be accepted except those prepared on the official county forms.

The petitions will carry with them a guarantee of the signers that they will pay any road assessment imposed as result of the petitions even if the law or any part of it is declared unconstitutional or if the law is repealed.

They will set out the nature of the improvement to be done, they provide that only one driveway will be allowed to each parcel of land and this no more than 16 feet wide and the cost of the driveway will not be a part of the assessment but will be matter of private negotiation between the respective landowners and the contractor.

Engineering will be done by the county engineer, or some engineer designated by the county court.

Thief Cooked Meal While Looting House

A thief who first made himself at home by taking food from the kitchen, scrambling eggs on the electric range, and eating tuna fish sandwiches, stole several items of women's clothing from the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Boardman, 1751 North Front street, Friday night.

Missing are two women's coats, a woman's two-piece suit, two pair of woman's shoes, a purse and two pints of whiskey.

Entry was made through a small window facing the front of the house sometime between 8 p. m. Friday and 2:30 a. m. Saturday.

Conference on Britain's Dollar Crisis Opens

Financial Experts of U. S., Britain, Canada Discuss Emergency

Washington, Aug. 27 (AP)—The United States, Britain and Canada opened preliminary talks on Britain's economic crisis today.

The conferences at the state department will continue about ten days. Then full scale negotiations among the three governments will be opened.

Officials and technical experts of the three countries met in a fifth floor conference room at the state department with Undersecretary of State Webb presiding.

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17,000 Strike Rubber Plant

Akron, O., Aug. 27 (AP)—Union labor's first major strike for a fourth round of postwar wage increases was launched today. The CIO struck B. F. Goodrich, one of the rubber industry's Big Four.

Ordering some 17,000 Goodrich workers in seven states to strike, President H. R. Lloyd of the CIO-United Rubber Workers said:

"Unfortunately, the company showed not the slightest interest in reaching an amicable settlement. We were compelled to take this action to protect the interest of our membership."

Lloyd made this statement in Dayton, O., where negotiations on a new contract broke down last night just before the old expired. As authorized by the union membership, the strike started at 12:01 a. m. (EDT) today.

Right on time, URW's biggest Goodrich local here set up picket lines, halting work by 11,000 employees. The other plants at Los Angeles, Cadillac, Mich., Tuscaloosa, Ala., Miami, Okla., Clarksville, Tenn., Oaks, Pa., also were ordered to strike.

For its part, Goodrich complained in a letter sent out before the strike was called that the "URWA has chosen B. F. Goodrich men and women and our company to be guinea pigs in the fourth round wage try."

And after the strike started, Goodrich Vice President J. W. Keener contended the union had served no notice to the company.

However, both he and Lloyd agreed to resume negotiations in Dayton again today in another effort to settle differences.

\$7,481,965 Added to State Budget Outlay

By JAMES D. OLSON

Budget requests, not included in the biennial budget approved by the legislature, totaling \$7,481,965.94 were approved Friday by the state emergency board.

The board deferred action on budget requests totaling \$2,351,634.72 until detailed budgets carrying the recommendation of the budget director were presented. One request for \$5,500 for the public utilities department to investigate grade crossings in the state was approved subject to the final approval of the budget director.

Members of the board spent the greater part of the day in session, it being the first time that the members met to consider budgets under the new budgetary control act passed by the last legislature.

Under this act no state department or commission can expend any funds, be they state or federal, or derived from any source whatsoever, without including such funds in a detailed budget and obtain a recommendation from the budget department.

This is a radical departure for some departments, for those supported by fees and charges collected instead of appropriations from the general fund and those disbursing federal grant funds have heretofore been beyond any budget control.

The majority of requests approved yesterday constituted spending of federal funds allocated to various state departments. In this category the board approved expenditure of \$2,399,679 of federal funds allocated to the state fish commission; \$1,947,405 turned over by the federal government to the



South Extends Friendship to GAR

Wilson, N. C. Aug. 27 (AP)—The South extended the hand of friendship today to the boys who marched through Georgia with Sherman.

The Wilson Chamber of Commerce invited the Grand Army of the Republic to hold its final encampment at Wilson in 1950. The invitation was addressed to Charlie Chappel, 102-year-old vice commander of the GAR.

What is termed the "final annual encampment of the group" is underway at Indianapolis, Ind.

Farmers Finance Santiam Flood Control—Top, new 100-foot wide diversion channel a mile and a quarter in length that will carry waters of the North Santiam to a confluence with the south branch near Jefferson. Center: Here a dike 15 feet high and 1500 feet long will extend across the river to divert the stream into the channel shown above. Excavation for the new channel ends about where E. Anderson, machine operator, is shown in the photograph. Lower: North Santiam channel where flood stage overflow causes heavy erosion damage to 2000 acres. Here for a distance of about two miles the bank will be raised to a height of 15 feet after the stream enters the diversion channel. This flood control project, promoted and largely financed by 15 regional farmers, is in charge of W. F. Weddle.

Aviation Day Sunday Brings Varied Program

By MARGARET MAGEE

Salem was saluted early Saturday afternoon by a mass formation of planes from McNary field. Occasion for the flight in which operators on the field and the navy participated was Salem's Aviation Day at McNary field this Sunday.

Reprieve Given To Mrs. Fones

Selma Frances Fones, 29, ex-WAC and former office employe at Willamette university, won another reprieve until September 6 for imposition of sentence for theft of \$1100 in university funds when she told Judge George R. Duncan in circuit court here, her voice broken by sobs, that she took the money because she was "at her wits end how to care for her two babies," one of whom has since died from a severe heart ailment. The two children, seven and 20 months old, said Bruce Williams appearing on her behalf, were but part of her burdens with an avalanche of bills and no way to turn to meet them.

District Attorney Stadler had recommended some sort of prison sentence for the woman who, he said, "violated her trust with no justification or excuse in taking advantage of her position."

Judge Duncan also called attention to the fact that out of the \$1100 taken \$600 was taken but two days before her arrest and he wanted to know what became of all that money in such a short time. Mrs. Fones said it went to pay the doctor, but she couldn't name the doctor and said the money was given to a friend to be sent to the doctor and that the friend had since died. Other alleged discrepancies in a pre-sentence report caused the judge to allow further time for sentence and for her attorney to examine the report which had not heretofore come under his hand.

An educational event, as well as one planned for the entertainment of Salem residents and those from the surrounding area the Sunday program at Salem's airport is open to the general public and there will be no admission charge.

All flying groups and private pilots in the state have been extended an invitation to attend the Sunday event and many planes are expected to begin arriving at McNary field about 10 a. m. On their arrival the visitors are to be greeted by representatives of the Cherrians and later will be served lunch by Company B, Oregon National Guard.

Planes are to be on exhibit all during the day and also planned is an exhibit of dusts and sprays and equipment used in crops dusting and spraying. The exhibits are to be on the west side of the field to be on the west side noon program.

During the day two airlines, United and West Coast, will give courtesy flights. West Coast will fly from the west side of the airport and United is making its flights from its station on the east side of the field.

Also taking part in the program is the Salem Naval Air Facility on the east side of McNary field, which will hold "Open House."

The program for the afternoon is to get underway at approximately 2 p. m. with the arrival here of a flight of National Guard planes from Portland. After their flight over the field the planes will land and be placed on exhibit.

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Hurricane Whirls Out Over Gulf for 2nd Punch at Florida

Bank Account Of Vaughan to Be Scrutinized

Washington, Aug. 27 (AP)—Senator Hoey (D-NC) said today any adverse testimony regarding government officials in the five percent inquiry will go to their superiors — except in the case of Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan.

Hoey told reporters about that after disclosing that "in a measure" senate investigators are looking into the bank accounts of Vaughan, who is Mr. Truman's military aide.

A special subcommittee headed by Hoey is checking on whether improper influence has figured in the handling of government business. Vaughan is scheduled to testify when the public hearings are resumed next Tuesday. His name has come up at the inquiry nearly every day.

To Turn Over Evidence

In reply to questions, Hoey said the committee plans to turn over to the justice department evidence it has gathered about the affairs of John Maragon. Maragon is a normally talkative man-a-bout-Washington who suddenly turned silent yesterday when the committee sought to question him about a lot of matters.

They include testimony by a committee investigator that Maragon made deposits of \$119,608.61 in checking accounts over a five-year period.

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List Hurricane Among Great Ones of Past

Miami, Fla., Aug. 27 (AP)—The U. S. weather bureau said today this hurricane would "compare with the great hurricanes of the past."

"It was a severe hurricane," Storm Forecaster Leonard Pardue reported.

Highest wind recorded by instruments in the past in Florida was 155 miles per hour at Hillsboro Light in the 1947 storm, he said.

Gusts of winds up to 150 miles per hour were reported in the storm which swept over Florida today. Pardue said no accurate comparison could be made with past hurricanes until data on automatic recording instruments were obtained and compiled by the weather bureau.

Here's an idea of the force of the hurricane wind in just one place, Stuart, Fla.

It ripped the roof off a two-story building, flung it against the roof of an adjoining building, and then whirled it over to the city hall where it damaged a corner.

The roof finally stopped — on top of an automobile three blocks away.

Defense Funds Cut \$1.4 Billion

Washington, Aug. 27 (AP)—Economy-minded senators congratulated themselves today on a \$1,400,000,000 slash in defense funds—"the biggest reduction in any one bill in the history of our government."

The words were those of Senator Elmer Thomas (D-Okla.), who is guiding a multi-billion dollar military money bill through the senate.

The huge cutback ordered by the senate yesterday included two items:

A cut of \$1,118,000,000 in house-approved funds for army, navy and air force spending during the 12 months which began July 1; and a \$275,000,000 reduction in money that both chambers had earlier approved for stockpiling critical materials.

The reductions must be okayed by the house, where some leaders already were protesting sharp slashes in funds for the air force.

Although senators worked far past their usual quitting time last night they still failed to complete action on the huge military money bill.

As it came from the house it contained \$15,900,000,000. As it stood today it carried about \$14,800,000,000.

Admiral Byrd's Daughter Marries

Boston, Aug. 27 (AP)—Miss Helen Ames Byrd, daughter of Polar Explorer Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, and Lawrence Janney Stabler, Jr., of Wallingford, Pa., were married yesterday.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Robert M. Shaw of Emmanuel Protestant Episcopal church. Relatives and a few close friends attended.

Storm Leaves Devastation Over Peninsula

Miami, Fla., Aug. 27 (AP)—A renegade tropical hurricane whirled out over the Gulf of Mexico for a second punch at Florida today leaving one dead, hundreds homeless and property damage in the millions in the state's rich resort and citrus areas.

Somewhat tamed as it crossed land, the freakish storm was expected to resume hurricane strength in a six to eight hour crossing of the gulf probably to the Apalachicola-Tallahassee area.

"Winds will continue to increase in northwest Florida," said W. R. Davis, Miami storm forecaster. "The center will cross the coastline again around midnight, possibly a bit earlier or later, according to the storm's behavior now that it is over water again."

Warnings Still Hoisted

Davis reminded residents in the old south section of Florida: "You are under hurricane warnings. These warnings have been hoisted from Cedar Key to Carrabelle and of course extend to inland points behind this coastal area."

Once again, evacuation of planes and persons from danger spots was under way, just as it was yesterday on the Florida east coast.

The storm cut a big swath of destruction on its way across the peninsula after pounding the east coast and searing the Lake Okeechobee region.

It swept through Florida's rich citrus belt and was last reported by the weather bureau over Pasco county on the edge of the Gulf of Mexico above Tampa.

500 Left Homeless—Stuart Red Cross disaster officials reported at least 500 homeless in the east coast city.

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Tito's Troops Sent to Fiume

Belgrade, Yugoslavia, Aug. 27 (AP)—Reports from Trieste said today that Yugoslavia has moved troops into its Fiume and Pola areas in an apparent effort to curb any Cominform sabotage.

A Trieste dispatch quoted official Italian sources there as saying that Yugoslav troops moved into strategic positions in the northwest corner of the country after fire broke out Thursday in the big Romsa oil refinery at Fiume, third largest refinery in Europe.

An official Yugoslav announcement confirmed the report of a fire, but said it was extinguished quickly. It said the refinery again was operating at full capacity.

Trieste reported, however, that billowing columns of dense smoke still covered the Fiume area today. Reliable sources in the international city said intense heat had hampered all efforts to extinguish the fire.

Reports circulating in Trieste said the fire was started by two hand grenades. They were rumored to have been thrown by Cominform agents seeking the overthrow of Marshal Tito's government for its refusal to take dictation from Moscow.

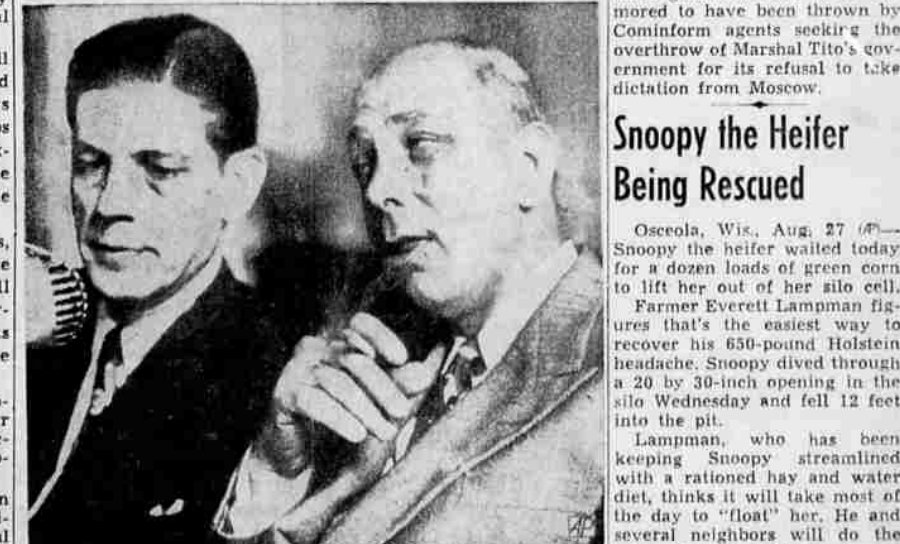
Snoopy the Heifer Being Rescued

Osceola, Wis., Aug. 27 (AP)—Snoopy the heifer waited today for a dozen loads of green corn to lift her out of her silo cell.

Farmer Everett Lampman figures that's the easiest way to recover his 650-pound Holstein heifer. Snoopy dived through a 20 by 30-inch opening in the silo Wednesday and fell 12 feet into the pit.

Lampman, who has been keeping Snoopy streamlined with a rationed hay and water diet, thinks it will take most of the day to "float" her. He and several neighbors will do the job, with one in the silo tramping the corn as it falls in.

Snoopy won't be able to nibble at her luscious surroundings. Lampman has devised a leather strap muzzle for her.



Maragon Testifies—John Maragon (right) Washington mystery man, smokes a cigarette as he testifies before the senate investigating committee in its five percent probe. He spent most of his time refusing to answer questioning on advice of his counsel, Myron G. Ehrlich (left). (AP Wirephoto).