

THE WEATHER HERE

PARTLY CLOUDY tonight, Wednesday, with few showers. Cooler temperatures tonight. Lowest tonight, 40; highest Wednesday, 58.

Maximum yesterday, 50; minimum today, 31. Total 24-hour precipitation: .74 for month; 1.25; normal, .96. Season precipitation, 2.77; normal, 2.67. River height, 1 of a foot. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

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Brutality Stories At State Hospital Denied by Board

Charges Made by Portland Group Refuted by Investigator

Charges of brutality and murder at the Oregon state hospital, made last week by the Citizens' Action committee, were emphatically denied by the board of control Tuesday.

The charges made by the committee dealt with incidents which occurred five years ago, the board said. The board also denied charges of insufficient food and that patients get cold at night.

The investigation, on which the board based its answer to the committee, was conducted by William C. Ryan, supervisor of institutions.

Death Due to Heart Attack

Ryan's report pointed out that Jim Butler's death, in 1942, laid by the committee to injuries resulting from a beating by an attendant came from a heart attack. However, Ryan said that an attendant had attacked Butler but that the patient had recovered from the injuries sustained. The attendant, Ryan said, had been fired immediately after the attack.

The committee's charge that three patients died in 1940 from electric shock treatments was answered by the statement that these patients were strangled in their sleep by another patient. A coroner's jury made this finding, the report said.

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Ching Trying to End Separately Big Twin Strikes

Conciliator Seeks Peace Formulas for Fourth Time

Pittsburgh, Oct. 11 (AP)—The government's conciliation service has taken on the biggest job in its history—trying to settle the twin steel and coal strikes.

Before the week is out, U. S. conciliation director Cyrus Ching will meet separately with leaders of the striking CIO United Steelworkers and industry leaders.

At the same time, the conciliation director will watch developments in the coal strike. It was Ching who got John L. Lewis, United Mine Workers president, and coal industry operators to agree to go back to the bargaining table tomorrow.

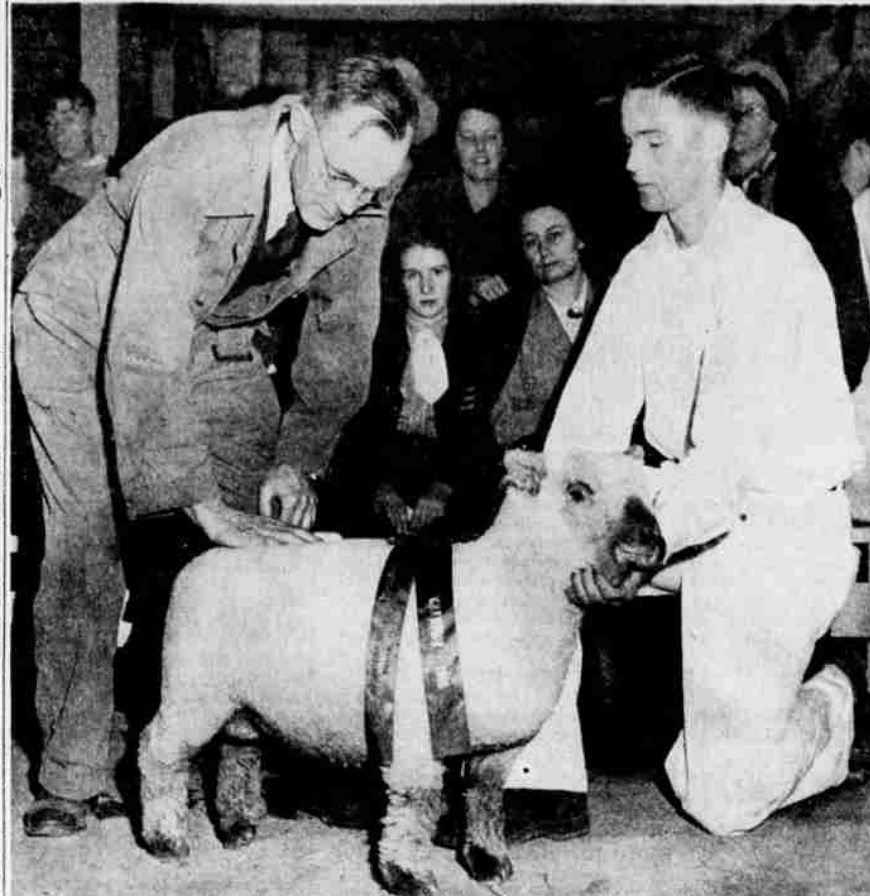
No Comment by Leaders

Neither the steel industry nor Philip Murray, president of the steel workers, had any comment after Ching announced yesterday the government was stepping into the steel walkout for the fourth time. Before the strike started 11 days ago the government made three futile peace efforts.

Murray went ahead with plans to deliver pep talks to his 454,000 strikers. The first talk is scheduled today at Youngstown, Ohio. That mighty industrial town has been hard hit by the steelworkers' walkout to support demands for free pensions and insurance.

Ching's brief statement in Washington that he is setting up "separate and informal conferences" with leading steel companies and union leaders left little doubt that the government all along has been gravely concerned with the crippling steel strike which threatens to spread unemployment to additional hundreds of thousands in allied industries.

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Every Animal Is Champion

Every animal a champion is the record made by Harvey Elser and Jerry Wipper, Turner Lucky 13 Sheep club members, at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition in Portland yesterday.

Elser, 16 year old junior at Turner high school, won the grand championship for 4-H fat lambs with his 93 pound Southdown. The lamb is produce of a ewe he received in 1946 when he won the Denver Young award given annually to the most deserving Marion county youngster with a 4-H sheep project.

Wipper repeated his 1947 performance to become grand champion 4-H sheep showman. He competed with 85 other 4-H'ers from Oregon, Washington and Idaho to win the award. Michael Harms, 11 year old sheepman of Canby, was junior champion showman.

Showing three Southdown-Hampshire crossbred lambs, Wipper also took the grand championship for pens of fat lambs, to complete the perfect five for five batting record.

Bull Elephant Kills Worker

Brunswick, Ga., Oct. 11 (AP)—A huge bull elephant attacked and killed a circus worker here late last night, injuring the man fatally by driving a sharp tusk completely through his chest.

The dead man was identified as George McDonald, about 50, a teamster with the Bailey Bros. circus of Gonzales, Tex.

Police said they could find no witnesses to McDonald's death.

He was found lying behind the main circus tent, near the spot where the elephant was tethered. A clean chest wound indicated that the elephant's tusk entered McDonald's back and came out below the breast.



Wipper, Grand Champion—Holding lamb, Jerry Wipper, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Wipper of Turner, grand champion 4-H club sheep showman, 1949, Pacific International Livestock Exposition, Portland. Examining lamb is Oran M. Nelson, Oregon State college sheep specialist, who judged the contest.

Central States Storms Bring Death and Damage

A storm which brought destructive gales over the central states, killing 16 persons and causing heavy property and crop damage, moved into the Hudson Bay area today.

The violent winds, which reached a velocity of more than 100 miles an hour in some areas of the storm belt, diminished but rained over wide sections of the midwest.

Temperatures moderated over the central states but the unseasonably warm weather continued over the southern states and the Atlantic coastal areas. The mercury hit into the high 80's and low 90's in some of the eastern cities yesterday to break records for the date. Temperatures continued a little below in the western states.

Rain fell today over much of the mid-west. Showers also were reported over Washington and Oregon.

The high winds which swept across most of the midwest broke a spell of hot weather. The winds were strongest in Minnesota, near the low pressure center. Minneapolis had 70 mile an hour sustained winds with gusts as high as 95 mph. A 60-foot chimney toppled from a hotel, seriously injuring four airline hostess school students.

A gale at 91 mph was reported in parts of Iowa and Boulder, Col., had a 120 mile an hour wind for a seven minute period. Damage to crops was reported heavy in Minnesota and Iowa where stands of corn awaiting harvest were flattened. A 45,000-bushel grain bin was destroyed at Maquoketa, Ia.

Two persons were killed in the storm in Wisconsin. The coast guard estimated that 65 miles an hour winds caused a \$500,000 damage in the Chequamegon bay area of Lake Superior.

Texas Bigamist Kills Himself

Fort Worth, Texas, Oct. 11 (AP) Police said today a man with two wives introduced the attractive women last night and then killed himself with poison.

He was Norman R. Lewellen, a cafe manager. The first wife, whom he married eight months ago, is an expectant mother. The second, Mrs. Beatrice Thurman, produced a marriage license saying she and Lewellen were married last week in Terre Haute, Ind. Both are 27.

Police say this happened: Arriving in Fort Worth with the second wife last night, Lewellen took her to the home of the first Mrs. Lewellen, who lives with her mother, Mrs. L. N. Brothers. He introduced the wives.

While words flew between them, Lewellen asked for a glass of water. He swallowed two pills and said:

"It will take only five minutes now."

He was dead on arrival at a hospital.

Says German Rocket Secrets Now being Utilized by Russia

Pieck to Head East Germany's Red Republic

Berlin, Oct. 11 (AP)—Wilhelm Pieck, aging No. 1 communist in Germany was selected today to be the first president of the new Soviet zone republic created by the communists with Russian blessing.

Pieck's selection was pre-ordained by the communists, who had made it known in advance the 73-year-old Moscow-trained wheel horse would get the job.

The Russians announced last night they were replacing military rule in eastern Germany with a civilian control commission and a Russian high commissioner. The United States, Britain and France took that step in western Germany last month.

Red Civilian Control

Russia's supreme representative in Germany, Marshal Vasilii I. Chulikov, in a statement last night announcing the end of military rule said also "all administrative functions" exercised by the Russians would be transferred to the new east German government.

The war of words over the rival east and west German republics continued. In Frankfurt last night the western high commissioners in a statement called the new Soviet zone republic an "artificial creation devoid of any legal basis."

"This so-called government," their statement said, "has no title to represent eastern Germany."

Rap Bonn Regime

Chulikov in his statement rapped back at the Bonn government in the west. Western Germany, he declared, "is governed by the inspirators of the Hitler regime who do not even conceal their hatred against neighboring countries and their lust for revenge. Their aspirations are supported by foreign powers who have degraded western Germany to willing tools of their aggressive plans."

AFL Rejects CIO Alliance

St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 11 (AP)—Possibility of a political alliance between the AFL and CIO apparently was wiped out today—at least for the time being—by the former's decision to go its own way.

Delegates to the American Federation of Labor convention voted at the closing session last night against making any formal alliance with the CIO or any labor and farm groups.

William Green, 76-year-old president, was reelected to his 26th straight term. By unanimous vote the convention adopted a substitute proposal—backed by the organization's top officials—specifically calling for separate AFL political action.

Last year the AFL voted to invite John L. Lewis and his United Mine Workers to return to the AFL fold. At present, however, there seems no disposition on the part of AFL leaders to woo Lewis.



India's Nehru Truman's Guest

Washington, Oct. 11 (AP)—India's Prime Minister Nehru flew to Washington today for a goodwill visit.

President Truman, who sent his plane "The Independence" to London to bring Nehru here, prepared a short formal welcome for his arrival (expected at 1:30 p.m. PST).

Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson was another dignitary on the welcoming list. He got to know Nehru while serving as a personal observer for President Roosevelt in India in 1942.

Nehru will be a guest at Blair house with Mr. and Mrs. Truman during his stay in Washington. He will fly to New York Saturday and later will visit other points in the U. S. and Canada. His entire visit will last almost a month.

Norwegians Vote Reds Out

Oslo, Oct. 11 (AP)—Norway's labor government emerged today with an apparent 10-seat majority in parliament gained at the expense of the communists in yesterday's election.

The anti-Red leadership of Prime Minister Einar Gerhardsen quickly interpreted the results, which are subject to a final count, as endorsement of Norway's signing of the Atlantic pact. The communists had bitterly assailed this step.

Labor appears from preliminary surveys to have taken 80 seats in the 150-member storting (parliament). This compares with its 76 seats in the old parliament.

The communists dropped seven seats, moving down from their previous 11 to four. The results, by other parties: (previous seats in brackets) Conservatives, 23 (25); Liberals, 22 (23); Agrarians, 13 (10); Christian Democrats, 13 (10).

Gerhardsen, in a post-election statement today, said that "since the communist party was the only one that made Norway's adherence to the Atlantic Pact an election issue, we may safely say that the voters have given their approval to the government's foreign policy."

Guided Missiles Can Knock Out Bombers in Sky

Washington, Oct. 11 (AP)—A navy weapons expert told congress today that Russia likely has guided missiles able to find and knock down bombers above 40,000 feet.

Capt. J. H. Sides said German rocket secrets fell into Russian hands after the war, and that it would now be "folly" to gamble U. S. security on the atom bomb and big bombers alone.

Had the war lasted a year longer, Sides said U. S. bombers would no longer have been able to fly over Germany without prohibitive losses from German anti-aircraft rockets.

To Destroy Raiders

These anti-aircraft developments designed to search out and destroy raiders traveling 485 miles an hour at 65,000 feet, fell into Russian hands "lock, stock and barrel," Sides said.

The Russians have had plenty of time to get them into production, he said, adding:

"Over four years have elapsed since then. It is foolhardy for us to think of an aggressor's anti-aircraft defenses now in terms of 1945 equipment."

Sides is deputy assistant chief of naval operations. He testified before the house armed services committee hearing naval charges that defense chiefs are over-concentrating on an "obsolete" B-36 bomber.

Change in Anti-Aircraft

Whether or not the Russians now have these guided missiles in production, Sides said, a revolutionary change in anti-aircraft defenses is certainly not far distant.

Even before some big bombers now on order can be delivered, Sides declared, this country will have guided missiles able to find and knock down bombers above 40,000 feet.

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Germans Had Rockets Ready

Fort Bliss, Tex., Oct. 11 (AP)—German scientists have said they had interceptor type rockets ready for use against enemy aircraft at the end of World War II.

This was recalled as a congressional committee was told that Russia probably has guided missiles capable of downing bombers flying above 40,000 feet.

A German engineer, Walter Riedel, told reporters about the anti-aircraft rocket here late in November, 1946. He and 117 of his countrymen then were engaged in missiles development at Fort Bliss and the nearby White Sands, N. M., proving ground. They had been brought here a year earlier as civilians working under contract with the army ordnance department.

Riedel was a design engineer for the dread V-2 rocket. He also was principal designer of the German's "wasserfall" (waterfall). A much smaller missile.

This 26-foot, 8 1/2-ton rocket had just been pronounced ready for use about the time Germany was forced to surrender, Riedel related. He said it was operated by remote control and proved satisfactory in tests.

Initiative Bill for 'Tax Freedom' Filed

A preliminary initiative petition, the first filed for the 1950 general election, was filed in the state department today.

But nobody knows what it means around here. The sponsor, Raymond J. Beach, Portland, said it would amend the constitution to "perpetuate the tax freedom" of Oregon citizens.

It says: "The financial policy of this state shall implement the development and perpetuation of tax freedom by utilizing the service contributions of its citizens as basis for credit issue." If Beach gets the required 16,000 signatures, it would go on the ballot.

License Notes To Auto Owners

Oregon's 500,000 automobile owners will get statements from Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry next week telling them how much their new license plates will cost them.

With the new permanent plates expiring at different times in order to put the staggered expiration system into effect, the statements are necessary to let the owners know how much money to send in.

The plates will be mailed beginning November 15, but they can't be used until December 15. Numbers assigned to automobiles from now on will be the permanent numbers.

Newberry said applications for special numbers can no longer be accepted. His office has issued about 16,000 special numbers.

He said Governor Douglas McKay would be issued No. 1, the first time a governor ever has had this number. Newberry will get No. 2, and State Treasurer Walter Pearson will receive No. 3.

Truman Urges Price Supports

Washington, Oct. 11 (AP)—President Truman called democratic leaders to the White House today and urged them to reach a quick agreement on the farm bill.

The congressional delegation members were silent as they strode out of the White House after an hour-long conference in Mr. Truman's office. Differences among Mr. Truman's leadership in the senate on farm price supports have imperiled passage of a new farm measure.

Presidential Secretary Charles G. Ross told reporters afterwards that no agreement was reached at the White House parley.

"The president asked them to get together on a bill he can sign," Ross said. "He asked them to adjust their differences."

Ross would not say what sort of bill Mr. Truman would sign, however. When asked if the president would veto an unsatisfactory bill, Ross replied "You may make what implications you please."

Rep. Cecil F. White (D., Cal.) said yesterday, after a talk at the White House, that Mr. Truman strongly supported legislation providing price supports of 90 percent of parity on basic crops.

Senate Democratic Leader Lucas (Ill.) and Senator Anderson (D., N.M.), former secretary of agriculture, have been leading the fight for a sliding scale support system ranging from 75 to 90 percent.

\$58,347 Mark In Chest Drive

Salem's Community Chest contributions had reached the \$58,347.96 mark by noon Tuesday leaving \$47,652.04 still to be collected to make the \$105,000 goal for this year's Chest.

Division chairmen reporting at the luncheon meeting of the workers reported \$6,185.17 collected since the meeting yesterday.

South Salem section of the Women's division was only about \$500 short of its goal, with contributions of \$2,013.58 against its goal of \$2,530. The governmental division had \$7,440.78 of its goal of \$9,500 and the education division, which up to yesterday, had no report to make had collected \$1,275.19 of the goal of quota of \$3,860.

Other divisions and their total contributions to date were: automotive and transportation, \$7,455.57; contractors and builders, \$3,864.10; general gifts, \$5,469.40; industrial, \$7,453.96; mercantile, \$10,172.75; professional, \$5,552.50; rural, \$3,45; utilities, \$888; West Salem \$850; central Salem section of the women's division, \$3,727.07; and south Salem section of the women's division, \$2,013.58.

Drainage Project is Delayed Until Spring

The people of northeast Salem will have to get along without a drainage system until next year. The city council's approval of immediate construction, voted two weeks ago, was rescinded last night because of incomplete agreement on legality of the financial plan.

To give the people all possible protection this winter the city will spend about \$6000 for new equipment and organize manpower to clear basements and flooded premises. Also during the winter the administration will set up a well-prepared drainage plan and financing scheme for all parts of the city needing drainage, including West Salem.

The council's action Monday night was on recommendation of City Manager J. L. Franzen.

The council had proposed to finance the north Salem system, much of which would have been open ditch work, by taking nearly \$100,000 from the sewer fund. City Attorney Chris J. Kowitz held this would be legal only if drainage were considered

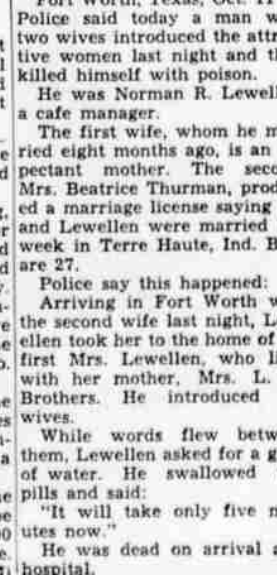
a part of the sewer system. The council was doubtful if it could be so considered.

Alderman Tom Armstrong, who has been pressing hard for relief in northeast Salem, asked Manager Franzen if he could still proceed if he had the money.

"I'm a little bit leary," Franzen answered, "especially if we have to use pipe as some of the property owners insist we do. It's too late to get pipe now."

It was disclosed that in one district of about four properties where owners insist on pipe instead of open ditches covers a length of about 1900 feet.

Mayor Eifstrom said he thought the council would be criticized if it diverted \$100,000 of the sewer money to drainage. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 1)



Firemen Hosts to Chamber of Commerce—The Salem fire department was host to the Chamber of Commerce for the Monday noon luncheon, which was held on the main floor of the central fire headquarters instead of the chamber dining room. The event kicked off fire prevention week, and the speaker was Robert Taylor, state insurance commissioner and fire marshal. He was introduced by Fire Chief W. P. Roble. The picture shows Taylor addressing the Chamber of Commerce diners.