

THE WEATHER HERE

CLEARING AND COLDER tonight; in increasing cloudiness Thursday with rain or snow by late afternoon. Lowest temperature tonight, 17; highest Thursday, 36.

Maximum yesterday, 37; minimum today, 29. Total 24-hour precipitation: .03; for month, .15; normal, .38. Season precipitation, 13.18; normal, 18.02. River height, 7.5 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

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Heaviest Snow Of Season Now Covers Valley

Miniature Blizzard Quickly Subsides—New Storm Due

By MARIAN LOWRY FISCHER

Heaviest snowfall of the season swept in over the valley regions late Tuesday in miniature blizzard proportions, a strong cold wind accompanying the storm as the white stuff piled up.

Clearing skies and colder temperatures are the forecast for the Salem area tonight with a new storm due to break by afternoon Thursday to bring more rain and snow. The thermometer is due to drop to 17 degrees here tonight, states the local weather bureau.

Snow in the Salem vicinity was measured officially at 1.4 inches, but in drifts it measured five inches and more. The storm began late Tuesday afternoon, a stiff wind preceding the snowfall late in the evening. The cutting wind was recorded up to 37 miles an hour velocity in minute averages and as high as 53 miles an hour.

Warmer Weather The minimum temperature Wednesday morning was 29 degrees, recorded at 6 a. m., against the 11 degree mark here Tuesday morning. The Tuesday maximum went only to 32 degrees, freezing point, that figure being recorded last midnight.

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Blizzards Strike Middle West

(By the Associated Press)

Winter let loose with a triple punch of snow, cold and strong winds today, landing solid blows across the nation's midsection. The Rocky mountain region still reeled from the impact of the season's most severe weather. The central states and south into the Texas Panhandle braced for the frigid attack.

Blizzards howled across the Dakota prairies and into neighboring Minnesota. Highways and country roads were blocked. Airlines were grounded. Hundreds of rail and bus passengers and motorists were stranded in parts of the storm belt.

Snow plows in sections of Minnesota quit work because of poor visibility. Winds of 35 miles an hour velocity whipped newly fallen snow and highway travel in many areas was virtually halted.

Snow fell on Texas and the mercury slid down under the zero mark in the Lone Star state. And the mercury tumbled sharply over the midcontinent as the cold front out of the Rocky mountain region moved across the great plains.

The cold mass moved slowly eastward through the Great Lakes region and southward through Texas. Sub-zero readings were reported in the northern plains, the northern and central Rockies.

National Debt \$257 Billion

Washington, Jan. 4 (AP)—The government's debt bounded above \$257,000,000,000 on the final day of 1949, as the current deficit mounted to \$3,299,796,921.52 at the midway point of the fiscal year ending June 30.

The treasury, reporting this today, showed a \$615,712,000 burst of spending for 1949's final operating day, December 30.

Big items that day included \$335,000,000 spent by the veterans administration, \$90,750,000 by the air force, \$74,162,000 by the agriculture department, \$43,948,000 by the navy and a \$109,536,000 payment of interest on the debt.

In over-spending its income by nearly \$3,300,000,000 in the first half of fiscal 1950, the government moved well on the way toward the \$5,500,000,000 deficit President Truman has estimated for the 12-month period.

A further deficit of more than \$4,000,000,000 is expected to shape up in the president's budget message next Monday for fiscal 1951, figuring revenue prospects at current tax rates.

The treasury report on the mid-fiscal year position showed, in round numbers:

Spending was up sharply at a total of \$20,974,000,000 against \$19,317,000,000 at the same point a year ago.

No Objections Filed Against Salem Bridge

Army Engineers Hold Hearing and Receive River Pilots Approval

By JAMES D. OLSON

Not a single objector appeared at a hearing Wednesday on the application of the state highway commission to construct the Salem-West Salem bridge at Marion street.

The hearing called by the army engineers was conducted by Lt. Col. D. A. Elliget, executive officer of the Portland district office. He was accompanied by Robert Hixon, chief of the engineering department of the district office.

G. H. Merwin, representing Albert Bernert of Oregon City and Fred Meyer of Kanpton, tug boat operators, testified that they were well satisfied with the bridge plans from a navigation standpoint.

Satisfactory to River Men G. S. Paxson, bridge engineer for the highway department, said that several conferences had been held with representatives of navigation interests and final plans for clearance between the spans of the bridge and the height of the structure were satisfactory to this group.

He said that the bridge would be 69.4 feet above low water which is just one-tenth of a foot higher than the present Center street bridge.

240 Foot Clearance The clearance in the main channel between piers, he explained, would be 240 feet as compared with 146 feet between piers on the present Center street bridge in the main channel.

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Coal Shortage Hits Railroads

Washington, Jan. 4 (AP)—The interstate commerce commission today ordered a general one-third cut in railroad passenger service on lines using coal as fuel. The reduction is effective at 11:59 p. m. local time Sunday, January 8.

The order applies to all rail lines having 25 or less days supply of fuel coal for their passenger services "and not having available a dependable source of supply."

The ICC said the action was made necessary by the dwindling supplies of coal due to the recent disturbances and curtailments in the coal mining industry.

It was the second time in recent months that the ICC has taken such action as a result of the virtually deadlocked coal dispute between John L. Lewis' united mine workers and mine operators across the nation.

The commission said all railroads having less than the stipulated amount of fuel reserve must reduce coal-burning passenger service to 33 1/3 per cent less than the same services provided as of December 1, 1949.

New Exterior Plans Loom for Courthouse

By CHRIS KOWITZ, Jr.

Pietro Belluschi, Portland architect who is working under contract to design the proposed new Marion county courthouse, presented an entirely new set of exterior plans to members of the courthouse commission Tuesday, and once again his plans met with the disapproval of commission members.

Previous plans submitted by Belluschi had been criticized for not conforming to the type of design employed in buildings of the state capitol group.

Commission members who met with Belluschi Tuesday agreed that the architect's new plans were in contrast to buildings in the capitol group, but rejected the plans because of an overhanging effect created by the building's front end design.

In Belluschi's latest drawings, the front of the first floor is situated several feet back of the front of the second, third and fourth floors. A huge porch and wide vertical columns would support the upper portion of the building's front.

County Judge Grant Murphy complained that "it looks like someone chopped a section right out of the building."

A suggestion was given to Belluschi that he retain his present general plan, with the addition of two wings running out from the front of the first floor. The



New Timetable For Rural Buses

As announced Tuesday by Carl Wendt of City Transit Lines the curtailed suburban service will be effective Thursday morning.

As a compromise four round trip runs will be made daily to accommodate the Swegle, Fruitland and Fisher road districts.

The route will be: Out Center street, crossing Lancaster, and continuing on Fruitland. Back on Auburn, turning right on Lancaster, right on Market to Swegle school, left to Sunnyview, left on Hollywood drive, left to Silverton road, left on Fisher road, left on Sunnyview, then to Lancaster, right to D street, and on D back to the city.

Buses will leave the terminal at Court and Commercial at 6:55 and 9:45 a. m. and at 2:35 and 5:40 p. m. They will leave Fruitland and Auburn at 7:15 and 10:05 a. m., and 2:55 and 6 p. m. They will leave Hollywood drive and Silverton road at 7:30 and 10:20 a. m., and 3:10 and 6:15 p. m.

They will leave Fisher and Silverton roads two minutes later than at Hollywood and Silverton roads.

They will leave Lancaster and D street at 7:38 and 10:28 a. m. and 3:18 and 6:23 p. m.

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Chains Needed on Oregon Highways

Driving conditions on Oregon highways were dangerous over almost the whole state, the state highway commission said in its 9 a. m. road report today.

The road report: Government Camp—Snowing lightly, packed snow, plowing, carry chains; 7 inches new snow.

Santiam Pass—Snowing lightly, packed snow, plowing, carry chains; 8 inches new snow.

Willamette Pass—Snowing lightly, packed snow, plowing, carry chains, 5 inches new snow.

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Soviet Scientists Militant Atheists

Moscow, Jan. 4 (AP)—The Soviet Journal of Science and Life says many people in the U.S.S.R. continue to believe in God. It called yesterday for education of the masses in the spirit of militant atheism.

The Journal, organ of the All-Union Society for the Dissemination of Scientific Knowledge, declared that the struggle against religious prejudices is one of the forms of the struggle for communism.

An article by F. N. Oleschuk said, however, that anti-religious propaganda must strive at convincing the masses by remaking their consciousness and not by compulsions or prohibitions. He said administrative measures to curtail religious thought would be "harmful."

Raft in Hospital Hollywood, Jan. 4 (AP)—Actor George Raft is scheduled to undergo a gall stone operation today in Cedars of Lebanon hospital. His physician said Raft had been suffering from the ailment several months.

Fair Group to Meet Portland, Jan. 4 (AP)—The Oregon Fair association will meet here Thursday for its annual convention.

Suburbanites Protest Bus Service Changes

Four Corners, Jan. 4—At a mass meeting held at the Community hall on Tuesday evening about 70 citizens of the suburban areas of Auburn, Fruitland, Swegle, Fisher road, Silverton road and Four Corners met to register a protest to the city council of Salem about the proposed change in bus service by the City Transit Lines covering these communities.

Petitions signed by several hundred residents, taxpayers, and property owners to the city council "either to demand the City Transit Lines to give proper dependable service as promised and keep it so, or revoke their franchise immediately, and furthermore issue a license to some one party who may want to operate a bus route that will give satisfactory, dependable and adequate service at a reasonable rate."

Acting Chairman J. H. Gordon of route 5 presided. The meeting was open for discussion. Many of the residents of these communities have purchased homes in the last two or three years because of the advantage of bus service into Salem. A very large percentage of these people who live in the suburban areas work in Salem business and industrial concerns while many more are employed by the state. These people will be left without transportation if the bus service is curtailed to any extent in the morning and late afternoon hours.

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Tugs Seek to Free pontoons

Pasco, Wash., Jan. 4 (AP)—Two tugs battled the swift Columbia current today in an attempt to free a 900-foot army pontoon bridge jammed against a Union Pacific Railroad span.

Ice floes ripped the pontoon bridge from its moorings on the Snake river yesterday. It drifted down the Snake river into the Columbia and caught on the railroad structure.

State highway engineers said the pontoon bridge suffered virtually no damage in its two and three-quarter mile ride downstream.

When it is freed, they said, it will be towed to shore near the railroad span and no immediate attempt will be made to re-install it at the former site.

The pontoon bridge was put in by army engineers after fire last September 9 destroyed the original Snake river bridge. It was on state highway 410, connecting the tri-cities of Pasco, Kennewick and Richland with Walla Walla.

Tom Doyle, district highway engineer, said efforts would be made to speed repair of the burned bridge. Work was to be completed March 15 under a contract already made.

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Incomplete returns reported by the ministry of the interior today showed Wafd candidates defeating Saadist politicians, who formerly controlled the parliament's lower house, by majorities running as high as 10 to one.

Although newspaper reports said four were killed in election day clashes, Egypt's first general election in five years was unusually orderly considering the country's stormy political tradition.

(Strict Egyptian censorship presumably prevented direct interpretation of the Wafd party's topheavy victory. But outsiders, familiar with Egyptian conditions considered the vote a rebuke to the Saadist party and, perhaps indirectly, to King Farouk for the Egyptian army's flop in fighting against Israeli troops in the Palestine war last year.

(Farouk, who has long been on the outs with Wafd party leaders, has had an extremely strong hand in ruling Egypt through Saadist and coalition governments. The Wafd party boycotted the last elections in 1945 because Farouk ousted the Wafd government a few months earlier.)

Egyptians Vote Wafdist Regime

Cairo, Egypt, Jan. 4 (AP)—The mildly reformist Wafd party—out of power in Egypt since King Farouk dismissed a Wafdist government in 1944—rolled up overwhelming vote majorities in yesterday's parliamentary elections.

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Truman in 'State of Union' Message Urges Old Program

Message Draws Praise, Blame From Congress

Washington, Jan. 4 (AP)—Democrats found much to praise, republicans much to criticize in President Truman's state of the union message to congress today.

But not all comment followed party lines, especially on civil rights and foreign policy. Sample reactions:

Rep. McCormack (Mass.), house democratic leader: "It is a courageous message consistent with President Truman's leadership. Internationally, it shows his determination to stop communism and aggression; from the domestic side, the strengthening of the family life in America."

"Same Old Hash" Rep. Martin (Mass.), house republican leader: "It is the same old political hash warmed over in the hope of fooling the people. It fails utterly to come to grips with two great vital needs of the day—cutting down government spending and lowering the tax burden on the American people. These must be done if we are to have prosperity and jobs for the workers."

Rep. Arends (Ill.), assistant republican leader in the house, said the message opened "the 1950 political campaign." Arends added:

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A bitter fight over the proposal is likely. Opponents contend it would give the federal government absolute control over economic development of the Pacific northwest.

2 OSC Athletes Die In Campus Accident

Two prominent Oregon State college athletes lost their lives in a winter sports accident on the college campus at Corvallis Tuesday night.

They were Stan McGuire, 22, of Portland, captain-elect of the 1950 football team, and Bill Corvallis, 21, also of Portland, a candidate for professional baseball.

Involved in the accident were Budd Coons, 25, of Salem, and Bill Austin, 21, of Woodburn. Coons was bruised, Austin uninjured.

The students were tobogganing behind a tow car on the campus when the accident occurred.

McGuire, football end named AP lineman of the week for his stellar play against Michigan State last fall, died at 7:11 a. m. today.

Corvallis, 21, a pitcher for the Santa Barbara, Calif., farm club of the Brooklyn Dodgers last season, died minutes after the toboggan in which they were riding swung from its tow car into the path of another automobile.

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Budget to Call \$1.8 Billion Cut For Next Year

Washington, Jan. 4 (AP)—Speaker Rayburn said today President Truman's budget for the fiscal year 1951 will call for a cut of \$1,800,000,000 from this year's spending.

Rayburn told a news conference the new budget to be presented next Monday will reflect cuts of around \$3,000,000,000 in foreign aid and defense spending and an increase of about \$1,200,000,000 in domestic spending.

The budget will be Mr. Truman's spending proposals for the 12 months beginning next July 1. Spending for the current 12 months is running at the rate of about \$43,500,000,000 a year.

Since congress members got back to town for the new session there has been an increasing clamor for a cut in spending.

Fight Rages in Senate on Oleo

Washington, Jan. 4 (AP)—The senate headed today into a session-opening fight over a house-passed bill to erase federal taxes on oleomargarine.

Supporters of the measure predicted they had the votes to win but admitted the outlook was clouded by proposals to link other excise tax cuts to the bill.

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Census Supervisor Off for Seattle

Cornelius Bateson of Pratum, who will be census supervisor in this district, will leave Wednesday night for Seattle where supervisors will be under instruction for several days.

Bateson said today that Salem headquarters for the district have not yet been obtained, and that he has not been informed relative to number of personnel.

Vandenberg for Aid to Formosa

Washington, Jan. 4 (AP)—Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R., Mich.), has given his fellow republicans a go-ahead for a full-scale assault on the administration's policy on China, it was disclosed today.

Sen. Robert A. Taft (R., O.), chairman of the senate GOP policy committee, predicted that his colleagues will lose no time in airing new charges that administration "vacillation" in China and Formosa may lead to communist control over most of Asia.

The issue came to a head yesterday when a group of republican senators showed Vandenberg a copy of a United Press Tokyo dispatch which disclosed that a state department document has virtually written off China and nationalist-held Formosa to the communists.

These senators asked Vandenberg if all-out republican criticism would embarrass him in his role of a bi-partisan foreign policy leader.

Vandenberg termed the document "amazing" and told his colleagues in no uncertain terms that he would not seek to shield the administration from any attacks on its China actions.

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