

THE WEATHER HERE

MOSTLY CLOUDY with occasional rain tonight, Sunday. Continued mild temperatures. Lowest tonight, 43; highest Sunday, 53.

Maximum yesterday, 46; minimum today, 44. Total 24-hour precipitation, .07; for month, 4.13; normal, 5.55. Season precipitation, 24.11; normal, 28.63. River height, 10.7 feet. (Report by U. S. Weather Bureau.)

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Chinook Wind Melting Snow, Rivers Up

No Major Flood in Willamette—Santiam On Rampage

By MARIAN LOWRY FISCHER
Valley folk eyed the river stages apprehensively Saturday morning although thoroughly appreciating the welcome "Chinook wind" and mild temperatures.

Reports from the weather bureau this morning reiterated that no major flooding is expected along the main Willamette river at this time, although all streams will see moderate to substantial rises during the next 48 hours.

The Salem gauge showed the Willamette up to 10.7 feet Saturday morning, the high mark of the winter to date and a figure compared to the 5.6 reading Friday morning. The river was to continue to go through Saturday. Flood stage here is 20 feet.

Santiam Rising Fast
Most serious flooding in the valley is due on the Santiam at Jefferson.

At the Jefferson station the Santiam was up to 13.8 feet Saturday morning, .8 of a foot above flood stage, and the river is forecast to hit 18.5 feet there Sunday forenoon.

State highways will not be flooded at that mark, but some county roads probably will be washed and considerable low land flooded when the river reaches that stage, it was said this morning.

Upper Willamette
The Willamette will go past flood stage at Harrisburg by Sunday forenoon and is likely to reach a peak of 15 feet by Sunday night, the weather bureau forecast said.

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Air Hearing May Be Here Early in March

Cochran Makes Progress on Home Issues In National Capital

Salem, not Washington, D. C., probably will be the place of hearing for the United Air Lines case before the civil aeronautics board according to an Associated Press story today.

The dispatch quotes Clay Cochran, manager of the Salem Chamber of Commerce, who is now in Washington, and mentions that the hearing has again been postponed to a date in March.

Cochran, expected home in time to report at a meeting of the Salem chamber's board of directors next Wednesday night, is in Washington on several issues. He is trying to prevent a temporary removal of Salem from United Air Lines schedules, and, among other things, arrange for the marketing of surplus Oregon flax.

Washington, Jan. 21 (AP)—Clay Cochran, of the Salem, Ore., Chamber of Commerce said today he hopes to be able to work out some way to dispose of the surplus flax in the Salem area from the 1947 and 1948 crops.

Cochran said he had tried to get federal commodity credit corporation and marketing production officials to agree to purchase the 300 tons of surplus flax for stockpiling purposes. He said the agencies reported they did not have funds for that purpose.

United began sending its flights regularly scheduled for Portland into Salem Friday afternoon. Ice on the runways at the Portland airport prevented stops there.

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Flight 175, a DC-3 that has a Salem stop and then terminates in Portland, terminated in Salem and originated out of here Saturday morning as flight 174, southbound.

There also was a marked improvement in the nation's weather. There were only a few severe cold spots and only a few areas were hit by rain or snow. Temperatures generally moderated. The weather bureau reported "hot" weather in parts of the Rocky mountains. The mercury hit 52 at Sheridan, Wyo., and 50 at Billings, Mont.

Temperatures in the central and northern Rockies and parts of the central great plains climbed from 30 to 40 degrees yesterday. The high at Pueblo, Colo., was 75, a record for the winter season. At Goodland, Kans., the top was 73 and it was 69 at Denver. The 57 at Salt Lake City was a record for the date.

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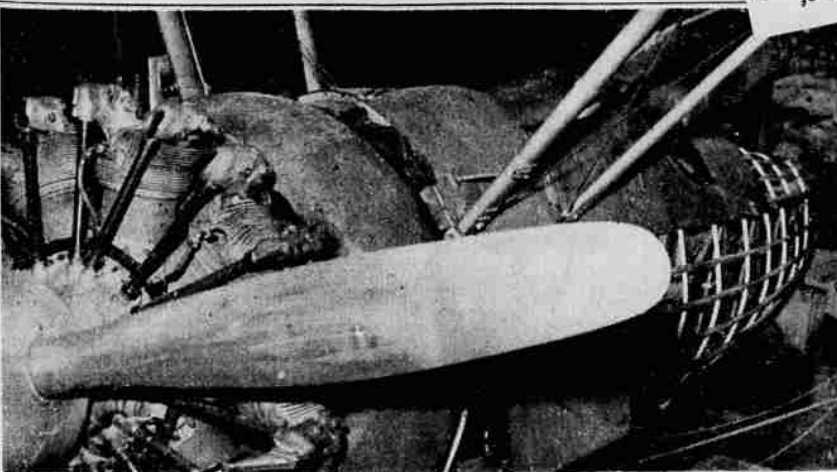
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Fire Damaged Planes—Pictured above are two of the planes damaged in the fire discovered early Saturday morning by CAA control tower operator, Jim Miller, in the old barracks building used by the Farm Air company as a shop and hangar. At top is a newly converted duster, a Stearman, owned by the Farm Air company, and below the Stinson fuselage owned by Ernie Monner, being worked on by the mechanic for the Farm Air company.

All UAL Planes Stop at Salem

McNary field took on the look of a metropolitan airport today.

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Arson Suspected in Airport Hangar Fire

State and city police and firemen Saturday morning investigated a fire in an old barracks building at the south end of McNary field which has been used as a shop and hangar by the Farm Air company.

The fire, spotted at 3:10 Saturday morning by Jim Miller, operator at the CAA control tower at the field did damage estimated at about \$1000 to a Stearman airplane owned by the Farm Air company, and probably burned beyond repair a Stinson fuselage owned by Ernie Monner.

Charred paper, charred wood and paper and the fact that the fire was spotty when the navy firemen arrived to extinguish the flames, point to arson, plus the fact that the padlock had been pried from a side door of the building. Fire Chief William P. Roble Saturday morning said that the state arson squad was being contacted.

Possibility of the fire starting from faulty electrical wiring was ruled out. The outside electrical switch had been thrown by Lloyd Miller, mechanic for Farm Air company, when he left the building about 4:30 Friday afternoon, Poet said.

Other partners in the firm with Poet are L. C. (Mac) Mac-Glothin and Gilbert Waage.

He also was convicted of lying when he denied seeing Chambers after January 1, 1937.

Federal Judge Henry W. Goddard set January 25 for sentencing and continued him in the same \$5,000 bail.

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School Buses All Inspected For Safe Use

Capt. Lansing Reports 1252 Vehicles Examined by Experts

By JAMES D. OLSON
Inspection of 1252 school buses in the state of Oregon has been completed, according to Capt. Walter Lansing, director of the traffic safety division of the secretary of state's office.

The school bus inspectors traveled more than 15,000 miles into every school district in the state and within a week or so, will set forth to repeat the journey in re-inspection of the buses found to be deficient.

The 1949 legislature enacted a law requiring the secretary of state to adopt minimum standards of construction and operation of school buses and to inspect them for compliance. Formerly the public utilities commissioner prescribed the regulations with the state police making inspections when requested to do so.

Majority Meet Requirements
At the completion of the initial inspection, D. V. Price, Monmouth, and J. O. Byerley, Albany, the two inspectors, reported that the majority of buses easily met the requirements, with many other requiring only slight corrections or additional equipments.

However, some buses were so obsolete that no reasonable changes would render them safe for operation and have been replaced. Capt. Lansing explained that the standards adopted are considered minimum, and that bus manufacturers have been meeting them or exceeding them for many years.

Washington, Jan. 21 (AP)—Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky said today U. S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson's charge that Russia is annexing four north China provinces is a "lying and slanderous declaration."

Vishinsky made his statement in an unusual press release to foreign correspondents, coinciding with the arrival in Moscow of Chou En-Lai, foreign minister of the Russian-recognized Chinese people's republic.

Chou's arrival led to the belief that negotiations for a treaty of friendship between Russia and the new Chinese republic of Communist Leader Mao Tse-Tung were nearing an important climax. Mao has been in Moscow for a month.

Vishinsky, commenting on statements by Acheson at the National Press club in Washington January 12 that Russia is taking over Manchuria, Inner and Outer Mongolia and Sinkiang, said they were intended "to put a good face on a bad game—the failure of American policy in Asia."

Vishinsky also accused Acheson of uncovering his own "annexionist plans in relation to Japan and also the Philippines and Ryukyu (Islands of the North Pacific)."

Acheson, he said, declared "these non-American territories in the defensive line of the United States which, as is well known, is in the line of aggression."



Persona Non Grata—Bulgaria has demanded recall of Donald R. Heath, U. S. minister to Sofia, charging, in a note, that he is "persona non grata"—unwelcome—in Bulgaria. Highly placed sources said the state department considers the case so serious that it will break diplomatic relations with Bulgaria rather than submit to the demand. (Acme Telephoto)

Coates to Pick One of 3 Sites For Apartments

Plans Told to Mayor Elfstrom in Conference At Portland

Robert Coates of Portland is certain he is going to build an apartment house in Salem.

He will use one of three proposals. That is the way the controversial capitol zone apartment project stands today after a conference in Portland yesterday between Coates and Mayor Robert L. Elfstrom.

The three proposals are: The first is to build on a lot Coates owns in the Hollywood district at the northwest corner of McCoy and Hunt streets.

Second to build near the capitol zone on a lot the state would have to furnish him in return for his property at 555 North Summer.

And the third is to go ahead with construction at 555 North Summer on the permit already issued him by the city.

Whether Coates builds on his Hollywood lot depends on transfer of his FHA commitment to that location from North Summer street. If FHA is willing to do this Coates is willing to stand any expense of making the transfer.

Also he will not insist on an immediate transfer of the North Summer street property from himself to other owners to compensate him for his investment there and his incidental expenses. He will be willing to hold the property until the next legislature has a chance to act on capitol zone expansion.

Washington, Jan. 21 (AP)—President Truman plans to ask congress to cut excise taxes by about \$750,000,000 a year but to more than make up this loss through higher corporation taxes, congressional sources said today.

Mr. Truman was understood to be planning to send his tax recommendations to congress on Monday. Most of the president's proposals will be in general terms, it was said, with the treasury scheduled to spell out the details at subsequent congressional hearings.

Democratic members of the tax-framing house ways and means committee were given a preview of Mr. Truman's tax message at a White House conference yesterday.

While they agreed among themselves that they would not discuss the recommendations publicly, it was reported that Mr. Truman will propose a \$1,000,000,000 boost in corporation taxes, higher estate and gift taxes, plugging of some tax loopholes, and the \$750,000,000 reduction in excises.

Mr. Truman, it was said, has no present intention of asking for higher taxes on top-bracket individual incomes as he did a year ago.

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Capitol Zone Change Hearing Set Monday

By STEPHEN A. STONE
A public hearing will be held by the city council Monday night on the ordinance bill that would change to a Class I residential zone the four-block area bounded by Center, Winter, Union and Capitol streets, together with other fringe areas in adjoining blocks.

The proposed ordinance backs up the state capitol planning commission in its recommendation that the area be made part of the capitol building zone and that the state purchase the four blocks.

Since the ordinance bill was introduced Monday night, Jan. 10, Attorney General George Neuner, asked by the state board of control for an opinion, has held that the state cannot buy the property without legislative authority, and the state emergency board, because of the opinion, has gone on record against immediate purchase.

The bill before the city council would change the area in-

Quiz Employee In Big Robbery

Boston, Jan. 21 (AP)—A veteran Brink's employee was still under questioning today and police said he would be "until we clean up one angle" in the hunt for the Hallow'en-masked gang who looted the armored car firm of a million dollars.

Capt. Francis M. Tiernan said William E. Manter, 49, a 22-year employee of Brink's, Inc., was still held after being picked up last night when a police alarm went out for him.

Tiernan spoke of the "one angle" but would not say anything more about it.

The search turned today to "a western Massachusetts city," Tiernan said, but he said he could not identify the city or say why it figured in the nation's greatest cash raid.



Salem Airport Gets Portland Traffic—Portland airport, closed by ice, is now diverting traffic to Salem airport where a flight from Seattle to Washington, D. C., landed this morning. Passengers are shown leaving the plane for United Air Lines limousines to Portland.

STARTING MONDAY ANOTHER OF THE BETTER STORIES BOOKED FOR Capital Journal Readers A Six Day Novelle "A Man Is Missing" By Erle Stanley Gardner Creator of the Famous Fictional Detective Perry Mason STARTING MONDAY in the Capital Journal Salem's Leading Newspaper