

THE WEATHER HERE

PARTLY CLOUDY, showers to night, Saturday; continued mild. Low tonight, 44; high Saturday, 60.

Maximum yesterday, 53; minimum today, 52. Total 24-hour precipitation .261 for month; 2.7; normal, 4.4. Season prediction, 25.18; normal, 31.75. River height, 7.5 feet, rising. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

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Army to Build Salem Armory For Reserves

\$10 Million to Be Spent in 20 States for Training Purposes

By MARGARET MAGEE U.S. army authorities in Washington Friday announced that the Army will spend \$10,000,000 for the construction of 21 new armories in 20 states to be used in training officers and men of the organized reserve corps.

The information, received via Associated Press, also stated that in the group for Sixth Army area was Salem, Oregon, San Jose, Calif.; Logan, Utah; Olympia, Wash., and Fort McArthur, Calif.

In addition to the 21 new armories the Army will establish four armories in buildings to be purchased, the story said. Sites Not Determined New armories will be built on government owned land and the contracts let through competitive bidding except when direct negotiation is deemed to be in the best interests of the government.

Salem previously had been informed by Sixth Army that it was to receive one of the armories and proposed sites inspected by Sixth Army representatives. According to previous information received by Lt. Col. Bruce H. Johnson senior instructor for reserves here, the armory is to be of the standard type constructed by the Army for reserves and of concrete blocks.

Standard Design The standard armory design is a building of three levels, the first being a basement. Size of the building is 128.4 feet by 88.6 feet. On the basement level will be the rifle range (small arms); storage space for ammunition, arms and sensitive instruments and the boiler room and heating plant.

The ground floor has a large assembly hall 120 feet by 75 feet in the center. It is surrounded by office space for the unit instructors, instructor personnel and unit commanders; day room space for both officers and enlisted men; locker room space for the enlisted men and officers; a small kitchen and storage space for unit equipment.

The entire second story is given over to class room space. It is divided into two class rooms that can be opened into one large classroom, but can be sub-divided into almost any number of rooms.

Wintry Blasts Blow in East

(By the Associated Press) Wintry blasts blew away all thoughts of springtime over areas from Minnesota to the Atlantic seaboard today. The Arctic air seeped southward and the freezing line extended into central Georgia.

There was some hope of warming over the chilled mid-west region. But another day of mid-winter weather appeared in prospect for most of the eastern states. Normal weather was reported over most areas from the Mississippi river westward to the Pacific coast.

Schools were closed, highway travel impeded and hundreds of motorists stranded in central New York state, which was swept by a blizzard. Temperatures dropped over the eastern region and were generally below zero over the New England states except in the coastal areas of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The mercury tumbled to six below zero at Albany, N. Y., while lows in New England included -14 at Caribou, Me., and -13 at Burlington, Vt. The cold air covered the Carolinas, parts of Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama and Kentucky. It got into northern Florida, too, and the early morning reading at Jacksonville was 38. At the same time it was 54 at Miami and 32 at Birmingham, Ala.

Winds diminished over the midwest cold belt but they still whipped over the eastern states. Burns Fatal to Girl Portland, March 3 (AP)—A flaming nightdress, touched off by an electric heater February 18, brought death yesterday to Deanna Mae Cagle, 10, of Sweet Home. The girl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Cagle, died in Doernbecher hospital.

Plan to Widen 3 Streets for Auto Parking

Mayor Proposes Use Court and Liberty in Downtown District

Widening of three blocks of streets in Salem's business district, and improvement of a part of River street were recommended to Salem business men by Mayor Robert L. Elfstrom Friday as the 1950 program for additional car parking facilities downtown.

Other facilities would follow from year to year as needed. The mayor's recommendations were considered, and were expected to be endorsed, by business men meeting at the Marion at the call of the Salem Retail Trade bureau.

The mayor recommended: Recommendations That Court street be widened between High and Church; that Liberty be widened between Chemeketa and Court; and that Liberty also be widened between State and Ferry; that River street be made accessible for free parking.

The widening of the three blocks in the city center would make possible angle instead of parallel parking, to accommodate about 60 additional cars, and the estimated cost would be about \$30,000. River street would accommodate an estimated 188 cars, and the cost of the project would be about \$20,000, including the opening of Court street to the lot. Only this part of the 1950 program would give off-street parking. The \$20,000 would include paving, not planned this year. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 7)

Chairman Quits Housing Board

Portland, March 3 (AP)—Portland's housing authority was disrupted today when the chairman quit—charging federal pressure—and three other top men said they were planning to resign.

J. J. Gard, chairman, gave out word of his resignation last night. He said there had been constant pressure from the public housing administration and he either had to quit or become a "rubber stamp."

Harry D. Freeman, executive director since 1942, said he too was going to quit. The same word came from his assistant, Kenneth E. Eckert, and the director of maintenance, Roy W. Taylor.

The men offered no detailed comment, but Gard said the local authority and the PHA disagreed on such things as painting of the city's 7000 public housing units, conversion of university homes from coal to oil, meter rates for washing machines and other matters.

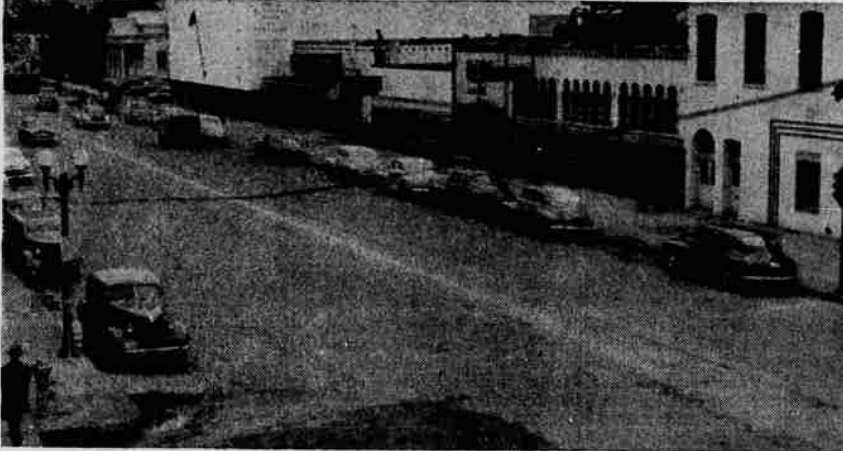
The local housing authority acts as lessee of the PHA in handling the housing units and its actions are subject to PHA review. Dentists to Meet Portland, March 3 (AP)—The 57th annual convention of the state dental association will be held here March 6-8.

Oregon Bank Robber Nabbed in San Salvador

San Salvador, El Salvador, March 3 (AP)—Salvadoran police today announced the arrest of three North Americans wanted by the FBI on various charges. Police officials identified the men as Henry Clay Tollett, penitentiary, Washington state; Vernon Ward Morgan, charged with bank robbery and other offenses in several states, and Arthur Thomas Downes, charged with counterfeiting.

The three were jailed pending arrival of FBI agents to return them to the United States. Portland, March 3 (AP)—Henry Clay Tollett, reported under arrest today in San Salvador, took part in two of Oregon's smoothly executed 1947 bank robberies.

He was only a year out of the Oklahoma state penitentiary when he helped engineer the \$31,431 robbery of the E. G. Young & Co. bank at Oakland, Ore., on May 5, 1947, and the \$57,947 robbery of the Bank of Sweet Home the following August 29. Within a month of the second robbery Tollett was named by the FBI. At that time he was under arrest at Bakerfield, Calif., on an armed robbery charge—he later was convicted—along with Sam Scribner who drew 20 years for his part in the Oakland robbery. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 4)



May Widen These Streets to Help Parking in City Center—Above, Liberty, from Court to Chemeketa, and below, Court, from High to Church, which Mayor Elfstrom recommends be widened this year to increase automobile parking by providing angle instead of parallel parking. The recommendations were heard by downtown business men meeting at the Marion at noon Friday. (Other pictures on Page 5)

Saar District Now Republic

Paris, March 3 (AP)—France gave the title of "Republic" with broader autonomy to the occupied Saar today in return for control of the valley's rich coal mines for the next 50 years.

In a treaty signed by French and Saar representatives, France promised the border area—which is still claimed by Germany—full independence after 50 years.

The final effectiveness of the Franco-Saar pact, however, hinges on a final peace treaty between the allies and Germany. The treaty today conferred the title of "Republic of the Saar" on the region containing 976,000 German-speaking inhabitants.

France detached the Saar from the rest of western Germany after World War Two and gave its government a form of autonomy linked economically to France.

The pact, concluded after a month of negotiations here, offers more freedom in internal affairs to the Saarland government, but France still retains control of its foreign relations and military security.

A 12-man board, equally divided between Frenchmen and Saarlanders, will be set up to supervise the coal mining. Bing to Enter Hospital Hollywood, March 3 (AP)—Bing Crosby will undergo an appendectomy next week, his brother said today.

The crooner will enter St. John's hospital in Santa Monica Tuesday. "The appendix has been giving Bing trouble off and on for some time," Larry Crosby said.



Henry Clay Tollett

State Plants Inspected By Emergency Board

By JAMES D. OLSON Members of the state emergency board and two members of the board of control visited three state institutions—Fairview home; school for the deaf and the state hospital—Thursday morning. The visit was made to give members of the emergency board an opportunity to personally view buildings in which emergency improvements amounting to \$373,000 have been requested and on proposals to be voted upon Thursday afternoon.

Installation of sprinkling system in the administration building and cottages of Fairview home at an estimated cost of \$56,000 is included in the emergency list. Several members of the board expressed belief that chutes to be used to evacuating patients in the event of fire should be installed in the Fairview home cottages.

In some buildings in which patients sleep, only one chute has been installed and William Walsh, president of the senate and chairman of the emergency board, declared that he felt that chutes should be installed on both ends of each building. Dr. Irving Hill, superintendent, endorsed the idea. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 5)

Ban Visit of Red Partisans

Washington, March 3 (AP)—The United States refused today to permit a 12-member European "peace delegation" headed by Pablo Picasso, noted Spanish artist, to visit this country. The state department said that the 12 "are either known communists or fellow travelers and are therefore subject to exclusion from the United States under the immigration laws."

American consuls were instructed last night to refuse passport visas for the group, whose announced purpose was to present a petition to congress calling for immediate reduction of war budgets and military forces, and prohibition of atomic weapons.

The turnaround came after strong pressure had been exerted on the state department by congressional leaders to block the proposed visit. The Picasso group is known formally as the World Congress of Partisans of Peace.

Quiz Hoffman On British Oil

Washington, March 3 (AP)—Senators today called on ECA Chief Paul Hoffman to explain why Britain needs more than \$500,000,000 worth of American oil. The committee heard one explanation last week from W. John Kenney, chief of the economic cooperation administration mission to England. It didn't satisfy Senator Lodge (R-Mass.)

Lodge asked the committee to reopen the hearings (10:30 a.m., EST) to permit Hoffman to give his report and Chairman Connally (D., Tex.), agreed to the unusual procedure. Lodge argues that Great Britain has a \$1,000,000,000 deficit. This dollar gap could be cut more than half, he insists, if Great Britain used sterling (empire) oil rather than dollar oil. Kenney's explanation was that Britain is expanding her oil production but still needs oil from this country to meet her domestic and foreign requirements. There purchases are financed by recovery dollars.

Truman Asks Congress For Power to Seize Coal Mines

Nurse Testifies Cancer Victim Already Dead

Manchester, N.H., March 3 (AP)—A head nurse testified today Mrs. Abbie Borroto had a death pallor and was not breathing some minutes before Dr. Hermann N. Sander ever injected air into the woman's veins.

"I thought she was dead," said Mrs. Cecelia Smith, who had stopped at the patient's bedside in the Hillsboro county hospital last December 4. Mrs. Smith, a defense witness, said she failed to detect any pulse in the 59-year-old cancer-stricken woman during her first visit to the bedside the morning Mrs. Borroto died.

Later, the nurse testified she returned with Dr. Albert Snay and that he took Mrs. Borroto's pulse and listened for her heart beat through a stethoscope. Had Awful Death Pallor Dr. Snay has signed a statement that the woman was dead when he looked at her and that he so indicated to Dr. Sander as the first degree murder defendant went to the room moments later.

Dr. Sander is accused of injecting a fatal dose of air into Mrs. Borroto's veins in a so-called mercy gesture to end her suffering. Mrs. Smith said Mrs. Borroto had "an awful death pallor" at the time and she was "cold and clammy."

"Was she breathing?" asked Defense Attorney Robert P. Booth. "No, she wasn't," answered Mrs. Smith, who was supervising nurse in that part of the hospital at the time. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 5)



'King Coal'—John L. Lewis, union boss of the nation's striking coal miners, hangs onto his hat and bundles his coat collar around his throat as he breathes blustery, snowy weather on arrival at Silver Spring, Md., to resume bargaining on a contract to reopen pits. He is returning from brother's funeral in Illinois. (AP Wirephoto)

Asks Immediate Action As Nation Out of Soft Coal

Washington, March 3 (AP)—President Truman today asked congress for power to seize the nation's strike-bound coal mines. The president said in a special message:

"Within a few days we shall be virtually out of soft coal. The danger to the national health and safety is real and immediate. It requires action at once."

He said that if coal production is not resumed at once there will be "human suffering and disastrous economic dislocation."

Mr. Truman proposed: President's Proposals 1. An impartial board to make recommendations "concerning fair and just compensation for the use of the property of the mine owners."

2. Another impartial board to determine how much the government should pay the miners while they work for the government.

3. Establishment of a commission of inquiry, including government, congressional and public members "to make a thorough study of the coal industry in terms of economic, social and national security objectives."

The miners have now been on a full strike since Feb. 6 and since Feb. 11 have defied a federal court's order for a return to work. Mr. Truman's proposed program was based on the assumption that they would return to work if the government took over the pits.

Hopes for a Contract At the same time he asked the power of seizure, the president said he hoped he would not have to use it. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 8)

Plenty of Coal Declares Lewis

New York, March 3 (AP)—The New York Times said today John L. Lewis, chief of the United Mine Workers, insists that neither public health nor safety is imperiled by the nationwide coal strike.

Lewis says there is enough coal on hand, if "fairly distributed," to last out the time needed to end the dispute, the newspaper reported.

And he added that he could come to a quick settlement if the industry would send its "real owners" to bargain with him. Lewis defended himself and his United Mine Workers in a 1,500-word answer to seven questions asked by Arthur Krock, Washington correspondent for the New York Times.

"No strike in the coal fields has ever imperiled public health or safety, this one included," Krock quoted Lewis as saying. "When has this nation ever been imperiled by one? There is enough coal on hand, if it were fairly distributed, to last out the time we shall require to adjust the current dispute fairly."

The Times said publication of the personal interview was held up pending the outcome of the government's contempt case against the UMW in federal court in Washington yesterday.

Doctor Asserts Air Harmless

Baltimore, March 3 (AP)—A Baltimore physician has offered to have 40 cubic centimeters of air injected into his veins in behalf of the defense in the New Hampshire "mercy killing" trial.

Forty cubic centimeters is the amount allegedly injected into the veins of a Manchester, N.H., cancer victim for whose death Dr. Hermann N. Sander is now being tried.

Dr. Harry M. Robinson, professor of dermatology at the University of Maryland and instructor of syphilology at Johns Hopkins Medical school, said yesterday he has injected "40 or 50" centimeters of air into the veins of many patients without any harmful effects.

Dr. Robinson declared: "Injections of air into veins cannot cause death. Air that is injected into the veins goes to the right side of the heart and then to the lungs, where it disappears. There are no results at all—either good or bad. The air simply has no effect."

Polio Chapter Faces Year with Funds Low

By MARIAN LOWRY FISCHER Assets: \$2592.57. Unpaid bills: \$8595.71! That was the situation confronting Marion county chapter, National Infantile Paralysis Foundation, Inc., when members assembled for their monthly meeting Thursday night at Salem Memorial hospital dining room.

Step by step, the situation was met like this: With \$13.57 cash on hand at the end of the month, the chapter turned in its last reserve bond of \$1644, and received back the \$935 loaned to set up the March of Dimes campaign—the three sums giving the assets of \$2592.57.

To date \$16,000 has been received from the March of Dimes campaign, half of which goes to national headquarters according to the set-up of the foundation, it was reported by Howard Ragan, campaign chairman. By vote at the meeting, Ragan this morning turned over \$8000, the half from the campaign funds due the chapter. With this \$8000 plus the chapter assets of \$2592.57 the chapter

was in position to pay its unpaid bills of \$8595.71. That will leave a balance of less than \$2000 to face a whole year before another campaign is completed—and a sum of \$14,000 was paid out during 1949 to care for 31 cases of polio in Marion county!

And already, three cases have been reported since the start of 1950. And bills still come in for care of cases stricken during the past few months!

"What next?" was the question from the 30 persons attending the meeting—"Where do we go from here?" The chapter practically is "broke" again—albeit the annual fund campaign is just completed—but the bills for the moment are paid. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 6)

Defense Closes in Judith Coplon Trial

New York, March 3 (AP)—The Judith Coplon-Valentin Gubitchev espionage case is going to the jury without any witnesses for Miss Coplon and only brief testimony in behalf of Gubitchev. The defense rested in a dramatic move late yesterday, less than four and a half hours after the prosecution completed its case.

Defense and government lawyers will sum up their cases on Monday. Federal Judge Sylvester J. Ryan will charge the jury of six men and six women on Tuesday and place the fate of the defendants in the jurors' hands.