

THE WEATHER HERE

PARTLY CLOUDY tonight, Tuesday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 38; high Tuesday, 54.

Maximum yesterday, 54; minimum today, 35. Total 24-hour precipitation, .14; for month, .81; normal, .30. Season precipitation, 33.72; normal, 24.16. River height, 10.8 feet, slowly rising. (Report by U. S. Weather Bureau.)

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Sander States Patient Dead 'Ere Injection

An "Obsession" Forced Him to Pump Air Into Cancer Victim

Manchester, N. H., March 6 (AP)—Dr. Hermann N. Sander calmly testified today that an "obsession" forced him to pump air into a cancer patient he believed already dead.

"Something snapped in me," was Dr. Sander's explanation of the air injection that brought him to trial charged with the "mercy murder" of the patient, Mrs. Abbie C. Porroto, 59.

Dr. Sanders, testifying as his own star witness, maintained Mrs. Porroto was dead of cancer when he plunged his hypodermic needle into her arm. Thus, he contended, he could not have killed her to spare her further suffering.

Irrational Behavior

"It was just the appearance of her face and the remembrance of her long suffering that might have touched me off and made me do something that doesn't make sense," he said.

"It was an irrational behavior and I don't think I can explain it. I was obsessed to do it."

Dr. Sander began his dramatic testimony with a statement that the novel "Magnificent Obsession" by Lloyd C. Douglas inspired him to become a physician.

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Elfstrom Not To Seek Senate

Mayor Robert L. Elfstrom, who has often been mentioned as a possible candidate for the state senate, said definitely today that he will not run.

"It would take a great deal of my time," the mayor said, "and with business conditions as they are now I don't want to take the time from my private business that would be necessary if I entered the campaign. Besides that, I have to carry on as mayor for the rest of the year, and we have things on the city program that will need close attention."

It is known that many substantial citizens and groups have tried to persuade Mayor Elfstrom to run for the senate.

"I appreciate the interest shown in my behalf," he said. "Perhaps in a later campaign I may be more responsive."

Elfstrom is completing his second term as mayor, and will retire from that office January 1, 1951. Some effort has been made to persuade him to run for a third term, but he declined.

Truman Off Sunday For 3 Weeks Vacation

Washington, March 6 (AP)—President Truman will leave Sunday for a three-week vacation at Key West, Fla.

The White House announced the president will leave at 10 a.m. Sunday aboard the presidential yacht USS Williamsburg. He expects to reach the naval station at Key West Thursday morning.

His present plans are to make the return trip by plane. No date has been set for his return, but Eben Ayers, assistant White House press secretary, said Mr. Truman expects to be gone about three weeks.

Cold Wave to End Menace of Flood

Seattle, March 6 (AP)—Extreme cold is in prospect east of the Cascades tonight.

The U. S. weather bureau issued a provisional warning at 10 a.m. for eastern Washington, eastern Oregon and Idaho. It said temperatures are likely to drop to a range of 15 to 25 degrees. The extreme minimums are dependent on a decrease in the wind this afternoon and tonight.

The bureau said the temperature dip shouldn't be classified as a "cold wave warning," but said there was a possibility of damage to early crops and young lambs in some areas.

Chains Again Needed

Motorists were advised today to carry chains if they plan to cross the Cascade summits on the Willamette, Wapinitia and Santiam highways, the state highway commission said today.

Group Studies Uniformity for Tax Structure

Legislative Interim Committee Proposes Centralized Buying

By JAMES D. OLSON
Uniformity in tax statements and summaries issued in the counties of the state is one of the objects of the legislative interim tax committee, according to State Senator Eugene Marsh, chairman of a sub-committee studying this problem.

At a meeting of the main committee Monday, Tax Commissioner Robert Maclean, in charge of the assessment and taxation division of the commission, said that he was getting out suggestions to assessors and tax collectors on a unified procedure. Statements Not Uniform

Maclean said that although at present tax statements in the various counties of the state are in different forms there is no reason why all statements could not be uniform.

He suggested that the state tax commission print and furnish all tax forms to the counties of the state.

Chairman Howard Belton suggested that the forms could be compiled by the tax commission and printed by the state printer with the counties paying the state printer for such forms as are furnished.

Centralized Purchasing

A suggestion for centralized purchasing and auditing for all school districts within a county is being studied by the interim committee on schools, according to a letter to the committee from Dr. T. C. Holy, director of the survey. Sen. Belton said that if this suggestion was adopted a large saving could be effected by school districts throughout the state.

Attorney General George Neuner in a letter doubted if the proposed levy of 2 percent on income tax exemptions, as suggested to the committee, would be constitutional. Neuner said that such a tax, he thought, would be a poll tax and therefore unconstitutional.

Left Wingers Win in Greece

Athens, March 6 (AP)—Left wing moderates led by Gen. Nicholas Plastiras pulled ahead in Greek general election returns today after right wing followers of Constantine Tsaldaris had drawn to within 88 votes of the lead.

Returns from 31 of 39 electoral districts gave Plastiras' national progressives a lead of nearly 18,000 votes over Sophocles Venizelos' centrists and 25,624 votes over Tsaldaris' populist party.

Some political quarters predicted Plastiras and Venizelos would team up in a coalition. Standing in fourth place was the left-wing democratic front party of John Sophianopoulos, a new political grouping which held the lead throughout the early counting but lost out when returns from rural areas swung strength toward more moderate and rightist parties.

With 31 of the 59 electoral districts counted, Plastiras' national progressive party held 149,245 votes compared to 131,357 for Venizelos. Tsaldaris had 123,621 and Sophianopoulos 98,971.

10 Year Program For City Progress Offered

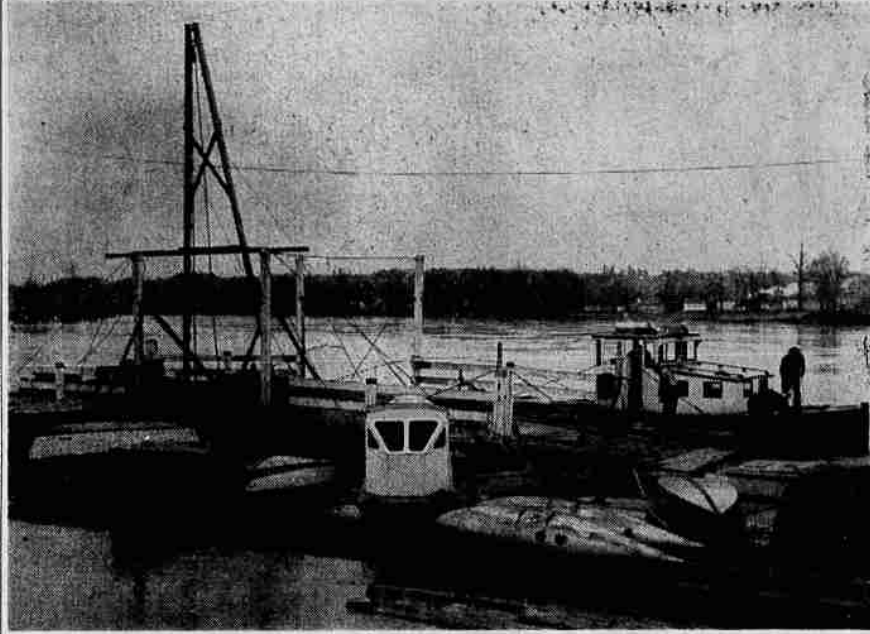
By STEPHEN A. STONE

City Manager J. L. Franzen's 10-year program, with financial estimates, including what part of it should go on the May ballot this year, will be presented at a joint dinner meeting of the city council and the planning and zoning commission Monday night.

It will not be a public meeting and no official action will be taken. That will be done later at regular meetings of the city council.

It is understood, without any definite statement from official sources, that the 10-year program covering projects of the several city departments may range around \$4,000,000 to be financed by bond issues or special taxes. In addition to that is a \$2,000,000 estimate for the water department, but that is self-financing and does not require bonds and taxes.

The city council's job is to decide how much of the 10-year outline should go on the May ballot this year. This probably



Solve Mystery Of Bonds Theft

The theft of \$1900 to \$2300 worth of government bonds from the James Collins residence in the Keizer district in February was listed as solved Monday by state police and Sheriff Denver Young who took a statement from Jack Troxell, former paper mill employee.

Troxell admitted burglarizing the Collins residence at 940 Evans avenue, on the night of February 18-19, taking \$1100 in bonds and \$3 in pennies. He was accompanied by Al Stuevant, nabbed with two other men last week on charges of burglarizing the Keizer school.

Approximately \$1000 worth of the bonds were found near Bend and turned in to state police there. Collins reported that between \$1900 and \$2300 worth of bonds had been taken, but statements from the men admitted only \$1100 worth.

Although the men had taken Collins' army discharge papers, they claimed they made no effort to cash the bonds. The men left the Salem area a few days after the burglary for California, and they admitted tearing up the bonds and discarding them near Bend.

The hunt for the burglars apparently crystallized when Stuevant was nabbed on the Keizer school burglary charge.

Russia to Keep Army in Reich

Leipzig, Germany, March 6 (AP)—Russia will keep an occupation army in East Germany as long as allied forces are on German soil, a member of the German communist politburo said today.

This high east German source denied there was any basis for the frequent rumor that Soviet troops might be withdrawn later this year.

He also denied that the Soviet-sponsored east German government expects to obtain a separate peace treaty from Russia—unless the allies first conclude such a pact with the Bonn republic.

His statements were made during an informal two-hour conversation with this correspondent here.

In Berlin non-communist foreign press representatives are barred from close contact with eastern government officials.

House Debates Hawaiian State

Washington, March 6 (AP)—A southern democrat told the house today he could see no racial grounds for denying statehood to Hawaii.

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Old Ferry Boat Utilized In New Bridge Testing

By BEN MAXWELL

Ferryboat Daniel Matheny, long in service at the Wheatland crossing, has been acquired by Willard Taylor and is now at his moorage being outfitted by the Raymond Concrete Piling company for use in core testing for new Willamette bridge piers. A float previously in service for this purpose was swept by drift a week ago and near \$5000 worth of equipment was lost in the river.

When the second Daniel Matheny was taken out of service about four years ago the old craft was stripped of operating gear and beached. When Taylor acquired the hull it was partially submerged and mud-filled. Since he has restored the boat to a serviceable condition that will make the old Daniel Matheny useful during most of the year or more required to build the new Willamette bridge.

When drift submerged the float previously used most of the equipment was swept into the river, including the float's deck house. Lately this cabin was discovered about a half mile downstream where it had lodged in brush on the west side of the river. In this deck house, which had capsized to become itself something of a boat, were found two chests of tools, heretofore presumed lost, lanterns and rope. Chain tongs were still hanging on the wall.

Raymond Concrete Piling company have outfitted the Daniel Matheny with new equipment brought from Seattle. Included are four heavy sea anchors that will be used to hold the boat in position for drilling and sounding, new gasoline operated winches, casing and a large capacity gasoline pump. Soon after engineers determine the position for testing the rebuilt ferryboat, more adequate in every way than the original float and better equipped, will be dropped into position for work expected to resume about March 9.

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Gunfire Stops 2 Auto Thieves Fleeing Dallas

Pursued at 95 Miles An Hour Until Nabbed At Springfield

Eugene, March 6 (AP)—A stolen car was chased by police at speeds up to 95 miles an hour all the way from Salem to Springfield today.

Police finally stopped the car with gunfire. The occupants identified themselves as Robert Fox, Jr., 21, a transient, and John Lee Shaver, 19, of Chillicothe, Ohio. They were charged with auto theft and held in Lane county jail pending a check of records and a check with Dallas police officials.

Lt. Donald H. Clark Eugene police department, said that the car they drove was definitely identified as stolen from a Dallas man. In addition, police are investigating possibility they committed a grocery store robbery in Dallas last night, since some of the loot described by Dallas police was found in the car.

Stopped by Gunfire

Police finally stopped the car with gunfire. Its two occupants were taken to the Lane county jail. One was booked as John L. Shaver, 22, on an auto theft charge, and the other was booked as Robert Fox, 21, on a grand larceny charge.

The long chase began at 3:15 a.m., after a car was stolen in Dallas.

Salem police spotted the car a little later and took up pursuit. The car sped away from them at 80 miles an hour, toward Eugene.

Road blocks were set up at Eugene. The car reached the blocks at 6:15 and went on speeding past.

Pursued by Cops

Four Eugene patrol cars raced behind it, and radioed for help from Springfield. The fleeing car went through Springfield at 90 or 95 miles an hour, and police began firing.

The car, shot through the windshield, body and hood, rolled over at a railroad underpass near Goshen. The two occupants crawled out, unhurt, and were arrested.

Chiang Issues Final Warning

Taipei, Formosa, March 6 (AP)

President Chiang Kai-Shek today warned nationalist China it has one last chance to survive and triumph over mainland communists.

The alternative, he declared, was to perish.

Chiang sounded his somber warning at a memorial service for Dr. Sun Yat-Sen, founder of the Chinese Republic.

More than 2,000 members of the Kuomintang (nationalist) party attended the services. They applauded and some wept as Chiang uttered a solemn warning—that blunders which led to the mainland debacle for the nationalists must not be repeated.

Chiang declared the essentials for survival and recovery were unity, teamwork and complete sacrifice of personal interest for those of the state.

"If this is achieved, I am confident of the eventual defeat of the communists," Chiang said. "To this end I once again offer all I have and all I am until my death."

Big 3 to Talk Meeting With Russia in April

Paris, March 6 (AP)—British, French and American foreign ministers will discuss a possible meeting with Russia when they meet in London next month, French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman said tonight.

The meeting of the three western foreign ministers is reported by foreign office sources here to be set for April 12, simultaneously with a meeting of the foreign ministers of the 12 Atlantic pact nations for a discussion of mutual defense problems.

Schuman, however, declined to announce the date of the meeting officially.

British Labor to Avoid Change

London, March 6 (AP)—King George VI formally opened parliament today with a promise that the labor government would pigeonhole all controversial legislation during the coming year.

No "contentious" positions of the labor government's socialist program will be brought before parliament unless full employment and Britain's national well-being are threatened, the king said.

The king's speech, written for him by Prime Minister Clement Attlee's labor government, skipped all direct mention of such controversial labor government proposals as nationalization.

Attlee campaigned on a promise to continue nationalization. His majority in commons was so slight, however—seven seats—that he and his cabinet agreed to call a halt to the nationalization program.

The king's speech was extremely short and was one of the least informative to be delivered at the opening of parliament in many years.

It reflected the precarious position of the labor government and its determination not to clash with the opposition over controversial legislation.

Sea Monster Begins to Smell

Delake, Ore., March 6 (AP)

This coastal town was still full of sightseers looking over the mysterious hunk of sea life variously known as "Tubby," "The Monster," and the "Prehistoric Goose," although the smell grew stronger.

But none of the visitors could proffer any definite statement as to what the hairy 500 to 2000 pound thing is.

There were various theories on the identity of the huge, four-tailed, odoriferous whatzit when the surf cast up on the shore here Saturday.

A University of Washington zoology professor, going on telephone descriptions, said it sounded like a giant squid.

"Never saw a squid a bit like that," retorted residents.

Another group thought it might be the entrails of a whale. "Certainly not; it's got a mouth and tails," retorted residents.

The animal—if it was an animal—was too wave-battered to be sure just what it did have. There was a globular center, about four feet across, and long tails or tentacles, and an opening—maybe a mouth—at the opposite end from the tails.

"Maybe we'll find out this week," said Wayne Eyer, who owns a service station 200 feet away. "Three college students cut off a piece for a sample yesterday."

Third of Coal Strikers Swing Back into Work

Signing of Contract Marks Official End Of Long Walkout

Pittsburgh, March 6 (AP)—About one-third of America's soft coal mines swung back into operation today to pace the gigantic task of refueling a shivering nation.

Resumption of digging that began a bare five hours after the official end of the great coal strike progressed slowly. But by nightfall nearly every bituminous pit in the country is expected to be turning out coal.

Many of the 372,000 strikers reported to the mines in the same festive mood they were in during a week-end victory celebration. Gone were the grim stares and angry murmurings of the previous months.

Industries Limp Along
Big industries—crippled by the fuel shortage—limped along a step behind the mines in restoring order to the nation's economy.

"It all depends on how soon and how fast we can get coal," said a spokesman for the U. S. Steel Corp. "We'll probably be back to normal operations in a few days."

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Coal Contract Terms Listed

Washington, March 6 (AP)—These are the terms of the new soft coal contract signed by John L. Lewis and the operators late yesterday compared with Lewis' original demands:

Wages—Raised 70 cents a day to a total of \$14.75 per miner; Lewis asked a 95-cent raise to a total of \$15.

Hours—Eight hours a day, as before; Lewis had proposed seven and a half.

Welfare fund—A 10-cent boost in the old 20-cent-a-ton royalty paid by the operators to finance miners' health and pension benefits; Lewis had asked a 15-cent raise.

Union shop—Like the old contract, the new one contains a provision compelling miners to join the United Mine Workers union; Lewis had asked this. However, the new contract makes the provision subject to a supreme court ruling on its legality.

Willful and able—This clause, providing that miners work only when willing and able, was dropped from the new agreement after a federal court held it probably illegal. In its place, the union is protected against suits for wildcat strikes by a more generally worded clause.

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Congress Drops Seizure Bill

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH

Washington, March 6 (AP)—The emphasis on coal legislation shifted in congress today to the study commission which President Truman wants set up to find a way to lasting peace in the mining industry.

The switch from last week's drive for enactment of a mine seizure bill was caused by the signing of a strike-ending contract by John L. Lewis and the soft coal operators.

Some lawmakers, however, still demand passage of a standby measure which would give the government authority to take over the coal mines in any future crisis.

Senator Capehart (R., Ind.), for example, told a reporter: "I am for passing a seizure bill or any other kind of legislation that will keep one man, Lewis by name, from paralyzing the nation. Settlement or not, I am still for that."

The senate labor committee put the seizure bill on the shelf at a rather informal meeting today.

Chairman Elbert Thomas (D., Okla.) told reporters that committee members agreed it is unnecessary to consider the emergency legislation now.

Thomas said he thinks permanent legislation to give the government standby seizure authority can wait on the proposed commission study.



Delake, Ore.—Smelly Nellie or Monster?—Oregon coast residents quickly raised questions about sea monsters when a four-tailed globe shaped mass of long dead aquatic substance was cast upon the beach over the week-end. Answers ranged from whale blubber to giant squid while the unseasonable Sunday touring crowds kept a comfortable distance. (AP Photo)