

WEATHER

PARTLY CLOUDY tonight, Sunday. Slightly cooler Sunday. Low tonight, 46; high Sunday, 65.

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Census Shows Population of Salem 43,064

40 Percent Gain Over 1940 but Below Previous Estimates

Salem's population by the 1950 census, according to preliminary official report from the office of Cornelius Bateson, district supervisor, is 43,064.

That is at least 10,000 less than had been estimated on the basis of Salem post office phone and city water department statistics. It is, however, a gain of just under 40 percent over the 1940 census of 30,908.

Included in the Salem figures are the populations of Oregon State hospital and Oregon State penitentiary, which total 4,422. Taking that away from the new census figure leaves Salem's actual population still short of the 40,000 bracket, or 38,642.

West Salem Adds 3,047

The merger of Salem and West Salem in 1949 boosted the city's population by 3,047. West Salem's population 10 years ago was 1,940.

Final official figures on Salem's population will be made from Washington later in the year. That may show a small increase over the preliminary figure with the possibility that some who have been missed will voluntarily report in.

The census appears to show that Salem's fringe areas have grown at quite a rapid pace.

In the current Salem City Directory the city's population is given as 52,800. That is based on post office and water office calculations.

Calculations Wrong

The census office concludes that water service statistics can no longer be considered a guide for the reason that water connections serve fewer persons than formerly.

Bigger families, it is believed, have left corporate limits of cities and live on acreages or small farms for the benefit of their children.

In a letter to Mayor Robert L. Elstrom yesterday Supervisor Bateson said:

"This figure is believed to be substantially correct, but is subject to revision after returns for non-residents are credited to their proper locality and other routine checks have been made. Although material revision of the preliminary count is unlikely, it may possibly occur after careful examination of the returns."

Berry Crops Cut By Winter Kill

Heavy winter damage and recurring April frosts are blamed for poor prospects for Oregon caneberry and strawberry crops, in a bulletin issued by the crop reporting service of the US department of agriculture.

Indications are that the strawberry crop this year will be 6 percent below last year's crop, and 32 percent below the record crop of 1948. However, the 1950 crop will be 22 percent over the 10-year average from 1938-48.

Open weather during the last half of April permitted progress in weed control, weevil baiting, and planting of the 1951 strawberry crop. Good growing conditions from now on are important, with harvest expected to start around the first week of June. About 1,120,000 crates of 36 pounds are expected.

Production outlook for caneberry is irregular, but generally poor. Judging from May 1 reports from growers, red raspberries are expected to be about the same as last year but prospects for blackcaps are less favorable. Big drops are seen in loganberries, boysen and youngberries and tame blackberries.

Food Prices Rise Setting Year's High

Washington, May 13 (AP)—The government's daily index of prices hit a high for the year in the week ending May 9.

The bureau of labor statistics said the index of 28 commodities climbed two per cent during the week, to 259 per cent of the August 1939 level.

Weather Details

Conditions will be favorable for farm work Sunday. Maximum yesterday, 56; minimum today, 46. Total 24-hour precipitation: 0.6 for month; 1.1; normal, .64. Season precipitation, 46.76; normal, 34.08. River height, 3.7 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

Forecasts on Primary Vote Prove Difficult

Oregon Will Ballot Next Friday in Nominating Election

By JAMES D. OLSON

Oregon voters will go to the polls next Friday to select republican and democratic nominees who will battle for election at the November general election.

Election booths are required by law to be open at 8 a. m. and close at 8 p. m. standard time, with the result that the time of opening the election booths will be 9 a. m. daylight time and closing time will be at 9 p. m. daylight time.

Because of the late closing time of the booths, together with the fact that election officials will be given an hour's time, after all votes are in, for dinner, the results of all close races will not be known until Saturday.

Statewide greatest interest lies in three races, the battle for the democratic nomination for governor, the race for republican nomination for United States senator and the contest waged for the supreme court bench to be vacated January 1 by Associate Justice J. O. Bailey.

Experts can't agree on the outcome of the democratic race for governor, in which State Senator Austin F. Flegel, Lew Wallace and State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson are engaged. (Continued on Page 5, Column 5)

Sander Turns To Tilling Soil

Candia, N. H., May 13 (AP)—Dr. Hermann N. Sander has turned to tilling the soil for his neighbors at \$4 an hour to support his wife and three young daughters.

George Woodbury, a close friend, said today the Candia physician has been working from sunup to sunset since shortly after the state board of registration in medicine revoked his license to practice.

Neighbors of Dr. Sander said his rate of pay for plowing and cultivating farmlands of the area is \$4 an hour.

Dr. Sander's right to continue his general practice was taken away from him shortly after his acquittal on a first degree murder charge in the death of a hopelessly ill cancer patient.

But the state medical board left the door open for him to apply for reinstatement on June 19.

Woodbury, who headed a committee to accept contributions to help defray cost of the trial that gained wide attention, said \$21,000 had been collected but that most of it was spent on legal fees.

"The fund was never intended to be used for anything but immediate post-trial expenses," Woodbury said, adding:

"As a result the Sander family has tightened its belt, so to speak, and operating on the theory that if you can't earn it—don't spend it."

Senate Group Restores Flood Control Slashes

Washington, May 13 (AP)—A senate appropriations subcommittee has voted to restore more than half of the nearly \$200,000,000 trimmed by the house from President Truman's \$796,482,000 budget for flood control and rivers and harbors.

Better than \$16,000,000,000 of the increase would go to Pacific northwest projects.

Actually, what the subcommittee did was to vote a 10 percent cut, or \$79,848,200, in the president's budget for the projects in the fiscal year beginning July 1.

But the house had lopped off nearly 25 per cent, bringing the amount down to \$599,145,000, so the effect of the subcommittee's action was to restore a good part of the house cuts. The matter now goes to the senate appropriations committee and then to the senate, itself, for a vote. After that differences with the house version would have to be ironed out in joint conference.

The subcommittee went contrary to Mr. Truman's expressed wishes when it decided to add \$10,000,000 to begin new projects of "high priority." The president had recommended that no new projects be started this year.

The new projects include the



Woodworkers Signing Up

Portland, May 13 (AP)—The CIO International Woodworkers of America reached agreement with two more employer groups today, just two days before their strike deadline.

The union won its demand for a health and welfare program from the lumbermen's industrial relations committee, which represents a large share of the Douglas fir operations in Oregon and Washington and from the Tri-county Loggers association, a Washington state group.

Leo Kotin, federal conciliator, said the settlement was the same as made with other employer groups earlier: 7½ cents per man hour to be paid by the employers for a health and welfare program; Three paid holidays.

Kotin, who announced the settlement at noon today, said the union was continuing negotiations with the remaining employer groups this afternoon in the hope of averting the Monday strike.

Pan-American Stewards Strike

New York, May 13 (AP)—Seven hundred flight service workers, supported by 3,000 maintenance employees who refused to cross picket lines, struck today against the huge Pan American World Airways.

A representative of the airline said that except for delays the company's flight schedules were being maintained throughout the world-wide system.

No new meetings of the negotiators were scheduled. The company said the strike directly involved 700 flight service personnel—stewards, stewardesses and pursers. They placed picket lines around the company's far-flung American bases and the maintenance workers, members of the same union, refused to cross them.

The company said supervisory employees had taken over maintenance work.

500 Women Attend Homemakers' Festival

Five hundred or more women from all over Marion county gathered in Salem Saturday for the seventh annual Marion County Homemakers' Festival.

The group representing 28 home extension units in the county, as well as visitors, opened its session at the Salem armory at 10 a. m.

After greetings from the county chairman, Mrs. Ralph Mercer, and group singing there was a talk by Miss Frances Clinton, formerly home extension agent for Marion county and now with the state extension office at Oregon State college.

Carrying out the theme of the festival, "Homemaking in Foreign Lands," were the talks by the morning speakers, each of whom told of homemaking in some foreign land in which she had lived.

These speakers were Mrs. James T. Brand, telling of Germany; Mrs. Charles Ratcliff, the Philippines; and Miss Margaret Hodgkinson, England. Miss Hodgkinson is an exchange teacher from England at Corvallis. (Continued on Page 5, Column 8)

Lie Prolongs Moscow Visit

Moscow, May 13 (AP)—United Nations Secretary-General Trygve Lie worked far into the night after a 90-minute talk yesterday with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky.

Here to confer with Russian officials in an effort to ease tension between the east and west, the UN official may visit Moscow for a longer period than he had originally planned, a reliable source reported.

When he arrived Thursday, Lie indicated he would be in the Russian capital only two or three days. But an informant said a member of Lie's party had inquired about Moscow restaurants which the secretary-general might like to visit next week.

Lie declined many invitations from foreign diplomats in favor of his work. An official announcement said he had received a number of cables from UN headquarters at Lake Success and from Geneva, where the World Health Organization (WHO) is meeting.

Oregon's traffic deaths so far this year totaled 79 compared with 74 at the same time in 1949. All but three of last month's fatalities occurred in rural areas.

Figures for Pacific northwest projects already under way were placed at (amounts allowed by the house in brackets): McNary dam, \$37,500,000 (\$35,000,000); Detroit dam, \$20,000,000 (\$13,000,000); Dorena dam, \$800,000 (\$720,000); Lookout Point dam and reservoir, \$15,720,500 (\$10,000,000); Willamette Bank Protection, \$450,000 (\$200,000); Chief Joseph dam, \$12,000,000 (\$12,000,000).

In addition \$115,000 was voted for planning Cougar reservoir in the Willamette valley.

Senator Cordon (R-Ore.) said work on McNary, Detroit and Lookout Point dams and Willamette Bank Protection would have to be curtailed during the year if the amounts voted by the subcommittee were retained.

Ouster Ordered By U.S. of 22 Czech Envoys

Reprisal Made for Expulsion of American Diplomats in Prague

Washington, May 13 (AP)—A mass ouster of 22 of the 33 Czech diplomatic corps employees in the United States was ordered by the American government today. The action was taken in retaliation for the ejection of about 40 Americans from communist Czechoslovakia.

In addition, the United States ordered the Czechs to close their consulates in Cleveland and Pittsburgh.

The Czech embassy in Washington and the consulate in New York will continue to operate but obviously with reduced staffs.

The American note—delivered in Prague and to the Czech ambassador here—amounted to an order but was couched in the usual diplomatic language of a request.

New Drastic Action Looms

The United States also hinted it may take new and possibly more drastic action against the Czechs in the future. A statement issued by the state department said this government "is examining the situation not only with respect to the present but also for the future."

The mass ejection of Czech representatives and their staff employees must occur within a "reasonable time" the state department said. Officials added that they have not told the Prague government just what is meant by that. The Czechs presumably will have several weeks to settle their affairs and get out of the country. (Continued on Page 5, Column 7)

Czechs Order Britons to Leave

Prague, Czechoslovakia, May 13 (AP)—The British cultural and information services today had the same marching orders that the Czech government gave to the U.S. information services a month ago.

Accusing the British of continuing to violate a 1947 cultural agreement by spreading hostile propaganda, the Czechs ordered the agencies to close by noon today.

The British also were accused of employing persons involved in anti-state activities. The Czech government ordered closure of British information centers in Prague and Bratislava as well as British council offices, supplying books and lectures, in Prague, Bratislava and Brno.

A government note to the British embassy charged that information service bulletins and BBC broadcasts in the Czech and Slovak languages had spread hostile propaganda. The British council, the note said, had become "a tool of the inimical attitude towards the people's democratic Czechoslovakia, and a center of anti-state elements."

The government-ordered closure of the U.S. information service offices in April was followed by a demand that the U.S. diplomatic staff in the country be cut by two-thirds. The first contingent of U.S. employees moved out of Prague yesterday in response to the order.

Wife of Composer Dies

Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, May 13 (AP)—Frau Pauline Strauss, widow of the late German composer Richard Strauss, died at her home here today. Her husband died last September.



Richard Johnson, 29, who is sought after escaping from a field gang at Oregon State prison annex today.

Convict Flees In Car Halted On Roadside

Dashed Away from Gang While Working In Berry Patch

By STEPHEN A. STONE

An escape from Oregon State penitentiary, said by prison officers to have been one of the cleverest ever accomplished by an Oregon convict, was made from a field gang just after 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

Sought is Richard Johnson, 29, sent up from Lane county on a seven-year rap for assault and robbery armed with a dangerous weapon, and with him an unidentified man who spirited Johnson away in a car.

Johnson was with a gang working under gun-guard in a strawberry patch between the state prison annex and Turner road.

Usual Traffic on Road

On the road was the usual traffic, and among the vehicles an old car of heavy make that came from the direction of the State Tuberculosis hospital. Opposite the strawberry patch, and only a little way from the gang of prisoners, the car stopped, as any old car might.

Johnson dashed for the road, reached it and jumped into the car. The lone driver deliberately, but losing little time, turned the car in the road and they drove rapidly back toward the tuberculosis hospital. What direction they took from there hasn't been found out.

Happened Too Quickly

"We've never had anything just like that before," said Deputy Warden E. C. Halley, "it happened so quickly, it seems, that the guard just couldn't do anything about it." (Continued on Page 5, Column 4)

Democrats to Stage Jubilee

Chicago, May 13 (AP)—Democrats from across the nation were in Chicago today for a three-day party conference and Jefferson Jubilee celebration.

The biggest political show since the national party conventions two years ago will end Monday night with a Chicago stadium speech by President Truman.

William M. Boyle, Jr., chairman of the democratic national committee, told the party leaders today to give voters first hand reports on the Truman administration's stewardship. He said such strategy can win for the democrats in the fall campaigns. He declared the republicans are deliberately distorting the facts.

The unusual, 15-event program is attracting democratic politicians from all 48 states. It marks the 150th anniversary of Jefferson's election as president.

The first of two days of panel talks on campaign questions emphasized women's, youth and nationality problems.

Boyle addressed an open meeting of the national committee before it went into closed sessions at the Blackstone hotel.

Slight Quake in L. A.

Los Angeles, May 13 (AP)—A slight earth tremor was felt today in the southwest section of the city in the vicinity of the International Airport.

Apparently there was no damage. The weather bureau reported the tremor at 7:43 a. m., Pacific Daylight Time, and called it "very slight."

The central meteorological observatory said a typhoon likely would sweep the islands tomorrow.



Marion County Homemakers in Seventh Annual Festival—Homemakers of Marion county convene at the armory today to celebrate their seventh annual festival dedicated to "Homemaking in Foreign Lands." Sixteen homemaking exhibits illustrating projects carried on in the extension program during the year were on display.