

# THE WEATHER

PARTLY CLOUDY with a few showers tonight and Wednesday. Slightly cooler tonight. Low tonight, 36; high Thursday, 48.

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## Pearson Seeks Housecleaning At State Prison

### Treasurer Wants Removal of Warden Alexander and Aides

By JAMES D. OLSON

Ouster of George Alexander, warden of the state penitentiary as well as a demand for the resignation of other top administrative personnel, appeared as a possibility Wednesday, as both the state board of control and a senate committee continued a probe of affairs at the prison.

Informed sources at the capitol consider the situation at the penitentiary explosive and officials are definitely worried.

At a special meeting of the board of control Tuesday afternoon Walter J. Pearson, state treasurer, told other board members that he believes the situation at the prison will never be settled until there is a "housecleaning of administrative personnel including the removal of Warden Alexander."

### Control Board Warned

Pearson declared that the problem of the board was to find the proper person to replace Alexander and said "we should start looking for that man right now."

Wednesday Pearson said that he had no intention of making political capital of the prison situation, believing that the board as a whole has made sincere efforts to remedy the situation.

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## Bill Calls for State Analyst

A bill authorizing appointment by the governor of a business analyst to make a study of all state departments with a view of cutting down unnecessary personnel as well as install better business practices, was presented to the joint ways and means committee Wednesday by Sen. Carl Engdahl of Pendleton.

Sen. Engdahl, chairman of a sub-committee that has studied the proposal, predicted that if a proper job was performed by this proposed official, savings amounting to several millions of dollars can be saved for the state of Oregon.

Under the terms of the bill the business analyst would work out of the budget director's office and report his findings on any department in which he made a study to the governor and also prepare a consolidated report of his activities for the 1953 legislature.

The estimated cost of the proposal was given as \$67,000 for the biennium.

Some question as to the constitutionality of the proposed business analyst ordering any changes in departments headed by elected officials whose duties are prescribed in the state constitution was raised.

## Spring Really Comes to Valley

Spring came in early Wednesday morning, officially, and in typical March fashion, with wind, some light showers and occasionally a bit of sunshine. The weather bureau clocked spring's arrival at 2:26 a. m.

More cloudiness and a few light showers are in store for tonight and Thursday, and slightly cooler temperatures, according to the forecast.

In the 24-hour period ending at 10:30 a. m., Wednesday, .03 of an inch of precipitation had been recorded here. The month's total is now 3.69 inches, against a normal of 2.51 inches.

The Willamette river continues to drop slowly, measuring 5.9 feet at the local gauge Wednesday morning.

## 44 Pints of Blood Taken at Woodburn

"Blood day" at Woodburn, Tuesday, brought 44 pints of blood. The number was below expectations, but considerable illness cut down the take, reports the Red Cross office.

There were 59 donors who came, 15 being rejected.

Dr. James Deagan and Dr. Delbert Reed from Woodburn assisted at the unit.

Next blood day will be the regular one in Salem on April 5 at the local army.

## Senate Votes Hospital for Aged People

### \$3 Million Structure For Portland Area on Next Ballot

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR.

A house bill to build a \$3,000,000 state hospital for aged patients in the Portland area was approved by the senate today. The only vote against it was cast by Sen. Angus Gibson, Junction City.

The bill will be referred to the people because the state constitution says no institution can be built outside Marion county unless the people approve.

If the people vote for it, then the 1953 legislature would have to finance the proposed hospital. Sponsors said the hospital would relieve the state hospitals at Salem and Pendleton, where about one-fourth of the patients are old people who are not insane.

### Cuts Welfare Costs

Sen. Rex Ellis, Pendleton, said the hospital would reduce state welfare costs by caring for many old persons who are now being cared for at state expense in privately-owned nursing homes.

The senate decided it wanted the hospital within 20 miles of the Multnomah county courthouse, while the house had voted to limit it to 15 miles. Dr. F. H. Dammach, Portland representative, said he would ask the house to agree to the senate version.

Some senators feared that the \$3,000,000 limit would be too restrictive because of rising costs, but the state board of control said it thinks that amount would be enough.

### Mahoney Drops Bill

Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney, Portland democrat, dropped his attempt to try to get the senate to approve his bill to require senate confirmation of the governor's appointments to the state liquor and highway commissions. The bill was beaten by the senate yesterday 15 to 14.

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## Eva Peron Sells Whiskey Cheap

Buenos Aires, March 21 (AP)—Enterprising Eva Peron broke into the grocery business with a bang yesterday. Her biggest bargain was at the liquor counter.

Argentina's blonde and beautiful first lady, who is prominently mentioned as a vice presidential running mate for her husband next February, presided at the opening of the first of 37 low-price grocery stores to be operated by her quasi-official social air foundation.

Eva wore pink. A loud speaker blared martial music as she hustled rapidly through the store in the center of the city. Sixteen others opened simultaneously elsewhere in Buenos Aires, and the other 20 will open later.

With the slogan, "One more achievement in favor of social justice," Eva posted prices slightly lower than her private competitors. But she sold locally made Scotch-type whiskey at 34.75 pesos (about \$2.30) a bottle. It sells for 70 pesos and up at other places.

## Stockholders of Eugene Bank Lose Damage Suit

Nine minority stockholders of the First National bank of Eugene failed in state supreme court today in their efforts to collect damages resulting from the sale of bank stock to Transamerica corporation.

The plaintiffs, Greta Bristow Smith, former president and director of the bank.

Smith, his family and other bank directors, who owned a total of 70 per cent of the stock, got \$460 a share, while the minority stockholders got only \$220 a share.

The minority stockholders sued, and failed, to collect the difference between what the majority and what the minority got.

In an opinion by Justice Earl C. Latourette, the high court said there is no evidence of fraud in the sale.

"The fact that Smith and others received more for their stock than the minority is no evidence of fraud, since it is generally recognized that the



## Seek Killing RFC Revamping

Washington, March 21 (AP)—Chairman McClellan (D-Ark) of the senate expenditures committee proposed today that President Truman withdraw temporarily his hotly disputed plan to revamp the reconstruction finance corporation.

He said congress should be allowed to work out its own solution to the fate of RFC, huge government lending agency. A senate banking subcommittee contends the RFC has fallen under the control of an influence ring with White House contacts.

McClellan made his suggestion as his committee opened public hearings on the president's proposal to abolish the five-man RFC board of directors and put the agency under a single administrator.

"This plan should be withdrawn temporarily," McClellan said.

Senator Maybank (D-SC), chairman of the full banking committee who spoke as the lead off witness, said he thought that "might be a good idea."

## 3 Type Planes In Atom Test

Washington, March 21 (AP)—The air force said today three types of bombers—one the B-47 all-jet medium bomber—will be used in the atomic tests in the Pacific.

Performance records of the Boeing B-47 are secret but it is reported to be the fastest A-bomber in the world with a speed of over 600 miles an hour.

An air force spokesman said that in addition to the B-47 the tests will employ the older B-29 superfortress and its modernized version known as the B-50. This left out the air force's recognized intercontinental A-bomber, the B-36.

The spokesman said the air force is interested in the effect of atomic explosions on all types of planes and possibly fighters would be included in the tests based on Eniwetok island in the Marshall group.

He declined to say whether an A-bomb has yet been actually exploded in the tests, or to comment on published reports that a B-47 has carried an A-bomb thousands of miles over water and hit its target at the Eniwetok proving grounds.

Asked why no B-36 plane was being used, the spokesman said the air force had supplied everything asked of it for the tests and that no B-36 was requested.

## Cherryland Festival's Fate Yet Undecided

By MARGARET MAGEE

To hold a Cherryland Festival in 1951 or to discontinue it—that was the question confronting a group that met Tuesday night to discuss the future of the celebration.

The answer to the question, however, will not be forthcoming until after a meeting of representatives of civic organizations in the city set for next Tuesday night at the Senator hotel.

Financing of the festival, revived almost five years ago, after not being held for a number of years, was a major point for discussion at the meeting Tuesday night.

Sidney L. Stevens, who has been president of the festival association since the celebration was revived and presided at the meeting, told the group that the association now is between \$5000 and \$6000 in the red. He pointed out that it was impossible for one organization like the association to make a financial success of the festival without the backing of all other groups in the city.

Stevens asked the aid of the Chamber of Commerce and Salem Retail Trade Bureau in promoting the festival if it is to be continued and suggested the underwriting of the celebration by local merchants.

Twenty thousand dollars was his estimate of the amount that would be required to produce a successful festival and he suggested that underwriting of from \$25,000 to \$35,000 by the merchants would be about the amount necessary. In event the festival cleared the amount used in producing it the merchants would not need to furnish any financial support and if it cost more to produce than it netted merchants would be asked for the needed percentage to make up the deficit.

The loan was approved although responsible NPA officials conceded they made no independent check of the background or credit rating of the applicants.

The loan was for the Hazleton Steel Tubing Co., on application of its three principal stockholders—Benjamin S. Dowd, Martin C. Charles and James H. Hopkins.

Although approved by the NPA, the loan has yet to be made because the principals have not yet put up another \$1,000,000 of private capital to meet NPA requirements.

## Lumber Price Code Prepared

Washington, March 21 (AP)—The lumber industry will be dealt with separately under a price regulation being drawn here by the office of price stabilization, an official in the forest productions division said today.

The official said OPS has decided not to include the lumber industry under a general manufacturers' price regulation. Instead, the OPS will issue an interim or temporary order covering prices of lumber and lumber products.

The order, expected to become effective in April, will apply until a permanent regulation can be prepared setting dollars-and-cents ceiling prices, the official reported. He said the exact pricing method in the temporary order is still being prepared.

### 315 More Casualties

Washington, March 21 (AP)—The defense department today identified 315 more casualties of the war in Korea. A new casualty list (No. 256) reported 40 killed, 251 wounded, 20 missing in action and 4 injured in accidents.

## Costello Again Defies Senate Crime Probers

### King Pin Gambler Pictures Himself Promoter of Jet Broilers

New York, March 21 (AP)—Frank Costello today sketched for senate probers his splotchy career varying from rum-running to making kewpie dolls, but refused to tell what he demanded to know—the exact total of his wealth.

Admittedly a jack-of-many rackets in the past, Costello argued earnestly he is now a legitimate business man.

"I have a few investments," he said simply.

But defying direct orders of Committee Chairman Sen. Estes Kefauver (D., Tenn.), the alleged boss of a national crime syndicate refused—for the fourth time—to state his net worth.

"This makes us suspicious," said Sen. Charles Tobey (R., N. H.).

### Concedes Debts

Costello also was tight-lipped about his debts, conceding only that he owed convicted big-bookies Frank Erickson \$30,000, and some others, but he wouldn't say whom, or how much.

He shook the bright-lighted, jammed hearing room with laughter when he denied he had any personal interest in an upstate gambling casino, and then said he financed it on a 50-50 profits pact.

The hum of newsreel cameras sounded only intermittently during today's session, which was the last of the tense, drama-packed New York open hearings.

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## 300 Years Prison For Killer Cook

Oklahoma City, March 21 (AP)—Admitted slayer William E. Cook, Jr., today was sentenced to terms totaling 300 years in "Alcatraz or another safe prison where he has no chance to escape" for the slaying of the five members of the Carl Mosser family of Atwood, Ill.

U.S. District Judge Stephen Chandler gave Cook, who showed no visible signs of emotion, 60 years for each of five counts in the kidnap-murder of Mr. and Mrs. Mosser and their three children.

"Society stands indicted for permitting this child to grow up in inhuman conditions that permitted these crimes," Chandler said.

"These crimes might not have been committed if he (Cook) received civilized care and training," Chandler added.

The sentencing came as a sudden end to a sanity hearing to determine whether the 23-year-old ex-convict from Missouri knew right from wrong.

Closing arguments had been scheduled for today but at the beginning of the session Chandler said he already had made up his mind and turned down an appeal by U.S. District Attorney Robert E. Shelton to continue the hearing until Monday for submission of further evidence.

Cook, dressed in a zipper jacket and khaki pants, sat as he had in past hearings, staring at the floor.

Parks was the first witness in a renewed hunt by the house committee on un-American activities for communist influence in Hollywood and movie making.

Parks is best known to movie goers for his lead role in "The Jolson Story."

In voluntarily admitting to party membership a decade ago, Parks said he considered there was a great difference in being a party member in 1941 and being one in 1951.

## Labor Seeking Scrapping of Price Setup

Washington, March 21 (AP)—George Meany, AFL secretary-treasurer, called today for the scrapping of the entire price control system because it's "not controlling anything."

Meany told a rally of AFL-CIO and railroad union leaders that the nation has to find "something that looks like the OPA" if there is to be price control.

He said there were men in congress who never intended the defense production act to control anything. He called for a rollback of prices to those of a year ago.

AFL President William Green told the rally that congress has "failed the people."

## Goldsborough Frees Red Angel

Washington, March 21 (AP)—Frederick Vanderbilt Field, New York millionaire, was freed today of contempt of congress charges.

Federal Judge T. Alan Goldsborough at Field's trial without a jury, granted a defense motion for acquittal.

The judge held Field was within his constitutional rights in refusing to answer questions of a senate foreign relations subcommittee on grounds his answers might incriminate him.

Field was charged with contemptuously refusing to answer 32 questions during an investigation of charges by Senator McCarthy (R., Wis.) that communists had infiltrated the state department.

Field, great grandson of Cornelius Vanderbilt, was linked with communism in testimony from Louis Budenz, a former communist.

Judge Goldsborough commented: "The court is of the opinion that if the defendant (Field) had answered all these 32 questions in the affirmative—in a certain way—it would have taken very little more evidence to put him in the penitentiary."

The judge said the privilege against possible self-incrimination, guaranteed by the constitution "has to be treated in a practical manner, the way the supreme court has always treated it."

## Half Billion for Navy Ordnance

Washington, March 21 (AP)—The navy disclosed today that about \$500,000,000 of its funds for this year is being spent for ordnance equipment—guns, shells, missiles and other weapons including new and deadly types of torpedoes for anti-submarine warfare.

Rear Admiral M. F. Schoeffel, chief of the bureau of ordnance, outlined some of the program in a statement prepared for a news conference. Among other things he said this:

"New types of high speed torpedoes will soon be in production. They can be fired from surface ships, submarines or aircraft and will present a positive threat to any submarine now in existence or being built.

"Also for submarine warfare is a new rocket launcher which rapidly discharges rockets having improved range and underwater performance."

The bank is in a two-story concrete building. One of those in the bank said: "It just exploded, that's all."

The street excavation was part of the city's east side sewer construction program.

## US Tank Forces Enter Red Base Of Chunchon

### Only Flag Waving Koreans Seen As Chinese Had Withdrawn

Tokyo, March 21 (AP)—An American tank force today tumbled into the former Chinese stronghold of Chunchon. It met only flag-waving Korean civilians.

The Chinese, who had made the central Korean road center their troop massing point in South Korea, apparently had withdrawn north of parallel 38.

Chunchon is 8 1/2 miles south of the Red Korean border. It was from Chunchon that the Chinese mounted their two massive offensives in January and February against Wonju, deep in central Korea.

On the western front, South Korean and American task forces ranging up the historic invasion route of Korea bumped into bitter communist resistance north of Seoul.

An American tank patrol on the road to Uijongbu ran into a heavy mine field.

"The small arms and mortar fire were so intense that it was impossible for the men to leave the tanks and rove the mines," an operations officer said.

On the east coast South Korean units were officially placed within 8 1/2 miles of the old border between North and South Korea. Patrols may have reached or crossed the imaginary line.

## Acheson Talks On 38th Parallel

Washington, March 21 (AP)—Secretary of State Acheson said today the United States wants a common point of view with its allies on the 38th parallel problem. But he said no new authority is required for United Nations military forces to cross the old boundary between North and South Korea.

Acheson told a news conference the U. S. government is consulting with other nations having troops in Korea, is studying the situation closely, and working on it with Gen. Douglas MacArthur's command.

He was asked whether on the political level there was any necessity for new authority for crossing the parallel. He replied no—that there was no such necessity but that this was a matter on which a common point of view is desired.

He thus drew a sharp distinction between MacArthur's authority and the practical question of what MacArthur is doing about that authority.

Diplomatic authorities had told reporters earlier that the U. N. command in Korea had ample authority to cross the 38th parallel as military necessity required.

Agreement that tactical crossings of the parallel—as distinguished from massive troop movements aimed at the conquest of North Korea—were necessary and would have to be made at the present stage of the fighting was reached some time ago among the governments of the nations having troops in Korea.

## Strike Epidemic Spreads, France

Paris, March 21 (AP)—A mounting strike wave rolled through France today, threatening to affect almost everyone in the nation. A near-general railway walkout appeared the most alarming immediate possibility.

Premier Henri Queuille warned that the strikes, all pressing wage increase demands, "may develop into a veritable attempt on the life of the country."

Most of the stoppages were aimed directly at the government, by far France's biggest employer.

Unions of all political alignments were taking part, reflecting widespread discontent with rapidly rising prices and the cabinet's hesitancy to raise wages.

## Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 60; minimum today, 30. Total 24-hour precipitation: .03 for month; 3.69; normal, 2.51. Reason precipitation, 45-90; normal, 25-35. River height, 5.9 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)