

THE WEATHER

PARTLY CLOUDY with scattered showers tonight, Tuesday. Cooler tonight; low, 34; high Tuesday, 50.

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Approval to Car Pool for State Autos

Move Authorized By Joint Ways And Means

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Establishment of a car pool for state automobiles operated out of Salem was authorized by the joint ways and means committee Monday by an 8 to 3 vote.

Reps. Henry Semon, Robert Duniway and Alva Goodrich cast the negative votes against the proposal.

Although the committee approved the car-pool plan the question of the garage building proposed at an estimated cost of \$141,274 was referred to a special committee to be appointed by the joint chairmen of the committee, Senator Dean Walker and Rep. Semon. This committee will review the entire state building program and report recommendations to the main committee.

Dorman Makes Prediction

Harry Dorman, director of the department of finance and administration, under which the proposed car-pool would be operated, told the members of the committee that the cost of acquiring state cars now held by various departments, together with a revolving fund, would take an estimated \$357,000.

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New Hearing On Labor Bills

Rep. Gust Anderson of Portland, chairman of the house labor and industries committee, announced Monday that there will be a public hearing on the controversial labor bills now before the committee Saturday at 10 a.m.

Six members of the nine-man committee, who are sponsoring the labor bills, met Friday and decided they would prefer no further public hearings. Speaker of the House Rudee Wilhelm, Jr., met with these members and apparently concurred in this decision.

Chairman Anderson said he had not been invited to the Friday meeting, and so far as he was concerned he is still planning the public meeting because of requests of a number of people who had been unable to testify at the crowded hearing held last week.

A regular meeting of the committee, at which the question of a public hearing will probably be threshed out, is being held Monday afternoon.

The bills introduced by the committee majority would allow a union member to sue the union, would prevent a strike unless a majority of the employees had voted for it at least 30 days before it is called, and require registration, or in effect incorporation of the union so that a labor organization could be held responsible for acts of those claiming to represent it.

1.24 Inches Rain Falls Sunday

Nearly one and a quarter inches of rain poured down on Salem over Sunday, 1.24 inches being measured in the 24-hour period ending at 10:30 a.m. Monday. During the preceding 24 hours, .14 of an inch was measured, making 1.38 inches for the week-end storm here.

As result of the increased rains, rivers in the valley are coming up slightly. At Salem, the Willamette measured 1.8 inches Monday morning. Slight rises are due on all rivers in the area during the next 12 to 48 hours, reports the weather bureau. The Santiam at Jefferson was up to 6.4 this morning and was due to continue going up gradually.

The forecast calls for continued scattered showers tonight and Tuesday and slightly cooler temperatures, a low of 34 being predicted for tonight. The minimum this morning in Salem was 40 degrees.

New Type of Swindle Used By Stranger

Mrs. Nora B. Chastain, 4190 Beck avenue, was the victim of a new swindle in Salem Saturday, when she unwittingly paid \$40 rent in advance to a man for a house he did not own.

The story told to city police showed that an unidentified man entered the Todd Real Estate company office, 520 State street, Wednesday, saying he wanted to buy a house.

He was shown a house which answered his general description of what he wanted but did not commit himself at the time as to whether he would buy it or not.

Later the man called Mrs. Chastain, saying he had seen her advertisement in the paper asking for a house to rent. He showed her the house, explaining that he had just bought it as a rental property.

When she agreed to rent the house, he collected \$40 rent in advance and that was the last that Mrs. Chastain or Roy Todd, manager of the real estate office, saw of the man.

The swindle came to light Saturday when Mrs. Chastain called Todd to check on the sale and found that the place had not been sold.

OFBF Warns Of ICC Order

The Oregon Farm Bureau Federation notified Oregon's congressional delegation today that unless steps are taken to "outlaw" an Interstate Commerce Commission order prohibiting "trip leasing" by agricultural truckers higher transportation costs are in prospect for farmers.

The controversial order which has been sustained by the Supreme Court, would have the effect of prohibiting a practice which has enabled farm commodity truckers legally to get "return loads" after delivering a cargo of farm products to market.

"Obviously, if the hauler of farm products is not permitted to obtain revenue for his return trip, he must charge more for hauling farm products," OFBF President Ben Robinson declared. "Such increased charges will add to the cost of marketing and increase the spread between producer and consumer prices."

Under present legislation an agricultural trucker is not allowed to haul manufactured goods by direct contact with the shipper, but is authorized to lease his truck to a common carrier who has legal authority for the return trip, he said.

The ICC order, issued May 8, 1951, would make it unlawful to lease such trucks for periods of less than 30 days.

The Oregon Farm Bureau Federation has asked Oregon's congressional delegation to get behind two bills (S. 925 and H. R. 8203) designed to prohibit the ICC from putting its order into effect when they come up for hearing.

Industrial Meeting Here Wednesday Night

An important industrial meeting will be held in the Cave room at the Senator hotel Wednesday night of this week, starting at 6:45.

Speakers will be Kenneth T. Caplinger, industrial specialist of the regional office of the Small Defense Plants Administration, Seattle, and John G. Barnett of Portland, branch manager of the SDPA for the Oregon district.

Caplinger will discuss ways and means in which SDPA may assist small business, and Barnett will talk about the contract procurement program.

It will be a special meeting of industry members of the Chamber of Commerce to evaluate the industrial capacity of the area.

Representatives of business firms interested in bidding or negotiating prime contracts with the government or in doing subcontract work with

Soviet Chief Offers West Olive Branch

Words Applauded in Moscow, U.S. Dubious

Moscow (AP)—Soviet Premier Georgi M. Malenkov has invited the West to work out a solution to outstanding world problems, diplomatic sources said today.

They said the invitation was contained in a statement last night by Malenkov to the Soviet Parliament. The premier said all present world problems could be worked out by mutual agreement between all countries even including the USSR and the United States.

Stalin's Successor

"At the present time there is no controversial outstanding problem which could not be solved in a peaceful way on the basis of mutual agreement among the countries concerned," Malenkov said. "This refers to the relations with all states including our relations with the United States."

The parliament, council of the union and the council of nationalities, in a 70-minute joint meeting approved Malenkov as the successor to Josef Stalin.

His new government, including a reorganized council of ministers, also was approved by the 1,339-member Parliament.

Premier Applauded Foreign observers attached the utmost importance to Malenkov's statement on the settlement of international problems. It brought loud applause from the Parliament and even from the Communist Party.

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Rescue Truck Shown Here

The rescue truck of the Oregon civil defense agency that has attracted wide attention since it was recently acquired, is on display in Salem today at Court and High streets.

The truck was officially opened for inspection at 10 a.m. by Mayor Al Loucks, County Judge Rex Hartley and members of the county civil defense, the city council and the county court.

From the Marion county civil defense group in charge is G. R. Boatwright, assistant deputy for rescue work; Austin G. Cater, light rescue section chief; Theodore Kuenzi, heavy rescue section chief; Harris Leitz, heavy machinery section chief; and Willard Taylor, water rescue section chief.

Jointly sponsoring the truck here are the city, county and state civil defense agencies.

The truck was purchased on a matching basis with the federal government, and contains apparatus used in heavy rescue work—tackle block, power winch, ladders, crosscut saw, generator and floodlights; wrecking bars, gas masks, chain saw, shovels and other hand tools.

In addition to training the truck will serve as a model for local directors who either want to buy a similar vehicle or develop one from a conventional flatbed truck.

Salem Plant Expansion Announced

INVESTIGATING STATE PRISON



Pilot Traps Truck Convoy

Seoul (AP)—A quick-thinking Australian fighter-bomber pilot bottled up a long Communist supply convoy Monday and paved the way for one of the biggest truck-busting forays of the Korean war.

The U. S. Fifth Air Force said more than 100 vehicles were destroyed or damaged in a climatic air strike that followed a day-long series of air blows against Red targets.

Warrant Officer Bob Turner of Adelaide spotted a mile-long Communist convoy south of Wonsan on North Korea's east coast. He roared to the head of the line and blew up the first two trucks with an attack dive. Then he circled back and got the last four.

The Reds were stalled on a narrow road, a steep cliff on one side, a sheer drop on the other.

More Aussie meteor jets and U. S. Marine and Air Force warplanes streaked in to attack the trapped trucks. They darted up and down the line, setting off gasoline fires and explosions.

Three Prison Wardens Start Inspection Here

Three out-of-state prison wardens today prepared to make a study of the state penitentiary here, but it was not revealed what would be the scope of the survey.

The specially selected wardens are Joseph E. Ragen of the Illinois state penitentiary at Joliet; L. E. Clapp of the Idaho penitentiary at Boise, and G. Norton Jameson of the South Dakota prison at Sioux Falls.

They were to confer today with Gov. Paul Patterson and other board of control members, but early in the day were on the job at the prison. The wardens said they hoped to start the study today or tomorrow.

Gov. Patterson, who has referred to the study as a "progress survey" recently said he hoped it would be completed before the current session of the legislature adjourns.

None of the visiting wardens, who arrived here yesterday, would comment on the task before them. It was expected that the three would file recommendations with the board of control regarding a solution to some of the prison's problems.

Patterson has made it clear that the survey is not an investigation of prison officials. Selection of the three wardens was made at the request of the board of control by the National Wardens' association.

Scope of the survey will depend upon instructions given the wardens by the board of control. It had been indicated that the study may include the status of current prison problems, plant development, personnel and management problems.

Thornton Offers Aid Against Oregon Vice

Robert Y. Thornton, attorney general, notified all district attorneys in the state Monday that, as chief legal officer of the state, he was prepared to place the full power of his office behind any district attorney in the enforcement of anti-vice and gambling laws.

"It is my duty to uphold the laws of Oregon," he said, "in their entirety. There can be only one policy for both of us on any violation, and that is vigorous law enforcement."

Thornton told the district attorneys that "should it appear to me, after due investigation, that any district attorney needs help to cope with criminal violations in his county, that district attorney will have every facility I can reasonably offer to back him up, including the services of an assistant attorney general.

Permitting operation of slot machines in fraternal organizations was classed as both discriminatory and un-American, by Thornton.

"While I realize that these organizations are private in nature and that the machines in such clubrooms are played by members only, it is impossible to justify a policy of 'cracking down' on slot machines in public taverns and business establishments while allowing them to operate freely in private clubs," Thornton said.

"As long as it is the law of the state, that these devices are illegal," he continued, "it is not within the power of the attorney general or the district attorney to exempt fraternal organizations.

Moore Business Forms To Add 20,000 Sq. Ft.

Company Official Tells Chamber Of Plans

(Picture on Page 5) Expansion that will almost double the capacity of the Salem plant of Moore Business Form, Inc., was announced at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon meeting today by Walter L. Eggert, vice-president and general manager for the Pacific coast division.

The fact that this expansion has become necessary after only four years of operation by the Salem branch stresses the importance of the branch here, said Eggert and members of Salem's Industrial Development Council, and foresight in selecting Salem as an operative base in the fall of 1948.

An addition 230x80 feet will be built at the plant located at 1895 South 16th street, increasing by 20,000 square feet the operating area, which is now 25,000 square feet in a building 230x107 feet.

The building now occupied is owned by H. C. Walling, who also will build the addition. The manufacturing company occupies the building by long-time lease agreement.

The building will be a one story, of reinforced concrete, and construction is expected to start about the middle of April. The addition will be on the east side, and built for later expansion as needed. The company plans to have the addition in use by August 1, Eggert said today.

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Forest Bonds to First National

The First National Bank of Portland, Salem branch, was the successful bidder for \$700,000 worth of forest rehabilitation bonds at the meeting of the state board of forestry in Salem this morning.

The firm bid 2 1/2 percent in the first \$300,000 of the bonds and 2 1/2 percent on the balance of \$400,000.

Other bidders included Foster and Marshal, 2 1/2 percent on the entire issue and a joint bid by the U. S. National Bank of Portland and Blythe & Co., for 2 1/2 percent for the first \$200,000 and 2 1/2 percent for the balance.

Funds derived from the sale of the bonds will be used to carry out the state forestry department forest rehabilitation project for the coming year.

Continuation of the spruce Eastern Oregon for the coming summer was assured when the board approved contracts for treating three separate units comprising a total of 290,000 acres of infested forests.

Leo J. Demers, Salem, was awarded the contract for spraying 105,000 acres near Meacham at a cost of 22 cents per acre. The Starkey unit of 127,000 acres went to Northwest Agricultural Aviation for 25 cents per acre and the Dale unit of 55,000 acres was awarded Combs West Air at 42 cents per acre.

The board also recommended the classification of 7,000 acres of Lane county cutover lands under the forest fee and yield tax law. The matter now goes to the state tax commission for final action and if approved for classification the land will then be placed on a special roll and thereafter carry a fixed forest fee of five cents per acre per year with severance tax of 12 1/2 percent whenever any forest products are removed from the land.

Stocks Advance in Active Trading

New York (AP)—Stocks rose irregularly early today in moderately active dealings.

With the exception of a few specialties, price changes throughout the list were limited to the fractional zone. Investors generally held to the sidelines pending developments in the foreign situation.

Early dealings were slow. Sales in the first hour totaled 430,000 shares with the low-price issues accounting for a good part of this volume. In the same hour last Friday, transactions totaled 320,000 shares.

Final and most delicate area.

\$4.10 1/4 QT.