

THE WEATHER

PARTLY CLOUDY tonight, cloudy with rain, Wednesday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 35; high Wednesday, 50.

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Priority Asked For Portland In Hospitals

Newbry Favors Geriatrics Building Over Rebuilt State Hospital

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Substitution of first priority in the building program for the 1953-55 biennium from reconstruction of the state hospital in Salem to construction of a geriatrics hospital near Portland was proposed Tuesday by Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry at the weekly meeting of the board of control.

Governor Paul L. Patterson declared that in December, when Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay was still governor, he had sat in a meeting of the board as an observer and had heard board members adopt a priority list with the rebuilding of the State hospital as No. 1 project on the priority list.

"I have carefully refrained from discussing the Portland hospital because it was my thought that the former board, after careful consideration, had decided on its priority list. I am now favored with a new proposal, which must be studied, and all I could do now would be to discuss the possible change."

Long Range Program
The former board of control had adopted a long range program for complete rebuilding of the state hospital main building in three sections. The center section, planned for rebuilding during the next two years, would cost \$3,500,000.

The proposed geriatrics hospital near Portland, approved by the voters at the last November election, is estimated to cost \$3,000,000. Newbry contended that if the ways and means committee had only a limited sum of money for new state buildings, the Portland hospital should be given first consideration because a large number of elderly patients now housed in the old hospital building could be moved to the Portland hospital.

\$10.5 Million Vets Bonds Sold

The Department of Veterans Affairs sold \$6,500,000 in bonus bonds and \$4,000,000 in veterans loan bonds Tuesday.

Smith, Barney and Co., New York, made the successful bid on the loan bonds. It was 2.391 per cent effective interest rate.

The bonus bonds went to First National of Chicago at 2.094 per cent effective interest rate.

There were seven bids on each issue. The sale reflects the increase in bond interest rates since last year. Only 11 months ago, the state sold 46 millions of bonus bonds at a cost of 1.71 per cent.

Rain Mingles With Snow

Little variation in the weather is due the remainder of the week, the five-day forecast calling for alternate periods of rain and clearing. Temperatures continue cool.

A total of .28 of an inch of rain was measured in Salem during the 24-hour period to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday to be added to the 1.28 inches falling over the week-end.

Rivers in the valley are due to go slightly higher during the next 24 hours as result of the drenching rains of the week-end. At Salem, the Willamette was up to 3.2 feet Tuesday morning. Some new snow was reported in some of the foothills area out from Salem through Monday, winter serving notice it is still on deck.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY
All senators, employees of the senate and the press wore green carnations this St. Patrick's day, thanks to Sen. Phil Brady, the genial Irishman from Portland. When Senate President Eugene E. Marsh thanked Brady, the latter replied to the senate: "The top o' the mornin' to you, and the rest of the day to meself."

Skyscraper Bill Selback In Committee

Effort to Eliminate Excise Tax Exemption Loses Again

An effort to eliminate excise tax exemptions from buildings where 95 percent of the rental is derived from rentals—generally called the "skyscraper law"—the subject of bitter debate in former sessions of the legislature, took another setback in the hands of the house tax committee at a late meeting Monday.

The majority of the committee voted to send the bill to the floor with a "do-not-pass" recommendation. Adoption of the report would mean indefinite postponement of the bill. Two members of the nine-man committee, Reps. Frank Farmer of Polk county and Edward Geary of Klamath Falls, refused to concur in the report although they did not sign a minority report.

See Property Tax Loss
Members of the committee opposing the removal of the exemption declared that passage of the bill would result in heavy losses in property taxes paid by the buildings in question to counties, cities and school districts.

Ask State Pay Accident Bills

The Oregon Senate passed 21 to 7 Tuesday a bill to have the state pay doctor, hospital and funeral expenses for persons killed or injured in auto accidents by persons who have neither insurance nor money. The bill, which goes to the House, was passed over objections that it was a step toward a state insurance system.

It would set up a \$203,000 annual fund, financed by adding 25 cents a year on each driver's license. When a court issues a judgment for death or injury in an accident, it would order payment out of the fund, provided that the offending driver is unable to pay. It also would revoke the offending driver's license until he pays the state back. A ceiling of \$5,000 is fixed on the amount that could be paid to any one person.

Sen. Dean Bryson, Portland, author of the bill, pleaded that it is needed "to protect responsible drivers from irresponsible drivers."

Denmark Gives Asylum to Pole

Copenhagen (AP)—The government has decided to give political asylum to the Polish pilot who flew his MIG-15 jet fighter to freedom across the iron curtain.

The foreign ministry also started negotiations with Polish Minister Stanislaw Kulesz-Kraus to return the Russian-made plane, first ever to fall into Western hands intact.

It was believed the MIG will be put on a Polish ship at Copenhagen.

Minister of Justice Miss Helga Pederson has decided Lt. Franciszek Gareski, who flew the MIG into Bornholm island, will be recognized as a political refugee, the foreign ministry said.

Budgeteers Square Off For Hard Financing Job

The city budget committee squared off for serious business last night, grimly conscious that it is up against about the hardest job it has ever faced.

Alderman Dan Fry was elected chairman and Russell Bonesteel, non-council member, secretary, both unopposed. Fry touched up a few of the toughest problems to be met in the coming weeks, and appointed seven sub-committees that will study and report back with recommendations on what should be done for various departments and activities.

Since salary and wage increases are one of the baffling things to be considered, the program will be to receive the reports of the sub-committees on everything but salaries and

DEDICATE \$400,000 CATHOLIC CHURCH ON THURSDAY



Top: View of interior from sanctuary looking through the nave of New St. Joseph's Catholic church. Oak pews carry a platinum finish. Seating capacity on the main floor is 700. 50 more can be accommodated in the balcony. Lower: Exterior view of new church to be dedicated on Thursday morning, St. Joseph's day, with cornerstone ceremony and pontifical mass read by Most Rev. Edward D. Howard, archbishop of Portland.

No Supports On Beef Cattle

Houston (AP)—Rep. Clifford Hope R., Kan., chairman of the House Agriculture Committee said Tuesday there is no possibility Congress will consider livestock industry controls or mandatory price supports on beef cattle.

Hope said he is confident other proposals to aid in halting declining cattle prices and beef consumption can be carried out successfully. He added:

"I am sure that if any of them do require congressional action, this will be forthcoming and promptly."

Ask Defeat of Bill For Liquor Discounts

The Senate Alcohol Committee voted Tuesday to recommend defeat of a bill that would give liquor by the drink dispensers a 15 per cent discount on liquor they buy from the State Liquor Commission.

Liquor by the drink will become legal when the Legislature passes a law setting it up.

A Senate-House conference committee will meet Wednesday to try to reconcile differences between the two houses over the liquor by the drink measure.

St. Joseph's Church Dedication Thursday

Dedication of the newly completed St. Joseph's Catholic church will take place at 10 o'clock Thursday morning. Blessing of the cornerstone and the building and the solemn pontifical mass will be by his excellency, the Most Rev. Edward D. Howard, D.D., archbishop of Portland. The archbishop will also give the sermon.

The other officers of the mass will be Rev. Joseph E. Vanderbeck, assistant priest, Very Rev. William Killian, deacon and the Rev. Method Korn, O.S.B., sub-deacon. The Very Rev. Neugebauer and Very Rev. Nicholas Deis will serve as deacons of honor. The Rev. D. Denman and the Rev. A. Gellinas, master of ceremonies. The mass will be sung by the Sacred Heart academy choir.

Numerous state and city officials, members of the clergy and parishioners are expected to attend the dedication ceremonies and a luncheon at the Marion hotel at 1 p.m.

St. Joseph's church was designed by John Maloney, Seattle architect and construction was started March 7, 1952 by A. N. Minden, general contractor. (Continued on Page 5, Column 6)

All of Price Controls Now Out Window

Washington (AP)—The government Tuesday abolished all remaining price controls.

The Office of Price Stabilization announced the lifting of price ceilings on steel, alloys, machine tools, and the few remaining chemicals which had been left under ceilings.

Responding to the Eisenhower administration's drive toward a free economy, OPS acted six weeks ahead of the April 30 deadline for expiration of price-wage control authority under the Defense Production Act.

5600 Strike at Ohio Jet Plant

Cincinnati (AP)—Production lines at General Electric's Evendale jet engine plant were idle for the fourth day today in a contract dispute between 5,600 union members and the company.

Some 4,500 CIO auto workers joined 1,100 AFL machinists on picket lines early yesterday. The machinists walked out Saturday morning after rejecting a six to eight-cent hourly pay boost, also rejected by the CIO union.

About half the plant's salaried employees, supervisors, engineers, and clerical help reported for work yesterday despite picket lines, and another 1,100 persons working in the top-secret aircraft nuclear propulsion project also crossed picket lines.

Mediation officials made no immediate efforts to get disputing parties together.

APPLAGATE DIES
Eugene (AP)—Charles Fred Applegate, 78, Yoncalla, grandson of the Oregon pioneer, Charles Applegate, died in a Eugene hospital Monday.

Atomic Troops Survive in Brilliant Nuclear Explosion

American Plane Fights off MIG Off Kamchatka

Anchorage, Alaska (AP)—An Alaska-based Air Force weather reconnaissance plane fought off a Russian-made MIG-15 jet fighter over international waters off the east coast of Kamchatka Peninsula Sunday, while a second MIG hovered overhead. The Air Force, announcing the incident here and at Washington Tuesday, said there "appeared to be no damage to either craft" in the exchange of shots. It was the first time the Air Force has reported any Alaska plane being fired upon since World War II. The site of the incident was given as 25 miles east of the Siberian Peninsula in the North Pacific.

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Lattimore Case Based on Lies

Washington (AP)—The government Tuesday denied that its perjury charge against Owen Lattimore involves any form of "thought control" or attempt to try him for his opinions.

A brief filed in U. S. District Court by the Justice Department asserted that the case against Lattimore is based entirely on his alleged "lying" before a Senate committee.

The brief was filed in opposition to Lattimore's plea, pending before the court, that his indictment of seven counts of alleged perjury is so vague that it should be thrown out.

Lattimore's attorneys contended in their motion, filed last February, that the case represented an effort to bring him to trial "for statements of pure opinion and belief."

Tax Evader Admits Being Taken for Ride

Washington (AP)—A New Jersey businessman related to House tax fraud investigators Tuesday that he paid out \$115,000 to a succession of lawyers and would-be "fixers" to settle his tax troubles with the government—only to plead guilty to tax evasion in the end. The witness was Garry D. Iozia, of East Paterson, N.J., president of the Housatonic Dye Works of Derby, Conn. He said he is now awaiting sentence on a charge of evading \$150,000 in taxes in the early 1940s. "Didn't it ever occur to you that you were being taken for a ride?" asked Rep. Boggs (D-La.), a member of the ways and means investigating subcommittee. "Yes, sir, but I was scared to death," Iozia replied, adding that "I have faith in human beings."

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No Barter for Malaya Girl

London (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill rejected Tuesday a communist proposal to barter a British businessman in a Hungarian prison for a communist girl guerrilla held by the British in Malaya.

Churchill told the House of Commons that members of his government, after earnest consideration, had decided they could not entertain the proposal advanced by Hungary's Red regime.

The decision blasted the hope of Mrs. Winifred Sanders, whose husband, Edgar, is serving a 13 year prison term on espionage charges.

Sanders, 48, is the cousin of George Sanders, movie star, and was formerly associated in Budapest with Robert Vogler, an American, in the International Telephone and Telegraph Co.

Communities 300 Miles Away Badly Jolted

Atom Bomb Site, Nev. (AP)—America's most daring atomic troops took a battering Tuesday but came unscathed through a low level nuclear blast that jolted communities as far distant as 300 miles. Shortly after the rumbling explosion, the two battalion combat teams moved through a heavy pall of dust in their scheduled maneuver.

Gen. John R. Hodge and other observers in foxholes only two miles from blast center reported no injury to troops or the 20 newmen up front for the first time.

Test House Demolished
The civil defense test home only 3,500 feet from ground zero apparently was demolished, Harold L. Goodwin, FCDA test director, said after a helicopter inspection. Only one wall was standing, he said.

In open-mouthed awe, civil defense observers from all parts of the country watched the explosion blow skyward. The 1,000 troops and 30 newsmen—closer to atom fire than any human has been since Hiroshima and Nagasaki—escaped injury and the soldiers moved in within an hour to capture their atomized objective as planned.

'Challenge to Humanity'
Gov. John Fine of Pennsylvania keynoted the feelings of observers as he called it "a challenge to all humanity."

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TV Close-up on Blast for Nation

New York (AP)—Television viewers across the nation were given a close-up view of an atomic blast Tuesday as a grim reminder of the need for civil defense. The pooled telecast of the blast itself, over the ABC, CBS and NBC networks, was one phase of a three-part educational demonstration by the Atomic Energy Commission and civil defense authorities.

The first was a view Sunday of the blast site on Yucca Flat, Nev., where there were two typical dwellings, several types of homebomb shelters, and a number of automobiles. The final phases were at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday (PST), with TV cameras back to the site to show the damage. Telecasts of the explosion were from seven miles away.

Reception was wobbly at the moment of the blast but immediately afterward the now-familiar cloud rose high into the air like a giant mushroom, then leaned sharply as the wind apparently pushed it to one side.

Los Vegas Takes Bomb in Stride

Las Vegas, Nev. (AP)—A-blasts are old stuff here now, more than 20 in three years, and this resort town takes them in stride. Even if casinos shake, regulars around the dice tables and roulette wheels don't miss dropping a single bet.

But a couple of other business houses got into the spirit of things, spurred by the fact that it's St. Patrick's day. The Hotel Shamrock invited the whole town to its party. And a furniture store promised to "blow its top" on prices in a sale opening at the moment of the bomb flash, no matter what time of day.

Storm Warning Hoisted

Portland (AP)—The weather bureau ordered storm warnings hoisted at 8 a.m. from Tatoosh Island, Wash., to Cape Blanco, Ore., for increasing southerly winds reaching 30-40 miles an hour tonight and 20-30 miles an hour Wednesday.

Convicts Caught After Sawing Out of Cells

Three Oregon State prison convicts, including one serving a life sentence for murder, used an old prison trick to escape from the segregation ward at the penitentiary about 2 a.m. Tuesday, but were back in custody within minutes after they dropped outside the cellblock onto the prison grounds.

Lawrence Oglevie, 37, serving two concurrent terms of life and 15 years, was one of the trio that used an old prisoners' trick of sawing through the steel bars with a string and emery dust, Warden Virgil O'Malley said.

The trio sawed through three window bars in the segregation ward in cellblock C and dropped to the ground between C and B blocks.

There they were spotted by Guard Edward Thornton who immediately collared Oglevie and returned him to the cellblock, summoning aid to find the others.

After a few minutes search, the other two were spotted by Guard Captain Emil Sundborg in the basement of B block where they were taken into custody and returned to their cells.

The men apparently picked their cell door locks to get into the corridor and to the window, O'Malley said. He explained that the locks on the doors were old and easily picked. (Continued on Page 5, Column 4)

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 61; minimum today, 38. Total 24-hour precipitation: .25; for month: 3.33; normal: 2.65. Season precipitation: 23.99; normal: 30.76. River height: 3.5 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)