

THE WEATHER

MOSTLY CLOUDY with showers tonight; mostly fair, mild Saturday. Low tonight, 35; high Saturday, 53.

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Restrictions On Billboards Being Drafted

Ban Planned by Senate on All Oregon Throughfares

By JAMES D. OLSON
Restriction on billboards on Oregon throughways and new highways is being provided in a bill being drafted for the senate natural resources committee, according to Sen. Phil Hitchcock of Klamath Falls, chairman.

Sen. Hitchcock told members of the house highways committee in a meeting late Thursday that his committee had a bill regulating billboards on all Oregon highways, but members of his committee felt that the bill was faulty and hence a new bill is being drafted.

The Klamath Falls senator declared that he did not believe that there was sufficient time remaining in the present session to give proper consideration to regulation of all billboards on Oregon highways.

Plan Licensing
"We are inclined to believe that the best method of controlling billboards and eliminating obnoxious ones, would be through legislation providing for licensing billboards and setting up zones in which certain types of billboards would be either permitted or disallowed," Sen. Hitchcock said.

"I believe that to accomplish this purpose will take a careful study which might be performed by a research council that I understand may be set up by the present legislature."
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Newbury Hits At Neuberger

Secretary of State Earl T. Newbury accused Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, Portland democrat, Thursday of making "partisan and untruthful political attacks" on Newbury.

In a letter to Neuberger, Newbury added that Neuberger has falsely suggested that Newbury originated the idea of using the secretary of state's name on printed matter of his office.

Newbury is sponsoring a bill restricting the use of officials' names on documents. Newbury said in his letter that he only has been following a long-established custom in printing his name on documents.

Newbury said that Neuberger asked for samples of all printed matter on which Newbury's name appears. Newbury wrote Neuberger that the purpose of the request "is simply to dramatize your purely political interest in this subject."

Spring Arrives Ahead of Time

Spring arrived at 2:01 p.m. Friday in Salem, some hours ahead of the traditionally accepted date of March 21. The hour varies, however, says the weather bureau, some years the official spring day coming on March 20, in others on March 21.

Anyway, there was little change in the weather to mark the coming of the year's most colorful season. Clouds, showers and some fair weather continue in the forecast for tonight and Saturday here.

One-fourth of an inch of rain descended on Salem during the night, exactly .25 of an inch being measured in the 24-hour period ending at 10:30 a.m. Friday.

Forecast for tonight is for clouds and showers, and for Saturday, mostly fair weather and mild temperatures.

The five-day forecast out Friday calls for temperatures to be about normal or slightly below, and for rain, the precipitation due the fore part of the period.

Rainfall for the month so far has not reached a point above normal, 2.92 inches being recorded for the first 20 days as against a normal of 2.83 inches for the period.

Purchasing by State Under Sellers' Fire

30 Merchants File Complaint Against Dorman's Methods

Governor Paul L. Patterson Friday promised investigation of complaints of a number of Willamette valley businessmen on state purchasing methods.

These men, numbering about 30, conferred with the governor for more than two hours Thursday afternoon.

Complaints made against the purchasing department, a division of the department of finance and administration, ranged from discourtesy on the part of some employees in the purchasing department to claims that the state is losing money on unwise purchases.

Transfer of all state purchasing to the finance department from the board of control was made when the department of finance was created by the 1951 legislature.

Patterson's Remarks
The governor told the group no completely new set-up could be expected to work perfectly in 20 months and said he favors the basic principle of consolidation of state departments with the view of saving money.
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Delay Hearings On Surcharges

Hearing on the surcharge issue before Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel opened Thursday, and then was postponed to allow an amended complaint to be served on two additional power companies.

The complaint was brought by State Rep. Monroe Sweetland against the Portland General Electric company.

He seeks to have the company absorb its extra costs of steam generation, instead of allowing it to get the 20 per cent surcharge.

Sweetland also asks an investigation of the whole rate structure.

The amended motion made by Sweetland sought to include the Pacific Power and Light and Mountain States Power companies. So the hearing was delayed to allow service of the complaint on these companies.

The two latter companies have 20 days to answer the complaint. Heltzel said he wants to hold the hearing before the legislature goes home.

Liquor by Drink Bill Sent to Governor

The liquor by the drink bill awaits only the signature of Gov. Paul L. Patterson before it becomes law.

The senate and house, without any argument, accepted Thursday the compromise worked out by a conference committee. Gov. Patterson probably will sign it early next week.

Sale of liquor by the glass will start as soon as the liquor commission can license the outlets.

New Bill on Labor Relations Offered

A new labor bill which sponsors hope will bring agreement between labor and employers, made its appearance in the house Friday.

TO THE RESCUE



Navy Airman Richard D. Donovan of Emmetsburg, Ia., (in white asbestos suit, right center) moves in to rescue unconscious pilot, Lt. Edwin L. Kummer, from the wreckage of his F4U Corsair aboard the aircraft carrier USS Oriskany after accidental explosion of bomb during landing operation in Korean waters. Firefighting crews move in at left. (U. S. Navy radiophoto via AP Wirephoto)

1103 Killed in Turkey Quake

Istanbul, Turkey (AP)—Recurring earthquakes, accompanied by rain, snow and bitter cold, had brought death today to at least 1,103 persons in stricken northwest Turkey.

Unofficial sources said more than 2,000 were injured, many of them critically. Thousands were homeless and suffering in the bitter weather.

Food shortages and smashed water supplies combined with the fresh weather were believed likely to add to the mounting death toll.

A total of 998 persons was reported dead in the Yenice area, some 150 miles southwest of Istanbul. It was estimated as many as 400 additional bodies would be found in the debris of homes and mosques.

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By VIC FRYER

Joseph Poggi was free for one short moment Friday after it was ruled that he had been illegally imprisoned in Oregon State penitentiary for nearly 20 years.

Then he was taken into custody by Deputy Sheriff Harvey Frankum of Salem and taken to the Marion county sheriff's office to be turned over to Clackamas county authorities.

In that county he will face court action under the habitual criminal act—the same charge under which he had been improperly held, according to a ruling of Marion County Circuit Judge Rex Kimmell.

Judge Kimmell signed Poggi's release order Friday morning after ruling Thursday that Poggi had been illegally held far beyond a five-year-sentence for burglary—the charge on which he was tried in Oregon City in August 1928.

Poggi, through his attorney, Merlin Estep, brought action in Marion county circuit court in January, contending that the action in Judge J. U. Campbell's Clackamas county circuit court 24 years ago was sufficient only to convict him of burglary.

Judge Kimmell agreed, holding that Poggi was convicted of habitual criminality on his own testimony that he had been previously convicted of three burglaries. It was up to the state to prove that Poggi had three prior felonies on his record, Kimmell held.

Shortly after the decision was announced Thursday, District Attorney Winston L. Bradshaw went before Clackamas County Circuit Judge Philip K. Hammond in Oregon City and got a bench warrant for Poggi's arrest on his release from prison.

Poggi was elated Thursday when he heard the news of Judge Kimmell's order and became justifiably unhappy when he heard of the subsequent order from Oregon City.

The salaries now are fixed by the Legislature. The Senate passed a similar bill in 1951, but it died in the House.

Sen. Rex Ellis, Pendleton, the lone dissenter, said the bill would give the county courts more authority over the salaries than the Legislature has.

Ellis argued the bill would let county judges and commissioners to fix their own salaries, while the legislators can't set their own salaries.

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Toledo, Ore. (AP)—W. H. Kuhlbeck was sworn in as Lincoln county sheriff Thursday.

Former county weighmaster, he was appointed on the resignation of Sheriff Tim Welp.

Allies Study Red Proposal On Air Safety

Propose Conference To Avoid Clashes Along Frontiers

Bonn, Germany (AP)—Allied officials Friday studied a Soviet suggestion for a British-Russian conference aimed at avoiding air clashes along the East-West border in Germany.

British sources described the Red reply to a Western protest as somewhat conciliatory but there was no reaction from American or French quarters.

The suggestion was made Thursday night by Gen. Vasily Chuikov, Soviet commander in Germany, in otherwise rejecting a joint protest from the Western occupation powers against hostile action by Soviet fighter planes toward three British aircraft last week.

Chuikov proposed a conference of "competent" British and Soviet military representatives "to work out adequate measures" in order to "avoid such disagreeable air incidents," the Soviet news agency ADN reported.

Washington (AP)—Mrs. Hope Riddings Miller, a Washington writer and public relations worker, told House investigators Friday she failed to report on her regular income tax returns a \$2,500 fee she received in a tax evasion case.

Mrs. Miller said she received the fee in 1950 but reported it only last week in an amended tax return. She appeared before a subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee which has been investigating the case.

Mrs. Miller said the money was for a public relations service in the case of Garry D. Iozia, Italian-born business man of Paterson, N. J., who recently was convicted of tax evasion. He pleaded guilty after a long fight against the charges.

She also described as "really the most vicious untruth" Iozia's testimony that she had received \$2,500 in cash as well as a \$2,500 check in the case—a total of \$5,000.

ROK Repulse 2 Red Assaults

Seoul (AP)—South Korean infantrymen hurled back two sharp attacks by some 100 Chinese on the muddy western Korean front today—the 1000th day of the stalemated struggle on this Asiatic peninsula.

The Eighth army reported troops of the Republic of Korea First division smashed assaults by more than two platoons of communists in a drifting rainstorm near Little North Hill, west-northwest of Yonchon.

The heavy rains—up to two inches in some sectors—and a thick haze covered the battlefield. Sporadic patrol clashes were reported on the central and eastern sectors.

Allied fighter-bombers for the second day were hampered in their blows against communist troops and supply facilities.

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NMA for Ousting Of Entire NLRB

Washington (AP)—The National Lumber Manufacturers Association rapped the National Labor Relations Board Thursday, calling for "new personnel in the board from top to bottom."

The association asserted the NLRB is violating the Taft-Hartley Labor Law. Representatives of the association, which says it represents 1,500 employers, testified before the House Labor Committee.

The association said these employers hire more than 100,000 men in Oregon and Washington.

E. H. Card, personnel manager of the Coos Bay Lumber Co. in Coos Bay, Ore., said stricter provisions are needed for jurisdictional disputes.

He described what he said was a long jurisdictional dispute at the Juneau Spruce Corp., in 1947 between the CIO Woodworkers and the West Coast Longshoremans.

Reed to Fight For Tax Slash

Washington (AP)—Rep. Reed R. N.Y., said Friday he has not given up his fight to cut individual income taxes by 10 per cent on June 30. And he declared he is confident House leaders will bring his bill to the House floor "in the very near future."

"I have not surrendered to anyone in the tax reduction battle," Reed said in a statement. "I shall fight more vigorously than ever to fulfill the pledges of the republican party."

Reed's bill has been approved by the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee which he heads but is bottled up in the Rules Committee.

House leaders have indicated a disposition to keep it there at least until appropriations bills are written and they know more about prospective government expenditures.

Hotel Destroyed At Prineville

Prineville (AP)—Fire swept through the Inland Rooms Thursday night, burning out the interior and bringing smoke and water damage to three ground-floor establishments.

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