

THE WEATHER

FAIR TONIGHT and Tuesday. Slightly warmer afternoon temperatures. Low tonight, 36; high Tuesday, 74.

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Loucks Seeks Franzen Shift To New Job

Mayor Denies He Is After Heads of Other City Officials

By STEPHEN A. STONE
A possible change in the city administration that would employ a new city manager and shift the present manager, J. L. Franzen, to a strictly engineering position was described by Mayor Al Loucks today.

The council, said Loucks, has no intention to "fire" Franzen, and he branded as untrue a report that the council is after the heads of John Geren, water department manager; J. H. Davis, city engineer; Alfred Mundt, city recorder; Clyde A. Warren, chief of police; and E. L. Smith, chief of the fire department.

Mayor Loucks, though admitting some major disagreements with Franzen, said that his and the council's confidence in Franzen's ability and their trust in his integrity is so great that they have asked him to "look around for a suitable city manager and bring in a recommendation" to the council.

To Make New Office

It is proposed very tentatively to create a position for Franzen by placing him in charge of city engineering, sewage operations, and water administration. This would not be a job simply "to take care of Franzen," the mayor said, and it is calculated that it might pay him a salary of \$7500 a year. It would not cause the removal of either City Engineer Davis or Water Manager Geren, but Franzen's salary would be offset, it is suggested, by eliminating one man in the engineering department and one in the water office.

"In other words," said the mayor, "Franzen would be in charge of public works. That's where his interest is mainly, and as a technical man and an engineer he is tops. He came here in 1947 when the city needed a lot of engineering work done, and he has done it." (Continued on Page 5, Column 5)

2 Cons Escape State Prison

Two convicts escaped from the Oregon State penitentiary in separate actions Sunday night and Monday morning—one by driving away in a prison truck and the other by walking away from a labor crew working in front of the prison.

Robert (Gill) Porter, classified as a minimum trustee, drove off in a prison pickup truck about 10:15 Sunday evening. He had been working alone outside the wall opening a plugged sewer drain. He is serving terms of five years and two years on charges of obtaining money under false pretenses in Klamath and Lincoln counties.

He was not discovered as missing until the 11 o'clock count and apparently by that time had found a hideout or had gotten far enough away to escape police road blocks. He had still not been found Monday noon.

Fifteen minutes of freedom was all that was gained by James Carney when he walked away from a prison work crew Monday morning about 10.

City and state police converged on the area soon after the work crew guard reported the walk-away escape and Carney was arrested by a state officer as he walked down Market street.

Weather Forecast For Slightly Warmer

There were blue skies and bright sunshine, Monday, true, but the morning minimum barely skirted the freezing mark in Salem, being recorded at 33 degrees. Scattered light frosts were listed for some areas as winter served notice it is not quite ready to give up yet.

The forecast calls for fair weather tonight and Tuesday with slightly warmer afternoon temperatures. Saturday night and early Sunday brought some more rain, .09 of an inch being measured, but the 24-hour period ending at 10:30 a.m. Monday had no precipitation with skies clearing and cooler temperatures setting in. Sunday's maximum went only to 60 degrees.

CUB SCOUTS ON PARADE



Top: Pack Six, Cub Scouts under the direction of troop master Morrel Crary, turn from State into Liberty street during Saturday afternoon's parade. Lower: Pack 12, VFW post, who tied with Keizer Lions club for first place in their class, as they appeared in the downtown parade. (See page 5 for story of Boy Scout Circus.)

Lake Ore Ship Sunk in Gale

Grand Marais, Minn. (AP)—The iron ore-laden freighter Henry Steinbrenner sank in rough Lake Superior water off Isle Royale early Monday.

At 1:15 (EST) 17 of the 31 aboard had been reported rescued, one body recovered and "a group" of bodies sighted.

Grand Marais Coast Guard station reported ships at the scene were maneuvering in heavy waves to pick up the bodies.

One rescue vessel, the Clemson, reported it had seven crewmen aboard, none in bad condition and expected to land them at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

The William Sykes, another vessel at the scene, reported it had "several" survivors.

Cross Burned At Negro Home

Portland (AP)—The FBI and the state attorney general's office were called on today to aid in the investigation of a wooden cross which was burned in the yard of a Negro family here.

The cross, about three feet high and wrapped in a gasoline-soaked towel, was fired about 3 a.m. at the home of Charles D. Gragg, who recently moved into his home in the Park Rose Heights district and has remained despite protests of some neighbors.

Officials of National Association for Advancement of Colored People said they had notified the FBI and Attorney General Robert Thornton of the incident.

Appraisers to Value Church Mall Property

Members of the state board of control Monday agreed to engage an appraiser to work with another appraiser picked by the First Presbyterian church to make an appraisal of state owned property which the legislature authorized the board to exchange for property on Chemekele and Winter streets owned by the church.

If the two appraisers cannot agree on the values of the properties involved, the board has authorized the two to select a third man to work with them.

Control Tower at City Airport to Close Soon

By MARGARET MAGEE

Every plane landing and taking off from Salem's airport will be on its own before too long.

The CAA control tower, which has been controlling air traffic there, is apparently to be discontinued as one of the economy moves of the civil aeronautics authority.

Exact date of the discontinuance of the tower has not been received by those in charge of its operation, but Monday the chief controller, Stanley Dilatush, received word from R. D. Bedinger, regional administrator, that the tower was to be closed on or before June 30.

Up until that time all the CAA personnel in Salem knew what they heard as rumors or what they "read in the newspapers."

A wire story out of Seattle Saturday had listed Salem as having a CAA installation that was included in "staff reductions in the nationwide economy move." The story out of Seattle further stated... "the Salem office will be wiped out unless city officials decide to take over and pay the six persons working there."

Only Dilatush and four other controllers have been employed at the local tower for almost two years, so it is assumed that included also in the group is the maintenance man for the newly installed instrument landing system and the control tower equipment.

Warren Murray holds that position at the airport. Murray came to Salem March 16 of this year to replace Louis Jacobsen, who left to take a position with TWA in Kansas City, Mo.

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The House voted to deny all funds for the program next year. But in the Senate, an appropriations subcommittee has acted to restore funds at the 35,000-unit rate. The full appropriations committee considers this decision today.

Churchill Issues Call For Big 3 Conference

Smith, Stewart Nominated for Reappointment

By JAMES D. OLSON
Governor Paul L. Patterson Monday nominated Ray Smith and Sam Stewart for reappointment to the state tax commission for terms of four years each.

The nomination was seconded by Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry and although State Treasurer Sig Unander said that he had no objections to the nominations he desired a few days further to investigate the matter.

As a result the nominations will be discussed further at a meeting of the board members Thursday morning.

The 1953 legislature enacted legislation which places the tax commission under the sole jurisdiction of the governor but this law is not effective until July 8, 1953.

The governor told the board in view of this law he felt he should take the lead in nominating the tax commissioners whose terms expire June 4. He said that he felt the two present members were entitled to know if they were going to be reappointed or not.

Governor Patterson said that since the end of the recent legislature he had made a thorough investigation of the tax commission.

"I found that Ray Smith has re-organized the income division of the tax commission and has done a most satisfactory job," he said.

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13 Red Stars On Sabrejet Flown by Ace

U. S. Sabre Jet Base, Korea, (AP)—Capt Manuel Fernandez had a crewman paint two more red stars on his Sabre jet fighter Monday—one of them representing his 13th Red MIG jet destroyed that broke the world's record.

The Miami, Fla., pilot said he "sure would like to see 20 more there."

"Do you think you can shoot down 20 more?" he was asked. "Well, that depends on the MIGS," Fernandez shot back. Then the stocky pilot kidded with Airman First Class Lewis W. French of Kokomo, Ind., his crew chief.

"Looks like you're running out of room there," he joshed as French painted the 15th and 16th stars under the pilot's canopy. The extra three stars are for two more MIGS probably destroyed and one damaged. He scored a probable Sunday.

Red Proposals Held too Vague

Panmunjom, Korea (AP)—The United Nations command told the Communists today their plan to end the prisoner exchange deadlock was worded too vaguely and asked for a more direct proposal.

Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison, senior UN truce delegate, said that as it stands now the Communists' eight-point plan is not a "final resolution."

The Communist chief spokesman, North Korean Gen. Nam Il, said it was "unnecessary to repeat" their proposal, which would give a post-armistice political commission the job of determining finally what to do with anti-Red allied captives who do not want to go home.

Other than this, Nam had little to say during the 63-minute conference and his unwillingness to reply to Harrison's questioning seemed to tighten the deadlock blocking a truce in Korea.

Harrison, who never raises his voice, got down to business as soon as he stepped into the truce hut.

Bowles Reports On Asian Crisis

Washington (AP)—Chester Bowles, former ambassador to India, said at the White House Monday the fight against Communism in Asia is going better from a military standpoint than it was a year ago.

Bowles talked to newsmen after a 45-minute conference with President Eisenhower. He has just returned to the United States after serving as envoy in New Delhi during the Truman administration. On the trip back, Bowles spent six weeks touring Southeast Asia and Japan.

Bowles said he gave Eisenhower "a little report on the situation as we see it" in Asia, but he added it would not be proper for him to relate their conversation.

County Budget To Be Trimmed

A Marion county budget that is \$159,218 over the 6 percent allowable by law, will be up for consideration May 18 when the budget committee holds the first of a series of hearings, according to announcement by Judge Rex Hartley.

The budget committee includes members of the county court — Judge Hartley and Commissioners E. L. Rogers and Roy Rice; Delmer Davidson of the Talbot area; Pat McLoughlin of Woodburn and Loy Warner of Salem. Harley Libby, who will become a member of the committee July 1, is expected to sit in as an observer.

Total requirements as contained in the budget are \$3,191,600. From this must be deducted estimated revenues of \$927,281, and an expendable surplus of \$816,250, leaving a proposed levy of \$1,448,078.

There is a possibility that the revenue may be increased a bit, the budget having been set up several weeks ago before all of the anticipated receipts could be properly tabulated. Of the expendable surplus, \$816,250 is earmarked for construction of the courthouse.

A year ago the levy was \$1,215,905.

Maximum Details Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 66; minimum today, 52. Total 24-hour precipitation: .51 for month; .62 normal, .74. Season precipitation: 38.81; normal, 33.96. River height: 3.9 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

Heavy Bonded Debt Hikes Interest Rate

When the bond rating of a municipality, like a city or a school district, goes down its bond interest rate goes up.

Which means that when its bonds become less desirable as investments the municipality has to pay more interest when it sells them.

That has happened in Salem. The reason for it is mainly the recent large bond issues by the Salem school district in its building program. The large issues have attracted the attention of Moody's Investors Service, which is the bible of investment brokers, with the result that Moody's has reduced Salem's rating from "A" to "BAA," so Salem bonds are not as tempting to investors as they were a year or two ago.

Informal Meet In Atmosphere Of Informality

London (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill said Monday he is in favor of a high level conference of the leading powers without any great delay.

In a house of commons speech on foreign policy, Churchill said the high level conference should not be hampered by any long agenda, and should be carried out in an atmosphere of informality and privacy and even seclusion.

Churchill was not specific, but supposedly meant he should get together with President Eisenhower and Premier Malenkov. He referred to a "conference at the highest level of the leading powers." For Better Understanding Churchill said this conference might not come to any hard agreement but at least it would lead to a better understanding.

The prime minister reviewed what he called the "change in attitude and, we all hoped, mood" that has taken place in Soviet Russia and the Kremlin itself since the death of Stalin.

He appealed for caution in "doing or saying" anything that might give the Soviet leaders ground for suspicion. He said "it would be a mistake to assume that nothing could be settled unless or until everything is settled."

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Dulles Praises Naguib in Cairo

Cairo (AP)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said on his arrival here today America regarded Egypt's Premier Mohammed Naguib as "one of the outstanding leaders in the free world."

Dulles, the first American secretary of state to visit Egypt, landed at Cairo airport with Mutual Security Administrator Harold Stassen on the first leg of their Middle East tour.

They arrived only a few hours after Naguib had said Egypt was ready to fight Britain to win Egyptian sovereignty over the Suez Canal Zone. Plenty of Work "Perhaps my visit here will help clear up some misunderstandings," Dulles said.

"Mr. Stassen and I are happy that your government graciously invited us to Egypt and that we were able to accept at this time when President Eisenhower's administration has plenty of work to do," Dulles read from a prepared statement.

"We have much legislation to work out, and this is the first time for 20 years that a republican president and a republican congress have had to work together."

\$10,000 a Year Salary Hikes

Washington (AP)—The senate judiciary committee Monday approved a bill by Sen. McCarran (D., Nev.) increasing salaries of all members of congress and federal judges by \$10,000 a year.

The measure also would raise salaries of U. S. attorneys over the country to a maximum of \$20,000.

Salaries of the 96 senators and 435 house members would be \$25,000 a year under the bill. They now get \$12,500 salary and \$2,500 expense money, which is all lumped together as taxable compensation.

The committee said the net cost of this congressional pay boost would be \$3,638,258 annually.