

THE WEATHER

MOSTLY CLOUDY with scattered showers and thunderstorms tonight; partly cloudy Friday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 54; high Friday, 64.

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300 Salem Persons Buy Plywood Stock

S & E Commission Attorneys Charge Fraud In Certificate Sale

By JAMES D. OLSON
Approximately 300 Salem citizens have purchased memberships in plywood corporations involved in the suit filed Tuesday by the Security and Exchange Commission against eight Northwest men and three plywood companies, according to attorneys for the commission.

Donald J. Stocking and John N. Fegan, attorneys for the commission, said Thursday that fully 100 Salem citizens had made full payments for interim certificates and receipts for membership and another group numbering in the neighborhood of 200 Salem persons have made part payment for membership certificates.

Preliminary hearing on the case is set for Friday morning in federal court in Portland before District Judge J. Alger Fee when government attorneys will apply for a temporary injunction against further sale of membership certificates and probably apply for appointment of a receiver for the plywood companies involved in the case.

Defendants in the case from Salem include Edgar R. Erion, Glenn R. Munkers, Dwight Holdorf, Archie L. Bones, and Harold A. Shoberg, Charles W. Williamson and James B. Carr, Milwaukie, and Thomas A. O'Connell of Eugene, Seattle and Boise.

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Crop Growers Watch Weather

Although current weather conditions, with showers and high humidity, are causing no great distress among agriculturalists, the situation has its potentialities for damage if greatly prolonged, according to persons capable of evaluating conditions.

Damp, humid weather tends to greatly increase the number of aphids, especially on snap bean vines. Such conditions, too, create rust in the mint fields.

In an effort to check the aphids, some growers of snap beans have secured the services of a helicopter to apply the appropriate dust. The charge is \$3.50 an acre.

Vetch hay in windrows may scatter a considerable portion of the seed when the sun comes out. It is said the seed pods break open with considerable force, scattering the seed. The harvest of grass seed may be delayed to some extent.

Owing to climatic conditions this summer, barley may be harvested in advance of winter wheat in certain locations. Continuation of rains might cause discoloration of barley grains, thus lowering its sale value.

On the brighter side, the showers will have a tendency to refresh pasture lands, particularly those not under irrigation.

Thunderstorms Among Forecasts

Thunderstorms are due over much of western Oregon tonight and Friday, the weather forecast says. The local prediction is for cloudiness with scattered showers and thunderstorms tonight, partial cloudiness for Friday.

A thunderstorm came to the Salem area early Thursday morning, the weather bureau clocking it between 5:25 and 6:40 o'clock.

Rainfall in the 24-hour period ending at 10:30 a.m. Thursday amounted to .08 of an inch in Salem, bringing August's total to date to .35 of an inch.

Higher humidities are due along with the thunderstorms, and the fire danger has lessened considerably.

Ike Off Saturday For Long Vacation

Washington (AP)—President Eisenhower will leave Saturday morning by plane for Denver, Colo., to spend a vacation of at least three weeks. Mrs. Eisenhower will accompany him.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said the length of the vacation also is indefinite but that he thinks it will be at least three weeks.

14 on Bomber Crashed at Sea Still Missing

4 Persons Rescued, 5 Bodies Found, Search Continues

London (AP)—The bodies of two more victims of yesterday's crash of an American RB-36 bomber from California were taken from the stormy Atlantic today.

Four other of the 23 men aboard the plane have been rescued and three bodies were found yesterday, leaving 14 still unaccounted for and feared dead.

Some 21 planes and eight ships criss-crossed a 40,000 square mile area of the North Atlantic in worsening weather in search of these men.

Meanwhile, the British frigate Tenacious was diverted to search for a 30 foot yacht reported in distress in the same area enroute from Boston to Norway. It had four persons aboard.

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6 Die, 35 Hurt in Bus-Auto Crash

Hydro, Okla. (AP)—Six persons were killed and 35 injured near here Thursday when a Greyhound bus and an auto pulling a house trailer crashed on a bridge. Both vehicles plunged into a ditch and then slid 25 feet into a creek bed.

Dead and injured persons were scattered about. The scene also was littered with wreckage, bags, billfolds and other possessions of the bus passengers.

The injured were screaming for help with men, women and children piled on each other in utter confusion. Trooper Art Cordry said the bus driver, Bill Pratt, 31, Oklahoma City, related that he attempted to pass the car and trailer at the bridge. Pratt said the car suddenly swerved.

The vehicles locked and careened off the roadway and shot into Deer creek. The bus pinned the car to the embankment.

Health Grants To Oregon Cut

Portland (AP)—Cuts by the recent congress reduced federal public health grants to Oregon for the present fiscal year by \$99,517, the state board of health announced Thursday.

Dr. Harold M. Erickson, the state health officer, said he received word of the long-expected cuts in grants-in-aid programs from the U.S. public health service office in San Francisco. These will reduce Oregon grants to about \$300,000.

The announcement was made two days after a special joint committee of the Oregon Health Officers and County Judges associations held a meeting in an attempt to adjust county health department budgets to federal reductions.

Erickson said grants to counties are expected to be cut by about one-fourth.

1000 Less Old Ageders on Rolls During Past Year

A decrease of approximately 1000 old age assistance cases in the state welfare rolls during the year ending June 30, 1953, was reported to the state welfare commission at its last meeting.

Liberalization of the old age survivors insurance benefits by the federal government together with the impact of laws providing claims against estates and contributions from relatives is believed to be responsible for the reduction in the old age assistance rolls.

Increase in general assistance activities in June, the last month of the fiscal year, served to reverse the downward trend in public assistance payments, characteristic of the summer months, the report stated.

Assistance payment in June were 1.1 per cent higher than in May, totaling \$2,385,623 for needs of persons in 35,279 cases. Assistance payments in the fiscal year totaled almost \$27 1/2

DAZED POW GETS HELP



Helping hands reach out to steady a returning American prisoner of war, who, apparently in a state of shock almost stepped off into space as he tried to get off the Communist truck at Panmunjon during the second exchange of POWs. (AP Wirephoto via radiophoto from Tokyo.)

Radar Detection Now Followed by Arrests

By DAVE CROMWELL
The first arrest of a Salem motorist detected by radar of exceeding the speed limit occurred Thursday at 10:45 a.m. in the 2000 block of North Commercial street.

Salem officers have been experimenting with the radar equipment for over two months, with warning tickets being issued, but Thursday was the first time the equipment had actually been used in detecting and causing the arrest of a speeding motorist.

The officers had to wait 40 minutes after setting up their equipment before Roman Heine, 2999 Brooks street, was shown by the radar screen to be traveling 40 miles per hour in the 25 mile zone. Orrin White, the arresting officer, said that Heine claimed he was hurrying in order to keep a doctor's appointment.

Heine would not have been the recipient of the dubious honor of receiving the first citation issued by the radar team if the team had finished setting up its "speed trap" minutes sooner, as a motorist was shown by the radar chart to have passed by at 54 miles an hour.

It was only seconds after Heine was arrested that Evelyn Franz, 4400 North River Road, was pulled over to the curb by Officer White. Mrs. Franz said she thought the use of radar to detect speedsters was a "fine thing" but she didn't like to be the one to be caught by the device. She said that as soon as she saw the radar car she slowed down. This was too late, however, as the equipment picks up the approaching car and gauges its speed a block before it reaches the radar vehicle.

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Dick Haymes Under Arrest

Los Angeles (AP)—Crooner Dick Haymes was arrested for deportation to his native Argentina as he drove along Hollywood's Sunset Boulevard Thursday.

He is accused of illegal re-entry into the United States after a recent trip to Hawaii where his supposed latest heart interest, Rita Hayworth, was on movie location.

Haymes and his attorney, Robert Eaton, immediately branded the immigration charge "a technicality" that can be rectified. Haymes declined any comment about Miss Hayworth or his estrangement from his wife, the former Nora Edington Flynn.

Haymes was taken to the downtown immigration office where he posted \$500 bail pending a hearing in about two weeks. The Immigration Department said his re-entry from Hawaii was improper because he is an alien, having been given relief from military service during World War II as a neutral alien.

221 American POW Freed Mostly Sick and Haggard

Dulles and Rhee Sidestep Main Issue of Peace Communist Blockade on West Berlin Free Food Stations Begins to Crack But Few Healthy Men in POW In 'Big Switch'

Seoul, Korea (AP)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and President Syngman Rhee again sidestepped the crucial issue of the Korean peace conference today.

A full dress meeting at Rhee's mansion lasting nearly two hours concentrated instead on economic aid that the United States will furnish for rebuilding the shattered South Korean economy.

Dulles said as he emerged from the meeting that the Korean unification plans, key issue before the peace conference beginning in October, were not discussed.

"Economic problems were discussed this morning," Dulles told newsmen.

Army Secretary Robert Stevens did most of the talking, the secretary of state added. Dulles explained the \$200,000,000 already earmarked for Korean reconstruction by the U. S. congress is being drawn from defense funds saved by the end of the fighting.

Dulles said a working level committee will continue negotiations on the U. S.-South Korean defense pact. It was not discussed at the meeting of the full delegations at Rhee's mansion.

Hike in Phone Rates Likely

Oregon customers of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. appeared likely Thursday to have their phone bills increased an average of 4 per cent.

J. L. Kennedy, chief accountant for Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel, testified at Heltzel's hearing on the company's application for a \$3,966,000 annual rate increase that the company would make a 6 per cent profit in Oregon if it were allowed a \$1,204,000 rate boost.

This \$1,204,000 increase would boost phone bills about 4 per cent. Of that amount, the federal government would take half in taxes.

The full increase would give the company a profit of 7.5 per cent. The hearing neared a close Thursday, and Heltzel's order on the increase is expected before Oct. 11.

Lightning Keeps Firemen Busy

Prineville (AP)—A spectacular lightning storm kept Central Oregon forest lookouts and firefighting crews on the job all night. They reported everything under control Thursday.

State foresters said there were only two fires still going. Both were in the Horse Heaven area.

Ten fires were reported by the Prineville Ranger Station of the Ochoco National Forest, but all were controlled. Numerous lightning strikes were reported by the Ochoco Ranger Station, but a rainstorm, following the lightning, apparently extinguished all of them.

Seek to Rename Refuge Finley

Portland (AP)—The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be asked to re-name the Malheur Bird Refuge in Eastern Oregon for the late William Finley of Portland.

The Portland chapter of the Izaak Walton League has named a committee headed by E. E. Averill, former state game warden, to work for the change.

Finley, a nationally known naturalist, was credited with a major part in creation of the Malheur refuge nearly 50 years ago by Theodore Roosevelt, who was then president. He sent Roosevelt proof that hunters were slaughtering birds in the Malheur Lake area to get plumes for women's hat trimmings.

Communist Blockade on West Berlin Free Food Stations Begins to Crack

Berlin (AP)—The Communist blockade on rail travel to West Berlin's free food stations was cracking today under the pressure of East Germany's hungry millions. Thousands of Soviet zone workers were joining the throngs of East Berliners lining up for food packages.

Many reported they had been able to buy railroad tickets to Berlin for the first time since Saturday, when the East government clamped its ban.

East Germany's government made no announcement it was lifting its ban, and in many places tickets reportedly still were not on sale.

Relief officials, however, reported that people from farther reaches of the Soviet Zone said railway employes had sold them tickets quietly at various stations.

The cracks in the blockade became apparent last night after railroad workers in Brandenburg province—which rings Berlin—slipped through 40,000 of their hungry countrymen.

Others got around the travel ban by bicycling, hitchhiking with trailer trucks or coming by bus to stations near Berlin and then on foot into the city.

Railroadmen also smuggled through many parcels for their families and friends.

At the close of distribution last night nearly 180,000 parcels had been distributed, despite bad weather and the travel restrictions, to lift the 10-day total to 1,600,000.

As further evidence that Communist police control was breaking down, a record number of 51 men deserted from the Eastern "people's police" army and gendarmerie yesterday and last night. This topped the previous daily record of 46 set in June.

Soviet Troops Move to Centers

Berlin (AP)—Columns of Soviet troops and armor were reported moving toward industrial centers throughout rebellious East Germany today to put down rapidly spreading strikes by workers who defied a Red ban on acceptance of American "Eisenhower food parcels."

Heavy concentrations of Soviet troops and armor were reported being massed in East Berlin a few miles from the west sector distribution centers where upwards of 1,600,000 hungry East Germans have collected free food sent by the United States.

The anticommunist fighting group against inhumanity, which has reliable contacts throughout the Soviet zone, reported Soviet troops in division strength were moving in many areas. Russian trainees East German police also were reported moving in on trouble centers.

Soviet Council Debates Budget

Moscow (AP)—The supreme Soviet Council of Nationalities convened today to debate Finance Minister Arseni Zverev's \$30,500,000,000 rouble (\$132,625,000,000) budget.

Zverev presented the budget report to a joint session of the supreme Soviet, Russia's parliament, after it convened yesterday.

He said expenditures would amount to 530,500,000,000 roubles and estimated income would total 543,300,000,000 (\$135,825,000,000).

Under provisions of the new budget, the Soviet Union expects to cut its defense outlay for the coming year by 3.2 per cent, or 3,600,000,000 roubles (\$900,000,000) below that for the previous year.

But Few Healthy Men in POW In 'Big Switch'

Panmunjon, Korea (AP)—The communists promised to return 81 more "healthy" Americans at freedom gate today, but the joy over their return was dimmed by the growing fear that thousands of other captured Americans may never come back.

Three returning Americans now have told fellow prisoners being sentenced by the Reds on phony charges of endangering the lives of other prisoners or "instigating against peace."

The 81 Americans to be returned today will bring to 221 the total released by the Reds in the first three days of "Big Switch."

In Bad Condition
However, the condition of ill and haggard prisoners, their appearance reminiscent of victims of the Nazi torture camps of Dachau and Buchenwald, will delay the United States homecoming of the few that are "healthy."

American officers at Inchon said the Reds are delivering so few able bodied prisoners that it may take three weeks or more before enough are collected to make up a shipment of 400.

Meanwhile, an American warrant officer painted a gruesome picture of North Korea's "Death Valley" where more than 2,000 American soldiers starved or froze to death in the bitter winter of 1950.

Order General Strike in France

Paris (AP)—French trade unions, communist and non-communist, today declared economic warfare on the reforms of Premier Joseph Laniel with a series of paralyzing strikes.

The four biggest unions in France today called for a 48-hour strike of all gas and electric workers beginning at midnight.

A nationwide strike of all post, telegraph and telephone workers already has cut off 80 per cent of all these services.

The snowballing protest strikes against Laniel's efforts to set French economy on its feet threatened his recently formed and unstable government.

The strikes were leveled against government decrees which ordered the firing of a considerable number of France's burdensome load of 4,000,000 government employes.

Gen. Mark Clark To Retire Soon

Washington (AP)—Gen. Mark W. Clark, Far East commander, announced today that he plans to retire from the army next Oct. 31 after 40 years service.

Clark made the announcement at a news conference here where he has been holding conferences prior to returning to his headquarters in Tokyo.

He said he hoped his successor would be designated in time for "an orderly turnover" in command so that he could return to the United States in September.

Corporal Helps Bury 1500 War Prisoners

Freedom Village, Korea (AP)—An American Army corporal freed Thursday by the Communists said he had seen more than 1,500 of his fellow U. S. prisoners buried in the frozen earth of North Korea in two months of the bitter winter of 1950-51.

Spl. Russell P. James of Auburn, Wash., said he had helped bury most of them.

Reds Hold 2000 More Prisoners

Washington (AP)—Gen. Mark W. Clark, Far East commander, said today the communists may hold from 2,000 to 3,000 more American prisoners than they have agreed to return as part of the armistice.

"We have certain evidence indicating they, the communists, have more Americans," Clark told a news conference at the Pentagon.

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Clark said the communist total is "not far from the number of American prisoners we estimated the communists held for sure." But, at the same time, he said, the United States has "other information that leads us to believe they have more."

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71 Sent to Tokyo Hospital

Tokyo (AP)—Seventy-one gaunt and wounded allied fighting men freed Wednesday from Communist prison camps arrived Thursday for medical treatment before returning home.

Although all of their names were released in Korea, including some who are litter patients, the army banned the use of names here until relatives are notified of their arrival in Tokyo.

An army spokesman said the liberated prisoners have been given casualty status and their names will be embargoed for about 72 hours.

A giant C-124 Globemaster flew the first group of prisoners here from Korea.

Among the 71 were 21 Americans, 22 Turks, 12 Filipinos, 7 Colombians, 7 French, 1 Belgian and 1 Greek.

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