

THE WEATHER

FAIR AND continued warm to night, Thursday. Low tonight, 53; high Thursday, 86.

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\$500,000 in Tax Evasions Collected '52

Fraud Division of State Now Working On Flagrant Cases

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In excess of a half million dollars in unpaid income tax payments were recovered in 1952 by the fraud division of the state tax commission...

An even greater recovery is expected this year, Commissioner Smith said, because the fraud division is working on "some very flagrant cases that will bring about recovery to the state of many thousands of dollars."

Since the fraud division was established, shortly after Commissioner Smith took office, no criminal cases have been instituted, the taxpayers paying the evaded taxes plus penalties.

Prosecutions loom "However, in the cases now under investigation," the commissioner said, "there may be some prosecutions as well as recovery of a large sum of money."

Smith said that in cases where it was decided that prosecutions under the criminal code are required, the evidence will be turned over to district attorneys in the counties where the tax evader resides.

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Joseph Poggi Back in Jail

Joe Poggi, the man recently released from the Oregon state penitentiary after serving nearly 20 years illegally, was back in jail today.

Poggi was allegedly surprised in the act of burglary by the owner of the Cottage Street store, N. F. March, 610 North Cottage street, as March entered his store at 10:20 p.m. Tuesday to pick up some food for his home.

When asked what he wanted, the burglar reportedly said he wanted a "can of milk," and before March could gather his wits, he walked past him and escaped.

A few minutes later, Poggi was picked up by a Salem police patrol car as he was crossing the street in the 600 block of Commercial street. After questioning, he was taken to the store and identified by the owner.

Mrs. Harry Wiedmer, 590 North Cottage, also identified Poggi as the man she had seen loitering around the store earlier in the day.

Nothing was reported removed from the store, but six cartons of cigarettes had been stacked on the floor, allegedly by the intruder.

If Poggi is convicted of burglary, he faces a possible life sentence as an habitual criminal.

Prisoners in Cal., Arms Strapped Down

Travis AFB, Calif. (AP)—Seventeen sick Americans freed from Communist prison camps returned home from Korea today on the first freedom flight since the armistice.

A C-54 Military Air Transport Service hospital plane bearing 14 seriously ill tuberculosis cases and three mental patients touched Travis Air Force Base 50 miles northeast of San Francisco at 6:41 a.m. PDT.

The mental patients, described by the army as "quite restless," had restraining belts around their stretchers and their arms were strapped to their sides.

The ex-prisoners had begun their 6,000-mile flight in Tokyo Monday night, stopping at Midway island to refuel and at Honolulu for a 19-hour rest.

Piccioni Unable to Form Italian Cabinet

Rome (AP)—Premier designate Attilio Piccioni told Italian President Luigi Einaudi today he was unable to form a new government.

Kids Playing House Start Forest Blaze

Prineville (AP)—It was hot Wednesday, and logging crews were especially careful in the tinder-dry woods. It was no time to have things warmer by starting a fire.

Not so with a group of their children at the Ochoco Logging Co. camp 18 miles west of here Tuesday. The youngsters, playing "house" in the woods, decided to cook their own dinner.

Their fire got into green timber and the blaze burned about an acre before camp crews and officials, using bulldozers and other equipment, had it under control.

Top '53 Heat Bakes Valley

Valley areas really baked Tuesday with temperatures reaching the season's high to date. Apparently they were to be thoroughly warmed again Wednesday and Thursday.

Tuesday's maximum zoomed up to 95 in Salem to make it the warmest day here since last September 21 when the high was 96 degrees.

Medford was the "hot spot" in the state Tuesday with a withering 102 degrees for the maximum. Eugene had the same as Salem, 95. Eastern Oregon cities also listed temperatures in the 90s.

The forecast calls for continued fair weather and warm temperatures through Thursday.

Forecasters said winds through northern Cascade regions will be westerly through Thursday, a moderate inflow of marine air over the northwest section to lower temperatures 5 to 10 degrees and keep minimum humidities between 35 and 40 per cent in the interior, southwestern and central Oregon interiors to have humidities ranging from 20 to 30 per cent.

The warm spell has made swimming and picnic gatherings popular and is keeping home owners busy watering gardens and lawns.

Derby Champ Bell Returns

Champion Soap Box Derby Champ David Bell arrived home Wednesday morning from a nine-day trip limaxed by his competing in the All-American Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio, Sunday.

David, accompanied by Capital Journal representative Vic Fryer, was met at the Salem Greyhound bus depot by family and friends after their return trip from Akron on the Union Pacific's City of Portland and by bus from Portland to Salem.

The tired but happy champion immediately left for home with his mother, Mrs. Frank Bell, and friend, Mrs. Vince Milligan, to tell of the exciting times in famed Derbytown and in competing for the world's Soap Box Derby racing championship.

Impressions of their trip will be told in later issues of the Capital Journal by the champion and his escort.

The trip to Akron was one of David's prizes for winning the Salem championship and was awarded by the Capital Journal and Douglas McKay Chevrolet company, co-sponsors of the Salem event.

Resignation of Mrs. Lorna Gwen Ranette, second grade instructor at Highland, and Mrs. Mary Litchfield, first, second and third grade teacher at Roberts, were accepted. Mrs. Margit Eisenhut was elected to teach the second grade at Highland.

Mrs. Fay Mort, science teacher at Leslie, was transferred to a similar position in West Salem junior high at her own request. Maynard Tweet was moved from West Salem to Leslie.

Miss Helen Holderly, who had requested a year's leave of absence, has changed her plans and will be available for a teaching position at Parrish.

Whether Morningside school will be completed in time for the September 21 opening is considered problematical. However, the contractor has given assurance that the classrooms will be ready.

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Sick Leave Question Rouses School Board

State legislative action compelling school districts to set up their salary schedules to include a 50-day cumulative sick leave program over a period of five years, drew considerable fire from the Salem district directors Tuesday night. But after considerable steam had been blown off, it was agreed that there was nothing that could be done but accept it.

Directors Harry Scott and Gardner Knapp pointed out that private business in many instances did not set up such benefits. Supt. Walter Snyder stated that the district had had a program of 30 days cumulative time for a number of years. However, "sick leave" has been interpreted to mean that a teacher may be absent on pay to attend the funeral of a close relative.

The superintendent said he did not believe the sick leave program was being taken advantage of.

New Quakes in Greece Boost Toll of Dead

Whole Island Reported Sinking; Hundreds Of Lives Lost

Athens (AP)—Shattering new earthquakes demolished an entire city and brought death to hundreds today and frantic police on the Greek island of Cephalonia radioped that the island was "sinking" and "all is crumbling down."

Today's tremors, most violent of a three-day series, destroyed Argostolios, capital of Cephalonia, and spread devastation across two adjoining islands.

Incomplete reports from the scene said 400 died and hundreds were injured in yesterday's devastating quakes. There were no official estimates of the total killed and injured in the latest earth convulsions.

"Mad with Fear" The police on Cephalonia sent this frenzied radio message after today's most violent shock:

"We are all sinking. Send navy to take off inhabitants. They are mad with fear. All is crumbling down."

Heavy seas churned up by (Continued on Page 5, Column 7)

Fire Hazard Still Serious

Keep Oregon Green officials this week sent out reminders that despite the recent rains there is a high fire hazard in Oregon's forest lands.

Reminding that this year is a particularly good example of how quickly wet forests and range lands can be converted into tinderboxes the statement continued:

"Only a few hours of warm sunshine, low humidity and strong winds are needed to dry out the soggy litter on the forest floor, dry the moisture from the surface of brush and trees and set the stage for catastrophe. All that is needed then is someone careless with matches, cigarettes, pipe duffel or camp fires."

The officials also pointed out that because it rained a few weeks ago too many persons are apt to conclude the forests are too damp to burn then noted:

"Examination will show that hidden beds of dry ferns and litter of fallen rotted twigs, needles and branches have become powder dry under warm sunshine and low humidity. Normally the spring transition from winter to summer gives us time to adjust mentally to the realization of fire danger. The abrupt change this year has not yet created acute awareness of the hazard."

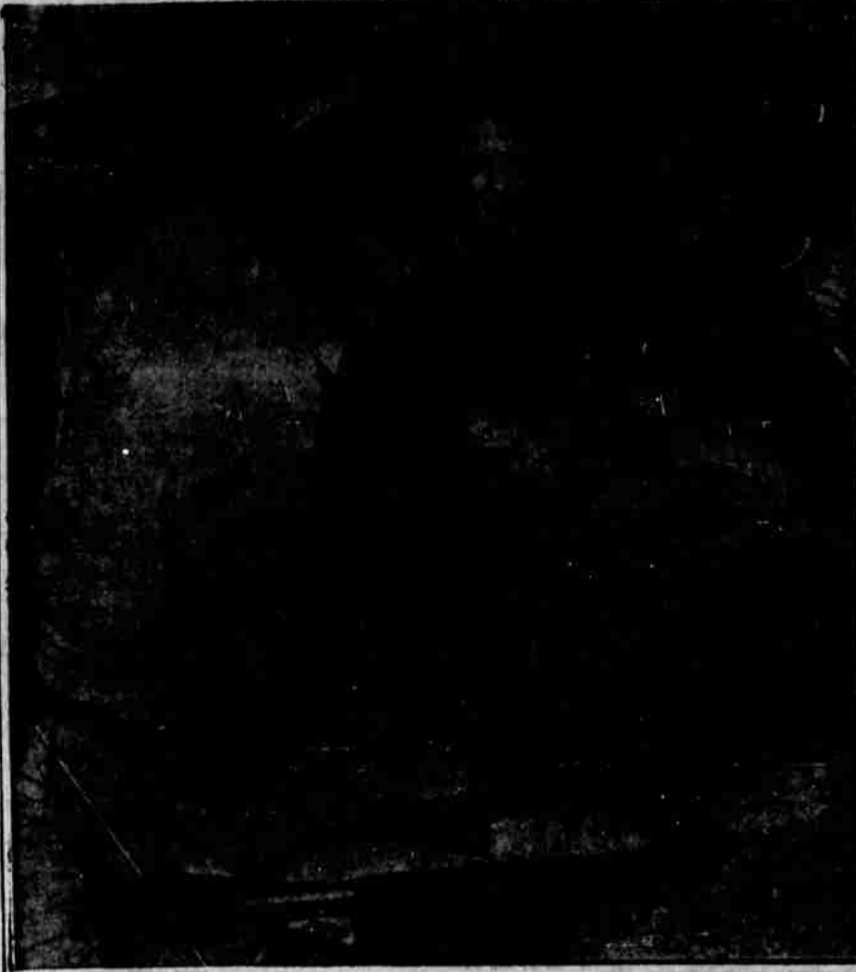
John Lewis Supports Labor 'Consolidation'

San Francisco (AP)—John L. Lewis, president of the powerful United Mine Workers' Union, today called for "unification" and "consolidation" of organized labor, proposal actively supported by AFL and CIO chieftains.

Lewis said a sweeping reorganization of American unions was necessary because of the "outstanding need" to increase their power.

Free 100 Hale GIs 250 Sick ROKs

A MOTHER WELCOMES HER SON



Cpl. Richard M. Davis, Battle Mountain, Nevada, is greeted by his mother, Mrs. Frances Hudson, and two sisters on his arrival here today. He was among the first seventeen former prisoners of war to be returned to the United States. In the immediate background is the soldiers two sisters. (AP Wirephoto)

Canadian Jet Kills Children

Ville Jacques Cartier, Que. (AP)—Twin investigations were ordered today in the fiery crash of a new jet fighter plane that killed nine persons, including five children, when it roared through four houses in this St. Lawrence river village.

Jittery citizens appealed meanwhile for "some sort of protection" from the screaming aircraft skirting nearby St. Hubert base of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

A twin jet CF-100, Canada's newest fighter, roared earthward at 300 miles an hour last night and slammed into the row of houses while 10 feet above the ground. Explosions set the plane and the houses ablaze instantly.

Flames roared through the tangle of timber and steel, trapping the five children and the mother and grandmother of two of them. The fighter's pilot and navigator also died.

German Farmers Who Hoard Face Jail

Berlin (AP)—The Soviet zone government in an effort to alleviate food shortages ordered reluctant farmers today to deliver their crops to the government or face jail as enemies of the state.

The deputy agriculture minister, Hermann Streit, admitted farmers were hoarding their crops in hopes of a rise in prices or abolition of the forced delivery quota system.

Hearings would be disastrous to the East Germans already suffering from food shortages that have caused them to flock to West Berlin to pick up almost 2,500,000 "Eisenhower food parcels."

Field Fire Summons Forestry Tank Trucks

Lincoln—A fire starting on the George Hammond farm above the Spring Valley school today burned five acres of vetch and 15 acres of pasture. The fire was out shortly after noon.

The State Forestry Department dispatched tank trucks to the scene, and other fire departments were on a standby basis.

The blaze was reported to have started from a combine in a vetch field.

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 95; minimum today, 51. Total 24-hour precipitation: 0.10 inch. Wind, normal. 11. Barometer, 30.01. Humidity, 65.2. Report by U. S. Weather Bureau.

Hall Gets Maximum of Ten Years in Prison

George A. Hall, former state rehabilitation counselor, who had pleaded guilty to two charges of forgery, was sentenced to serve a maximum of five years in the state penitentiary on each charge Wednesday to run consecutively, which means Hall faces a maximum of 10 years in the penitentiary.

Before pronouncing sentence, Judge Kimmell stated there was no question in his mind that the defendant had been living a double life.

"If the offense had been made against me personally, I could have forgiven the defendant," said Judge Kimmell. "However, I am charged with protecting others. It is tragic that others must suffer for the faults of a single individual."

Judge Kimmell suggested that the regulations of the department of rehabilitation should be tightened if opportunity still exists for an employee to commit as many misdemeanors as have been laid against Hall. Furthermore, the judge added, if slot machines are operating illegally, this fact should be brought to the attention of the governor.

Hall, who had charged that slot machines were responsible for his forgeries, said he was sorry that he had slipped. He asked for a chance to work and make restitution—to regain his self respect and live an upright life.

District Attorney Kenneth Brown reported that investigations concerning Hall had revealed that he had forged 96 checks since January, 1950.

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French Labor Lowers Boom

Paris (AP)—The powerful Socialist party demanded today the virtual surrender of Premier Joseph Laniel on his plans for economic reforms as a series of general strikes by millions of workers in government and private industry threatened chaos.

With all France in the grip of the worst strike crisis in 17 years, socialist leader Guy Mollet headed a delegation of National Assembly Socialist deputies who called on Laniel with a list of demands.

Two million employees of state operated enterprises were on strike, and Socialist sparked unions called for further walkouts.

The Socialist delegation demanded that Laniel bow to the mass protest by labor by: 1. Withdrawing all "menacing section" of his reform program aimed at economy in government.

2. Opening a campaign for a new round of pay increases for all French workmen.

3. Ordaining a halt to arrests of civil servants who refuse to work.

Laniel declined comment. He went at once into a session with cabinet members to decide how to cope with the snowballing strikes that amounted to a dare from labor to his government to implement its economy drive.

He scheduled a fireside chat to the nation tonight to explain his stand.

4 Navy Fliers Die, Massachusetts Crash

Westover Air Force Base, Mass. (AP)—Four Navy men were killed Wednesday when their plane crashed and burst into flames while taking off on a routine training flight.

Unks Well and Happy; Koreans in Bad Shape

By FOREST EDWARDS

Panmunjom (AP)—One hundred hale and happy Americans streamed through the Bamboo Curtain at Panmunjom today to start the second dramatic week of Korean War prisoner exchange.

But their South Korean comrades again came home in wretched shape. Pitiful living skeletons were passed tenderly from Communist ambulances to litters carried by Allied soldiers.

Four hundred in all got their freedom during the day: 100 Americans, 25 British, 35 Turks, 250 South Koreans.

The Communists promised to hand over 75 Americans, 75 British and 250 South Koreans—all able-bodied—at Thursday's swap, the ninth since the exchange started. This will boost the number of Americans liberated to 823 of 3,313 the Reds said they held.

A big transport carrying the first of the freed prisoners lands at Travis Air Force Base near San Francisco today. Fourteen seriously ill former prisoners and three neuro-psychiatric cases were reported to be aboard.

After transfer to Letterman Army Hospital in San Francisco, the men will be moved to hospitals nearest their homes or best suited to handle their ailments. And 328 healthy POWs were en route home aboard the transport General Walker, which left Korea on Tuesday for the two-week journey.

Another 60 liberated Americans, classed as sick and wounded, were aboard the hospital ship Haven in Inchon harbor on Korea's west coast. The Haven's departure date has not been announced.

The Reds were 2 hours and 25 minutes late in making the last delivery Wednesday of 25 Americans and 25 British. It was the first flaw in an otherwise smooth operation.

The Communists said the reason for the delay was that they had been unable to get men from Camp 1 at Changsong to the Kaesong collecting center just north of Panmunjom in time to meet the delivery schedule.

Americans in the last batch delivered Wednesday were from the Changsong camp.

All previous Allied repatriates have come from Camp 5 at P'yoktong near the Manchurian border, the largest of the North Korean stockades.

2 Oregon Men Die in Korea

Washington (AP)—The Department of Defense today announced the following Oregon casualties in the Korean area: Killed in Action

Army: Pfc. Thomas McVicker, Estacada; Pfc. William H. Tabert, Portland, son of Henry Tabert, Canal Zone. Wounded

Army: Pfc. Paul D. Dooley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Dooley, Corbett; 2nd Lt. Alfred C. Heston, son of Mrs. Mayme R. Heston, Powell Butte; Cpl. William V. Sundt, husband of Mrs. Corine R. Sundt, Portland; Sgt. Sidney J. Swearingen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rawleigh T. Swearingen, Coos Bay.

Missing in Action Marine Corps: Pfc. Leonard E. Steege, son of Mrs. Lulu V. Webster, Medford.

Navy Planes Collide, Portland Pilot Killed

Pensacola, Fla. (AP)—Two navy trainer planes collided over this naval air station late last night and plunged to earth less than 100 yards from the nurses' quarters, killing the two student pilots.

The navy identified the pilots, whose bodies were recovered, as Ensign Robert L. Coffyn, 23, and Lt. (j.g.) Billie L. Florstrom, 25.

Coffyn was survived by his widow, Janet, who was living at Navy Point here, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Coffyn of Portland.

Reds Free Former Yamhill, Polk Boy

(By The Associated Press) Two more Oregon men have been released by the Communists in the Korea War prisoner exchange.

They are Cpl. Harry F. Williams, 24, Medford, released Tuesday, and Pfc. Carl L. Doran, 20, Dallas, freed in Monday's exchange.

Doran, born in Grand Ronde and raised in Willamina and Dallas, enlisted in the Army at North Fork, Calif., while visiting his father.

Ashbaugh Appointed New Juvenile Officer

James H. Ashbaugh, for the past four years probation officer for Benton county, was named Wednesday by Judge Joseph B. Felton to become Marion county juvenile officer. He will take office September 1, succeeding Nonna White who retired.

The new juvenile officer is about 40 years old, married and has one child. Ashbaugh holds Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from University of Nevada and a Ph.D. from Oregon State college, where he majored in the field of child counselling. His thesis for his doctorate was "Factor Analysis As Applied to Juvenile Delinquency in Benton County."

Ashbaugh has done a considerable amount of psychological testing and vocational and educational counselling in the Benton area. He has written several articles regarding juvenile delinquency, the latest appearing in a book just off the press by Dr. E. R. Hathaway of the University of Minnesota.

A combat veteran of World War II and presently a major with the 385th field artillery, 104th infantry division, Ashbaugh recently returned from field maneuvers. Ashbaugh holds directorates in the Oregon Juvenile Council and State Conference of Social Workers. Judge Felton states he interviewed a number of candidates and feels that Ashbaugh is an outstanding man in the field. "He has done excellent work in Benton counting," added the judge.