

THE WEATHER

CONTINUED FAIR tonight and Friday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 48; high Friday, 84.

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By-passing of Towns Favored At Hearing

Majority of Witnesses Support Highway Engineer's Choice

By JAMES D. OLSON
Stayton (Special)—By-passing of Stayton, Sublimity and Aumsville by the proposed North Santiam highway from Mill City to Salem, was favored by the majority of witnesses appearing at a hearing before the state highway commission here Thursday morning.

Considerable difference of opinion on two proposed routes for the highway has developed in Stayton, a Chamber of Commerce poll held early this month showing 314 citizens favoring a route on the edge of Stayton and 182 in favor of the route located about one and one-half miles north of Salem.

However, the route favored by the highway engineers after exhaustive surveys, seemed to meet with the favor of the majority speaking at the hearing.

Action Explained

Further, R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer said, construction of the highway on the route proposed by the highway engineers would cost \$74,000 less than the route closer to the town.

No witnesses appeared from Sublimity and only one from Aumsville, William Rauscher, who expressed favor for the outside route.

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Labor Surplus Noted Today

A season that is admittedly from one to three weeks late, plus an unusually large number of migrant workers, has resulted in a surplus of seasonal labor in this vicinity. This situation exists as of today.

However, it is entirely possible that there may be a shortage before the end of the month. Persons who are in a position to size up the situation, insofar as the snap bean crop is concerned, are beginning to feel that this year's crop will be below the general average.

A question that is causing a bit of concern on the part of school officials is the one of whether it was necessary to postpone the opening of school one week. This, too, cannot be answered at this time.

Ex-NW Con Robbing L.A. Bank Wounded

Los Angeles (AP)—A husky gunman shot down in an attempt to rob a downtown bank Wednesday has been identified by the FBI as an ex-convict who served six similar holds in Oregon and Washington.

Police say Louis William Hemmert, 34, former inmate of McNeil Island, Wash., penitentiary entered the main office of the California bank shortly before 2 p.m.

Reedsport Truck Tips, Driver Fatally Hurt

Reedsport (AP)—A loaded gravel truck overturned on Highway 101, two miles south of here Wednesday night, fatally injuring the driver, Claude Hathaway, 23, Reedsport.

Hathaway was working the night shift for the J. C. Compton Construction Co., which has a contract for a Highway 101 paving job. His truck slipped off the pavement and flipped over. He died at a hospital early Thursday.

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 87; minimum today, 46. Total 24-hour precipitation: 0.1 for month; 2.85 for season. Forecast: 48-64; normal, 54-63. River height, -1.2 feet. (Report by U. S. Weather Bureau.)

Cussing Parrot Just What This Woman Wants

Shreveport, La. (AP)—Mrs. W. E. Lott said Thursday she can put a cussing parrot to good use so she has asked for the profane parrot which has been causing blishes at Menlo Park, Calif.

The bird has been winging around Menlo Park hurling choice, but unprintable, epithets at everyone.

This won't bother Mrs. Lott, if she gets the bird. She said there are a lot of things at her farm home near Shreveport that need a good cussing.

"For instance, the parrot could help me cuss my dogs," she said. She has a dozen Mexican Chihuahuas.

"All my life I've wanted a parrot that could cuss," said Mrs. Lott, who has never owned even a respectable parrot. "When I read where they were going to shoot the one out in California I wired the sheriff that I wanted it."

600 Carpenters Eye AFL Issue

Should the withdrawal of the carpenters' union from the American Federation of Labor actually become effective on a nation-wide scale it would take between 600 and 700 members away from the AFL labor organization in Salem.

The total membership of AFL labor organizations in Salem is around 10,000.

However, Carpenters Local Union 1085 isn't much excited over the news, according to A. C. Thomas, business agent who has an office at Labor Temple.

"We haven't heard a thing officially," Thomas said. "Of course we are interested in the story as we have read it in the newspapers, but we will just go on as we have been unless something official calls for a change. And that may not be for months."

Senate Public Works Committee Coming

Portland (AP)—The U. S. Senate Public Works committee tour of the Northwest dam, river and harbor projects will bring the group into the Willamette valley Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

Members were scheduled to leave Washington Saturday and arrive in Boise the same day. During the first part of the week, the group is expected to look over the Hells Canyon site on the Snake river. The senators Wednesday will stop at The Dalles and Bonneville dams on their way to Portland.

The Thursday itinerary includes inspection of Willamette valley projects, including Detroit dam, Lookout Point dam and coastal harbor projects as far north as Longview, Wash. They plan to lunch at Eugene.

Disabled Vet Credited With Saving Child

Portland (AP)—A disabled war veteran was credited today with saving the life of a six-year-old boy who suffered severe shock when he plugged in a floor lamp.

The boy's mother, Mrs. Walter W. Hunter, said her neighbor, Frank Leary, rushed to her aid when she called for help. Leary applied artificial respiration until the lad could be given medical attention.

Reshuffle of U.S. State Taxes Hard to Achieve

By A. L. LINDBECK
Reshuffling of the nation's tax structure, as proposed by President Eisenhower, is a reform more easily proposed than accomplished, in the opinion of tax experts around the Oregon capital.

Especially is this true, these experts point out, if it is proposed to reserve certain revenue fields for the federal government while giving the states a free hand in others.

While it is true that the President's program is still in the "investigation" stage, with several committees delving into the problem, this appears to be the general idea back of this recent proposal for tax reforms.

Gov. Paul L. Patterson, who attended the governors' conference in Seattle last week, said the governors appeared to be unanimously in favor of Uncle Sam withdrawing from the gasoline tax field, but there was no discussion of shifts in other tax fields.

U.S. Tourists Stranded by French Strike

4,000,000 Workers Out, Food Short, Epidemic Feared

Paris (AP)—Hoarding and the fear of epidemics were added today to the hardships resulting from the French general strike affecting 4,000,000 workers.

All public transport and utilities have been paralyzed and thousands of tourists, including 10,000 Americans, are stranded.

Frugal French housewives were hoarding food, threatening a further squeeze on an estimated 100,000 tourists who already were reduced to eating box lunches.

Gasoline was disappearing from the market, with indications that fuel hoarding might halt the scanty, makeshift transportation still available.

Today the strikes, sparked by labor's objections to the economy program of Premier Joseph Laniel, had spread from nationalized industry and public works to private enterprise.

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\$35,000,000 Fire at G.M.

Detroit (AP)—A \$35 million dollar fire roared through the General Motors Corp. transmission and instrument plant in suburban Livonia late yesterday, leaving a charred building.

Two men were killed, more than a score injured.

One GM official, who estimated the damage cost, said that production in the Cadillac, Oldsmobile and Pontiac plants would be hit. An estimated 45,000 workers may be out of their jobs temporarily.

The fire raged for three hours before it was brought under control. Within another hour the dead were brought out of the building. They were:

Lt. Killiam G. Degner, 43, acting chief of the protection force of the Terwest instrument division located in a wing of the building.

Danny Staley, a production worker.

Most of the injuries were slight.

Vote Sought Under Oregon Picket Law

Portland (AP)—Will Masters, Portland attorney, said Wednesday the first petition for a bargaining election under the 1953 Oregon Legislature's anti-picketing law has been filed at Salem.

The petition was by attorneys for Dwight D. Batley, operator of a Grants Pass restaurant. It asks the new state labor elections board to determine whether the 18 employees of the cafe in May, 1952, when a union contract expired, want the Medford AFL-CIO Alliance to be their bargaining agent.

TO CHARGE MURDER

Madras (AP)—A first degree murder charge will be filed against Reginald Winishut, 24-year-old Warm Springs Indian, in the slaying of Jeff Walsey, 52, also a Warm Springs tribesman, District Attorney E. D. Harris said today.

Allies Send Back All Red Prisoners Who Want to Go; 75 Yanks Freed

EARTHQUAKE REFUGEES REACH SAFETY



Greek women, one carrying her baby, leave a rescue boat at Piraeus with salvaged belongings on arrival from the earthquake-wrecked island of Kefallinia, off the western coast of Greece in the Ionian Sea. All available craft were engaged in rescue work today as tremors shook the islands of Zakynthos, Ithaca and Kefallinia for the fifth successive day. Unofficial estimates placed the death toll close to 1,000 on the three quake-ravaged islands. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Rome)

Quakes Convert Ionian Isles to Terror Spot

Athens, Greece (AP)—Severe earth tremors for the fifth day turned Greece's pleasant Ionian Islands into a place of terror Thursday.

Billowing fires swept earthquake swept Argostolion, a city of 10,000 and the island's chief port, was "beginning to sink under water."

The Athens newspaper Kathimerini quoted reports from the port as saying some sections of the town's waterfront were being submerged slowly.

Onion Group Joins Idaho Program

Ontario, Ore. (AP)—Members of the Idaho - Oregon Onion Growers Association voted last night to join with the Idaho Advertising Commission to promote their crops.

About 100 growers attended a special meeting to discuss a slumping onion market.

It was agreed that the Oregon growers, all of them in Malheur county, will vote later to decide on an assessment to finance the advertising program carried out by the Idaho Commission.

Israel Revolutionizes Educational System

Jerusalem (AP)—Israel today revolutionized its education system. The Knesset parliament adopted a law establishing a unified state system to replace former party-controlled schools.

Beginning this autumn, the school term in 3,000 schools which had been divided among four party "trends"—labor, general, religious and ultra-religious—will be unified under a standard curriculum.

ASHLAND GARAGE BURNS

Ashland (AP)—A two-alarm fire destroyed the Busch Motor company building here early today and endangered a congested one-block business area before it was brought under control. There was no immediate estimate of damage, but firemen reported the structure and everything inside was a "total loss."

Peiping Threatens to Hold All Accused Men

Panmunjom (AP)—The Allies Thursday sent back the last Chinese Communist prisoner who wants to go home despite a United States threat to withhold some Red captives.

Teen-age Boy To Grand Jury

A ward of the Marion county juvenile court, 17 years old, is held for grand jury investigation in connection with the recent death of Kenneth Cross, 4, another ward of the court.

The two boys were both living with the George Williams family at Pratum and no one else was at home on July 31 when the younger boy was injured, lapsed into a coma and was taken to a hospital where it was necessary to keep him in an iron lung. He died August 4.

The older boy's first story was that while they were playing the youngster fell and hit his head on a sand box.

District Attorney Kenneth Brown said that after the death of the younger boy the other told another story of the affair.

"According to his statement," said Brown, "he made the Cross boy get into a swing that he was afraid of, and he kept swinging him higher until he fell out. Later he complained of a headache, but the older boy forced him to box with him. At one time during the day he said he became irritated at the cries of the little boy, and while washing his face put the wash rag around his neck and twisted it."

Examinations were said to have revealed bruises about head, neck and face.

11 Fires All Under Control

Oregon's state forestry department had reports on 11 fires Wednesday in areas coming under their jurisdiction, but all were under control.

Largest of the 11 fires was a slash fire in Coos county which was seven acres in size before it was brought under control.

Of the 10 other fires one other was in Coos county. The others were located in Clackamas-Marion; East Lane; Lincoln county; Polk county; two in western Lane; one near Mitchell; and one in the La Grande area.

Forestry weather reports indicated that the fire hazard would become greater instead of better today and Friday. Temperatures in the valley area were to be a little higher than Wednesday and humidity was predicted at from 25 to 35 percent.

Gentle winds were predicted for Thursday but by Thursday night and through Friday they were to be northeast becoming easterly.

Merc Reaches 92 In Salem

High temperatures continued for Salem and area Thursday and drying east winds continued to be a threat for forest fires.

Salem's maximum was 92 degrees, Wednesday, three below the previous day's record for the season. The maximum for Thursday was due to be around 90.

The forecast calls for slightly lower temperatures, Friday, although the fair and dry weather will continue.

Medford again was the warmest spot in the state Wednesday with a maximum of 100 degrees. All interior sections of Oregon, both west and east of the Cascades, listed temperatures in the 90s Wednesday, only coast regions reporting lower marks.

Danger of forest fires continues high, and in some sections lightning storms are expected to augment the menace tonight and Friday. Afternoon logging operations are out in many sections as the sun dries out the forests and humidity readings are at danger point.

Snoqualmie Slide Engulfs Big Tanker

North Bend, Wash. (AP)—A huge rock slide thundered down a Cascade mountainside east of here early Thursday and swept a loaded gasoline tanker from the Snoqualmie Pass Highway. The driver was killed.

He was identified as Ernest Supplee, of Seattle, driving for Lee & Easter, Inc.

The State Patrol reported the gasoline-laden tanker burned after the avalanche of rock carried it down the mountainside, to the route of the old highway below. It was about two miles west of the summit.

The patrol said there was no evidence of any other vehicles being struck by the slide, which occurred after 4 a.m., but it was a possibility.

Merchants to Aid State Fair

A letter has gone out from the Salem Chamber of Commerce to merchants of the city suggesting that they contribute 25 cents per front-footage toward street decorations for the State Fair.

Arrangements are being made to decorate the streets of all the business districts.

The chamber has received many favorable reports from merchants on the business value of the fair of the last two years when a special effort in local boosting was made. The fair board has asked that the co-operation be continued and the board of directors plans to go all out in the effort.

"It is suggested," says the letter, "that an equitable way to distribute the cost of decorations is for each merchant to contribute at the rate of 25 cents per frontage foot of business space, or with the same amount you gave last year."

Erroneously the Capital Journal said Tuesday that a contract for decorations had been let to Charles L. Wakefield of Portland. The contract hasn't yet been let, but the Wakefield firm has contracts in some other valley cities.

Ike Moves Against Job Discrimination

Denver (AP)—President Eisenhower Thursday created a new government committee to help prevent any hiring and firing discrimination on jobs covered by federal contracts.

At the same time, Eisenhower abolished a somewhat similar committee which former President Truman set up Dec. 5, 1951.

The president signed an executive order at his vacation headquarters establishing a 14-member government contract committee.

The committee, to be named soon, will be made up of representatives of these agencies: The Atomic Energy Commission, Commerce Department, Department of Defense, Justice Department, General Services Administration, and the Labor Department.

The other eight members will represent the public generally and will be named by Eisenhower. White House Press Secretary James G. Hagerly said there will be some Negroes in the group representing the public.

JAIL FOR TAKING FOOD

Berlin (AP)—East German food seekers brought word on Thursday of a three-month jail sentence given a Soviet zoner for bringing an American food parcel back from West Berlin. It was the first report here of such a penalty.