

THE WEATHER

PARTLY CLOUDY with scattered showers of thunder showers tonight, Saturday. Not so warm. Low tonight, 50; high Saturday, 55.

Bids Called for First East Unit Of Expressway

Grading From River To Gervais Up for Contract Sept. 24

By JAMES D. OLSON

Bids for the first major work on the Willamette river-Haysville section of the new four-lane Portland-Salem \$11,600,000 expressway, will be received by the state highway commission at its September 24-25 meeting in Portland, R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, said Friday.

This first large job will be grading of the new expressway from the river to Gervais at an estimated cost of \$935,000.

At the next January meeting bids will be called for grading the section of the road from Gervais to Haysville at an estimated cost of \$630,000.

Paving Bids in May

Bids for paving the entire expressway from the Willamette river to Haysville will be called by the commission at its May meeting, a project estimated to cost \$2,870,000.

Contract for construction of a grade separation structure on the expressway, just east of the Wilsonville bridge, estimated to cost \$700,000 will be awarded at the March meeting while bids for construction of another grade crossing structure at Haysville, estimated to cost \$735,000 will be received by the commission at the April meeting.

West Portion Contracted

All work on the expressway from the Willamette river to Boones Ferry road is under contract with the exception of two grade separation structures, bids on which will be called for at the next meeting of the commission. (Continued on Page 5, Column 5)

150 Fires in Calif. Woods

San Francisco (AP)—More than 150 small, troublesome forest fires, ignited by electrical storms, have forced some 500 state and U. S. Forest Service firefighters to man fire lines in California's northwest coastal mountains.

Working through the night, hundreds of firefighters attempted to control the scattered blazes. But at Eureka it was reported that 100 fires still raged out of control.

The weather bureau forecast little temperature change in the 100-degree, low humidity weather in the hot, dry forests. Scattered clouds and possible showers and thunderstorms were also predicted.

In the inaccessible lower Trinity district, about 40 miles east of Eureka, six U. S. Forest Service "smoke jumpers"—flown from Oregon—parachuted late Thursday to fight the largest uncontrolled fire. It had scorched 100 acres.

Half of 42 fires in Humboldt and Mendocino County state forests were still out of control, according to Bert Lewis, state fire dispatcher at Eureka.

Beer Driver's Hunch Saves Him From Slide

Cle Elum, Wash. (AP)—A Baker, Ore., beer truck driver Friday gave credit to "one of those hunches" for saving his life in a Snoqualmie Pass slide Thursday.

The slide killed the driver of another truck, a gasoline tanker, and demolished the Baker driver's vehicle after he jumped out and ran.

"I saw a little of it and heard the rest of it," said John Hayfield, 28-year-old veteran of four years at the wheel. "I don't know why I jumped and ran. It was just one of those hunches."

He said the roar above him was a dull and ominous one. As he fled he didn't know how close the rocks came to his heels; he had more important business ahead than he did in looking back.

SEEK TV FOR EUGENE

Washington (AP)—Television Air Waves, Inc., Eugene, Ore., applied to the Federal Communications Commission Wednesday for channel 26 at Eugene. The company proposes to locate a transmitter atop Spencer Butte at Eugene.

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 51; minimum 44. 24-hour total precipitation: 0.1 for month; .25 normal. 12-hour precipitation: .14; normal, .24. River height: 2.2 feet. (Report by U. S. Weather Bureau.)

NEW SENATOR



Robert W. Upton, 69-year-old Concord, N.H. lawyer, was appointed today to the U.S. Senate seat vacated by the recent death of veteran G.O.P. Sen. Charles W. Tobey. Upton, a Republican, will serve until January, 1955.

Lawyer to Be N. H. Senator

Concord, N.H. (AP)—Gov. Hugh Gregg (R.) Friday appointed Robert W. Upton, 69-year-old Concord lawyer to the U.S. Senate seat vacated by the recent death of veteran Sen. Charles W. Tobey (R.). Upton, a Republican, will serve until January, 1955. The remaining two years of Tobey's term will be filled in the 1954 election.

A full six year term candidate also will be chosen in that election as Sen. Styles Bridges' term expires in January, 1955. It will be the second time in New Hampshire history that the state elected two senators in the same election.

Upton first became active in New Hampshire politics in 1911 when he was elected to the state House of Representatives. Serving as delegate to the state constitutional convention of 1918, 1930, 1938 and 1948, Upton also was chairman of the GOP State Committee in 1938 and vice chairman from that year through 1952.

Six New Fires, More Feared

Six new fires broke out Thursday in forest lands coming under the jurisdiction of the state forestry department and there was a possibility that others might have been started in the Klamath Falls area, where a severe lightning storm was reported.

At the time that forestry representatives in the Klamath area reported to the department at 7 o'clock Thursday night there was one lightning fire and the storm was in full force.

Three of the six fires reported in the state were in north-west Oregon with two in Tillamook county. Linn county had one fire and Western Lane district had one.

There was still extreme fire danger, though strong winds from the northeast and the east had not developed. However, there were light winds from that direction.

Federal Land Grabs to Be Vigorously Opposed

Representatives of the Interstate Association of Public Land Counties, meeting in annual session in Salem Friday, discussed mutual problems and while doing so, hinted in no uncertain terms that continued land grabs of Uncle Sam will be bitterly fought.

Not all of the 11 states affiliated with the association were represented but, altogether there were some 45 county commissioners, supervisors and other officials at the opening session held at the Senator hotel.

With Lester Coffin of Sunnyside, Calif., president, in charge, the roll of states was called and reports given by delegates. All expressed concern over the encroachments

84 More P.W.s Free, Tell of Red Cruelties

Eyewitness Accounts Of Death March Atrocities Given

By LEROY HANSEN

Panmunjom, Korea (AP)—American prisoners came back to freedom today with sickening reports of Communist bestiality.

Eighty-four Americans went through freedom gate along with one Canadian and 324 other Allied soldiers. Some of the Americans were listed as "sick" but they were able to walk.

Their liberation on the 10th day of "Operation Big Switch" brought the total of United Nations servicemen released by the Communists to 8,411, including 907 Americans.

Some of them gave eyewitness accounts of Red brutality that shocked newsmen and other observers who have become accustomed to hearing reports of mass atrocities such as the 1950 death march.

Pfc. Charles J. Wolfe, 23, Wallace, W. Va., said Communist guards bayoneted and beat with rifle butts an American prisoner who had become insane.

Wolfe, captured in July of 1950 at Taejon along with Maj. Gen. William F. Dean, said the man was bayoneted three times in the legs and dragged off to regimental headquarters where he was brought out for daily public beatings.

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Linn CIO OKs Old Pay Rate

Lebanon, Ore. (AP)—CIO Woodworkers voted here and at Sweet Home Thursday night to accept the old contract and return to work without pay increases.

The men had been on strike since June 27 for a 5-cent hourly wage boost. The walk-out idled some 1,400, closing the Willamette National Lumber company sawmill and logging operations, the Santiam Lumber company mill and logging works, and the Snow Peak Logging Co. for its Lebanon, Ore., operation.

Former contracts have been for one year expiring April 1.

First Contract in Labor Dispute

Lebanon, Ore. (AP)—First definite agreement to be reached in the Lebanon-Sweet Home wage dispute between the International Woodworkers union and three lumber operators in the area was signed at 11:30 a.m. today by the Snow Peak Logging Co. for its Lebanon, Ore., operation.

The contract was the only one actually signed so far in the dispute but another meeting was scheduled for later today between IWA representatives and the Santiam Lumber Co. for its mill in Lebanon.

PLANTING SEEDLINGS

Portland (AP)—More than 800 acres of Mt. Hood national forest logged-off lands were planted with 496,500 seedlings in the past fiscal year, Supervisor Lloyd Olson reported.

2 More Boys Die in Mass. Refrigerator

Haverhill, Mass. (AP)—Two small boys were found suffocated inside an abandoned ice box here late last night, the third tragedy of its kind in 36 hours.

In a day and a half, ignored ice boxes have lured 11 curious children to their death. The latest victims, whose bodies were found just before midnight, were Edward P. Butchy Ferguson, 3, and Michael T. Rogers, 4. A posse of 200 police, firemen and volunteers had searched for four hours before one searcher, Lucien Duval, 33, happened to look in the ice box in a Haverhill dump.

"I just got through reading about those other children so I decided to take a look," Duval said. (Continued on Page 4, Column 5)

GREEK NAVAL BASE TOWN REDUCED TO RUINS



Argostolion, naval base and chief town on the Greek island of Kefallinia, presents a scene of destruction in this low level air view. The shells of wrecked homes and rubble filled streets illustrate the devastation wrought by the current series of earthquakes on Kefallinia and the neighboring Ionian sea islands of Ithaca and Zakynthos. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Athens)

Hospital Crumbled by Quake, Patients Buried

Athens (AP)—A new earthquake crumbled a hospital on the island of Zante in the Ionian sea today and buried a number of patients injured in the tremors of the past four days.

Destruction of the hospital left only a school, the national bank and a church standing in the capital city of Zante. Fire swept the rest of the island.

For the fifth straight day earthquakes shook Cephalonia and Ithaca and flame reddened smoke mushroomed from the islands.

American and British aircraft began a mighty mercy mission, piercing the billowing smoke to drop water to thirsting thousands who have survived the series of earthquakes. Unofficial estimates placed the death toll at 1,000, but some authorities considered the number exaggerated. They said 400 bodies had been counted and at least 100 more presumably died.

"Ten minutes ago we had a terrible shock," an American Mutual Security Mission official said last night in a broadcast from Cephalonia. "I saw a mountain sliding into the sea."

The disaster was almost beyond imagination. A U. S. Navy rescue team that moved inland from the Sixth Fleet flagship, the cruiser U. S. S. Salem, messaged Vice Adm. John H. Cassidy aboard the vessel the destruction was "terrifying, sickening and complete."

King Paul of Greece visited the ruined cities of Argostolion and Lixouri on Cephalonia. He walked among the people, attempting to soothe them with words of encouragement.

I Dead as Hurricane Hurtles up East Coast

New York (AP)—A howling tropical hurricane smashed along the Maryland coast today and headed north with increased speed toward the coastal cities and heavily populated beach resorts of New Jersey and New York.

The storm left one dead in North Carolina, raked across the Norfolk, Va., area and was centered this morning 35 miles off the Maryland beach resort of Ocean City.

The resort town was evacuated as the storm approached. Winds in gusts up to 66 miles per hour whipped waves 10 feet above the normal high tide line as vacationers jammed highways in a bumper to bumper exodus.

New York (AP)—Eastern Long Island braced itself Friday for winds of 40 to 60 miles expected to strike Friday night from the hurricane moving up the Atlantic Coast. A Weather Bureau advisory said the season's first big hurricane was centered about 35 miles off Ocean City, Md., and was expected to pass 40 miles east of Atlantic City, N.J., about 7 p.m. EST.

Shortly after noon the Weather Bureau issued this capsule forecast for New York City and surrounding areas: New York City—Strong northeast winds Friday evening, perhaps reaching occasional gale force 40 to 50 miles an hour. Long Island—Rainy and windy; strong winds at the east end, up to gale and full

Britain, U.S. in Split Over Russia, India in UN Talks

United Nations, N.Y. (AP)—Britain and some other Western Allies were reported ready Friday to go on the floor of the U.N. General Assembly with a demand that Russia and India be included in the forthcoming Korean political conference.

Informed sources said the split between the United States and Britain over the composition of the Korean parley is much more serious than previously indicated.

The British are understood to feel even more strongly about the question of Russian participation than about the possibility of India being given a seat.

The United States has indicated that the U.N. side of the conference should be restricted to the 16 countries which fought under the U.N. banner in Korea.

As for Russia, the U.S. position is that the Soviet Union may represent the Communist side in the talks but should not sit as a U.N. representative.

The question of composition has been debated behind the scenes by the 16 U.N. Allies in two long meetings without any sign of an agreement.

As a result, the British are understood to feel that if the 16 countries cannot agree on the inclusion of Russia and India a separate proposal, or possibly two separate proposals, on these countries should be put before the full-nation Assembly.

The British position is that it is unrealistic to try to settle the Korean problem without the participation of Russia, since Russia is closely concerned with this and all other Asian questions.

Earnings of Workers Up

Earnings of Oregon workers in covered employment increased in 1952 over previous years.

The State Unemployment Compensation Commission reported that more than two-thirds of the 373,000 regular workers employed by 18,000 firms earned more than \$3,000 last year.

There were 268,170 who worked irregularly and 122,480 failed to earn the \$400 minimum required for eligibility to unemployment insurance.

The number of covered workers with earnings averaging over \$250 a month has increased steadily since first reports were made in 1942. Only 11.9 percent of the 195,700 regular workers in that first year made \$3,000 or more.

About 20 percent of both regular and irregular workers had wages in two or more main industry groups. For the first time the number of those making more than \$4,000 a year broke into six figures—103,150. In 1942, only 6,850 were reported in this income group, but by 1945 there were 22,750, and by 1948 there were 50,380.

Salem Draws State Money

Salem draws \$124,587.82 in the latest distribution of state highway revenue money, known as the state tax street fund, which was made today by Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry.

The distribution also includes: Albany, \$29,211.96; Corvallis, \$46,805.56; Dallas, \$13,842.11; Eugene, \$103,617.97; Lebanon, \$16,961.13; McMinnville, \$19,161.77; Newberg, \$11,395.98; Sheridan, \$555.60; Sweet Home, \$10,105.40.

The total apportionment in the state is \$2,136,134.79. The amount represents 10 percent of the net revenues to the state highway fund during the six months ended June 30, from motor vehicle license fees, gasoline taxes, motor carrier fees and motor vehicle violation fines.

CEYLON REDS RIOT
Colombo, Ceylon (AP)—The Army was called out today by Premier Dudley Senanayake and volunteers were mobilized to quell communist inspired riots in which five persons have been killed and 69 injured in the past two days.

Heart attack.