

THE WEATHER

SHOWERS, PARTIAL clearing tonight, early Sunday; increasing cloudiness with rain late Sunday, early Monday. Low tonight, 38-40; high Sunday, 48-50.

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Ohmart and Hatfield to Run For State Senate

Geary of Klamath Falls Becomes Candidate for Speaker

By JAMES D. OLSON Rep. Lee Ohmart of Salem, who was a potential candidate for speaker of the House in the 1953 session, will not run for re-election to the House but instead will be a candidate for one of the two Marion County seats in the State Senate.

With announcement of this decision, it became known that Rep. Ed Geary of Klamath Falls, at the insistent demand of some of his fellow members, will become a candidate for speaker, thus making it a three-way race as Reps. Dave Baum of La Grande and Carl Francis of Dayton, are already in the speakership race.

Another house member that will endeavor to advance to the senate is Rep. Mark Hatfield, thus placing two strong house members in the race for the two Marion county senate seats.

Ohmart Program Adopted Rep. Ohmart was chairman of the powerful house tax committee in the 1953 session, and it was a tribute to his ability, that the senate committee adopted the house tax program with little amendment, something that hasn't happened in a number of years.

Wage Increase For Rail Unions

CHICAGO (AP)—Negotiators for the nation's railroads and 60,000 firemen and engineers today announced agreement on a five-cent hourly wage increase and other proposals.

It was the second agreement reached by a major railroad brotherhood within slightly over three weeks.

Spokesmen for the Carriers Conference Committee, representing railroads of the East, West and Southeast, said terms of the settlement are the same as those agreed upon Dec. 17 by the railroads and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

Negotiations also are underway with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Switchmen's Union of North America. The National Mediation Board has taken over a wage dispute between the carriers and the Order of Railway Conductors.

Gable Stung for \$4000 Damages

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)—A jury of eight women and four men has directed movie hero Clark Gable to pay a Tucson woman \$4,000 damages for automobile accident injuries.

The jury returned its verdict Friday night in superior court in favor of Mrs. Mary Lemme, 45, who asserted she suffered permanent injuries in the accident on Dec. 7, 1951. She had asked \$25,000 damages.

The collision occurred while Gable was trying to pass a truck trailer. The actor, in his testimony Thursday, said he was blinded by heavy rain.

McCarthy Starts Probe Of Alaska Officialdom

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.), who has spent most of the past year hunting Reds, moved into a new field Saturday—investigation of charges that government officials have lined their own pockets out of federally-financed Alaskan development projects.

McCarthy announced Friday that his Senate investigations subcommittee will start closed hearings next week to consider reports from its staff probes who recently returned after two months in the territory.

The subcommittee has authority to examine any situation where federal funds are involved. Since McCarthy became chairman, it has been devoting most attention to charges of Communist penetration in the federal service.

30 Families Evacuated by Sliding Hill

Red Cross Proclaims Region Disaster Area—Ban on Water

ASTORIA (AP)—The Red Cross proclaimed this city's sliding hillside a disaster area Saturday morning as four more families moved out.

This brought the total of families evacuated since Tuesday night to 30. Twenty-two dwellings have been affected.

Leonard Kahl, county health officer, issued a statement urging users of city water to boil it before drinking it the next two days. He said there was a possibility that broken sewer lines in the slide area had contaminated the water. The State Board of Health will test the water Monday.

Aid for Families Offered

In designating the hillside a disaster area Gerald Wesseliuss and Richard Singheiser, Red Cross officials from San Francisco, said victims would be offered the same kind of aid given in 1949 and 1950 during a slide on another hill here.

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Thornton Raps Prostitution

A scathing denunciation of commercialized prostitution was issued today by Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton, who said the "myth" that it is a "necessary evil" can easily be exploded by diligent police work.

Thornton said prostitution had become a "substantial" business in Oregon, probably grossing more than \$500,000 a year.

The attorney general said he was "no professional public moralist" but he was convinced commercialized prostitution was a vicious racket which also encourages narcotics traffic and brings a tie-up with all levels of lawbreakers. He said prostitution in some instances had corrupted police officials.

"There are accumulating indications that a sizeable underground traffic in prostitutes is operating on the Pacific coast, including Oregon, today," Thornton said. "Strong evidence exists that prostitutes are being shuttled about the state at regular intervals."

Plan Big Blast Of Hell Bomb

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States may be about to rock the peaceful mid-Pacific with the most thunderous man-made explosion in world history.

An Atomic Energy Commission announcement last night roused speculation that government scientists may be planning to detonate a hydrogen bomb with a blast power mightier than the combined force of all the conventional bombs dropped by U. S. war planes in World War II.

The AEC said men and equipment will begin moving this month to its Pacific proving grounds in the Marshall Islands for "a further phase of a continuing series of weapons test."

The three-paragraph announcement characteristically made no mention of specific types to be tested, but a reference to "all categories" of weapons touched off the H-bomb speculation.

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 53; minimum today, 20. Total 24-hour precipitation: 3.5; for month, 2.31; normal, 1.71. Season precipitation, 21.15; normal, 20.08. River height, 6 feet. Report by U. S. Weather Bureau.

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RUSSIAN SANTA



This picture, made available in London by the Communist newspaper, The Daily Worker, is described as showing person clad like Santa leading youngsters through the Central Park of Culture and Rest in Moscow. Caption material supplied with picture said for the first time ever, some of Moscow's New Year's parties for young people are being held in the Kremlin and will continue until Jan. 10. (AP Wirephoto)

Airlines Ask For 3-Cent Mail

WASHINGTON (AP)—The scheduled airlines recommended Saturday that all first class or 3-cent letter mail be sent by the fastest means, "which in most instances should be air."

They also asked that the Post Office Department avoid giving foreign airlines unduly large volumes of mail to handle.

The views were expressed by the Air Transport Assn., composed of the scheduled airlines, in a report sent to the Air Coordinating Committee. The ACC coordinates the aviation activities of the various government departments.

Reuther Case Witness Skips

Detroit (AP)—Prosecutor Gerald K. O'Brien said today "the key witness to the solution" of the five-year-old attempted assassination of CIO President Walter Reuther is a witness who has skipped a protective police guard and fled to Canada.

O'Brien said the witness saw the shooting and was one of three "assigned to the job," although he didn't fire the shotgun blast that maimed the labor leader's right arm and all but killed him.

It was mainly on the witness' statement, O'Brien said, that a warrant was issued earlier this week charging four men with assault with intent to murder Reuther on April 20, 1948. The prosecutor said he had corroborating evidence, but none from the shooting scene.

Two of the four named are in jail, one is under \$25,000 bond, and the fourth is sought. The warrant also lists four unidentified "John Does."

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The railroad also cleared its right-of-way and resumed normal operations.

Flood waters caused by high tides and torrential rains receded in Nehalem, permitting residents to begin the weary job of mopping up the debris.

Dismantling Asked For Veteran Houses

The Salem Housing Authority will ask the City Council Monday night for permission to dismantle five houses on the veterans housing project on South 16th Street.

The reason for the request, members of the authority said Saturday, is that many of the living units are now vacant. The project has 172 dwelling units in all, and one member said that not far from half of them are vacant.

The five buildings proposed to be dismantled contain a total of about 20 dwelling units, and it is said that possibly six are occupied. The occupants will be transferred to other buildings.

The five buildings are among the least desirable on the property. The buildings are owned by the city, but the property is now owned by Leo N. Childs and Duane Gibson. The lease of the housing authority still has two years to run.

Numerous measures relating to the one-way grid system, parking meters and other traffic matters are being considered.

Dock Closure In NY Looms

NEW YORK (AP)—Threats by rival unions today confronted the huge Port of New York with the possibility of a complete shutdown until one or the other union is driven from the waterfront.

Police details along the docks were strengthened to be ready for trouble.

The seething harbor situation was brought to a degree nearer the boiling point yesterday with the announcement by the AFL International Longshoremen's association that it would close the port if its rival, the old I.L.A., now independent, strikes.

Posing the threat, AFL-ILA Executive Director Ace M. Kelly indicated his union was ready to seal the port, in such an event, until the I.L.A. is forever driven from the docks.

Capital Journal, Now in 66th Year, Carries On As Important Institution

This is the last of a series of articles published in the Saturday issues of the Capital Journal. This survey of industrial, commercial and cultural activities in Salem and Marion county will be based on facts to show the stability of resources and economical conditions.

The carrying out of this educational series has been made possible by the support that has been accorded it by representative industrial and commercial firms who are demonstrating their confidence in the future of this region. Each of these firms has an interesting message on pages 4 and 7 of this issue.

By R. KENNETH EVANS That Salem has attained to its present important position as an industrial, agricultural and commercial center supplying a wide range of trade territory and, the capital of the state of Oregon, is traceable to many factors. Efforts and influence, both collective and individual, have gone into its development and expansion, but the public has been kept aware of this advancement and urged to aid in its development for the last 65 years by the Capital Journal.

Perhaps, because the press is the medium through which information is disseminated the influence of the community daily newspaper is frequently overlooked when heralding the accomplishments of the region and its environs. A newspaper, such as the Capital Journal, published every evening except Sunday evening, succeeds and is an influence for just the type of expansion work that is needed because it tells of its people and their doings.

A newspaper like the Capital Journal enters intimately into the lives of its readers and performs necessary and helpful services. For 65 years this newspaper, like many other newspapers in the Pacific Northwest, has had an opportunity to make friends as it deals with personalities. Since it has no large enterprises to claim its time, people and local projects must of necessity be the factors, in addition to bringing a summary of the world's news, over leased wires, every evening it is published.

Large metropolitan newspapers cater to political or industrial factions at times, but a community newspaper like the Capital Journal plays to the gallery of people living in the white and yellow cottages on "Main" street and the industrialists and farmers in the region.

Red Looks for Speedy Resumption Peace Parley

Ike Rules Out Plea for UMT This Session

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower Saturday ruled out any administration request for universal military training legislation pending a new study—and perhaps a drastic overhaul—of the nation's military reserve system.

His decision seemed to eliminate the chance that Congress would get an administration UMT bill this session, despite last month's recommendation of a presidential commission that the "token training" of 100,000 men be started next Jan. 1 or earlier.

Eisenhower disclosed his stand in a letter to Arthur S. Flemming, director of the Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM). He said the recommendations made by Flemming and by a special ODM committee calling for postponement of UMT pending possible reorganization of the reserves.

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The boy, poster child of this year's polio campaign, visited the White House with his parents and Basil L. O'Connor, chairman of the Infantile Paralysis Foundation.

Debby, stricken Thanksgiving eve 1949 when he was only four months old, struggled manfully into the President's office on a pair of tiny crutches.

Mr. Eisenhower knelt down, tweaked his ear and observed: "You really walk fine, don't you?"

O'Connor presented the President with a small vial of the new trial vaccine which doctors hope eventually will conquer polio.

New Fast Jet In Production

WASHINGTON (AP)—Newest carrier-based Navy night fighter, the F3H-1 Demon, now is officially rolling off the production lines.

The swift jet craft rates "faster than 600 miles an hour"—exact speed a secret—and has been identified by former Navy secretary Dan Kimball as "superior to the Russian MIG 15."

In announcing acceptance of the first production model from McDonnell Aircraft Corp., St. Louis, the Navy Friday night said the all-weather plane has the speed of an interceptor, the maneuverability of a fighter and carries the payload of an attack bomber.

Little Water Stored in Snow In Mountains

PORTLAND (AP)—Less water than usual is stored in snow that lies over the Columbia River basin. As a result, the runoff in the main river only 84 per cent of the 10-year average.

The year's first water forecast for the basin, released Saturday by the U. S. Weather Bureau and the Soil Conservation Service pointed out however that while this is the situation now, there is plenty of time for winter to change it.

Indeed, only about a third of the winter's accumulation of snow is normally at hand by Jan. 1. The expected two-thirds hold the answer to what can be expected in the way of irrigation water supplies next summer. If precipitation is heavier than average, an average year may be had; and if snows continue light, the water outlook will continue of fall.

Van Winkle in Top Game Spot

PORTLAND (AP)—J. H. Van Winkle of Oregon City is the new chairman of the Oregon State Game commission.

Van Winkle moved up to the commission's top spot today as members issued tentative 1954 fishing regulations. He was appointed in 1949 under then Gov. Douglas McKay and reappointed in 1951 to a five-year term.

He is a free-lance writer and was born and raised in Albany, Ore. He was editor of the Oregon City Enterprise-Courier at one time and is still a member of the Oregon City Isaak Walton league chapter and the Milwaukee Rod and Gun club.

"We expect to establish a better prestige and dignity for the fish and game resource which has too long been given secondary treatment," he said. "Oregon's wildlife is a major resource."

Indo-China in Pincer Attack

Hanoi, Indochina (UP)—The Viet Minh communist rebels have opened a pincer attack against a French base in Laos and a savage battle is raging; the French high command announced tonight.

Losses on both sides in the battle now in progress for 48 hours, are heavy, the high command said.

The rebels struck at the Seno air base which protects the central Laos city of Savanakheth, blocking the pathway to rich southern Indochina.

One Red force struck southward against Seno. A second one attacked from the east, striking first at Tehepone, 60 miles east of Seno. The heaviest fighting at present is taking place in the vicinity of Donghene, 25 miles northeast of Seno.

The high command admitted French losses have been "important" and said the rebel losses were "heavy."

All available planes in the area were thrown into an attack against the rebels.

Taylor Issues Plan to Free 22,000 POW

Tokyo (AP)—Red China called for resumption of Korean peace talks tonight as the United Nations Command pressed plans to release 22,000 anti-Communist war prisoners and warned that any Communist interference "might start the shooting war all over again."

Communist Chinese Premier Chou En-Lai, demanding that the negotiations for a formal peace conference be resumed immediately, accused the allies of plotting to hold war prisoners forcibly.

But Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, commanding the United States Army, issued a three-point program for releasing the anti-Red prisoners at 12:01 a.m. Jan. 23 and gave his warning to the Reds of the possible consequences if they interfered.

Ready for Breakout Taylor, who had conferred in Tokyo with U. N. Commander Gen. John E. Hull, also revealed an alternate plan of action if Indian guards refuse to release the prisoners Jan. 23 and a mass breakout occurs.

He said South Korean Military Police would assist American MPs in coordinating the movement of the prisoners if they storm out of the compound.

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2 Stage Lines Ask Fare Hike

Portland (AP)—Examiners of the State Public Utilities Commission today studied testimony presented by two stage companies requesting higher fares because of dropping revenues and patronage.

Evidence presented by Escadada-Moialla Stages, owned and operated by E. G. Larson and George G. Fourier, and Mt. Hood Stages, which serves small communities in Oregon, Idaho and Utah, will be turned over to State Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel at Salem and he will make his findings later.

Larson and Fourier, who also own and operate the Tualatin Valley buses which recently suspended operations and then returned to their routes on a temporary basis this week with a fare increase, complained of losing more than \$5000 net during the first 10 months of last year. The company asked for five to 10-cent increases in most one-way fares.

Woman Held For Stabbing

Six stab wounds in the back, neck, shoulder and chest were suffered by a Salem man Friday night at his home in an altercation with a 28-year-old woman who had left her two young sons there in care of his stepdaughter.

The woman was arrested by sheriff's deputies on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

According to investigation of Sheriff Denver Young and deputies, Joe N. Flink, 2430 Lansing avenue, arrived home where his stepdaughter was baby-sitting with the two boys, ages 7 and 8 years. A short while later, his wife and three other women entered the home, one of them Mrs. Louise Miller, 375 Taylor street, mother of the two boys and the woman arrested on the assault charge.

An argument ensued, the officers learned, and Mrs. Miller and at least one of the other women jumped on Flink, Mrs. Miller using a small open pocket knife. In the melee, Flink suffered two wounds on the back, two on the left shoulder, one on the neck and one on the chest.

First aidmen and the sheriff's office were called. First aidmen treated the wounds and reported that none were serious but advised him to see a doctor for further treatment. They also treated Mrs. Miller for several cuts of the right hand suffered when she put her fist through the door window as she went outside.

Deputies took the woman to jail where she spent the night and appeared in Marion county district court Saturday morning. Arraignment on the charge was continued at her request until Monday. She is being held in lieu of \$2500 bail.

One may judge of the influence of the Capital Journal when it is pointed out that it goes into more than 18,000 homes in Salem and Marion county. More than 100 people are regularly employed in all departments throughout the 12 months in the year, under excellent working conditions.

The publisher of the Capital Journal and its news department fully realize that the individual mind is assisted in its conception of the value of proposed measures in government, business, industry or local enterprises by the attitude (Continued on Page 3, Column 5)