

THE WEATHER

CLOUDY WITH intermittent rain tonight, Tuesday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 40; high Tuesday, 48.

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Trust Fund for Woman Set Up By Roosevelt

Irene Owens, One of 3 Correspondents, Beneficiary of \$2500

PASADENA, Calif., UP—Evidence introduced in court today showed James Roosevelt established a \$2500 trust fund last August for Irene Owens, one of the 12 women his estranged wife listed in her accusation of wholesale adultery.

Roth Runs for City Council

Edward E. Roth, 1475 North 21st street, Monday filed at City Hall his candidacy for alderman from Ward 6.

Roth is connected in business with the Willamette Grocery Company. As a candidate he will use the slogan "Clean, progressive government for our growing city."

He makes this statement: "I will faithfully discharge the duties and obligations of alderman of the Common Council, and will maintain an open mind on all issues affecting my constituents and the city at large. My decision on public issues will be based on a fair analysis of the facts, and not on the basis of personal prejudice or influence of any particular person or any pressure group. I will be ever mindful of my responsibility to the citizens of my ward, and will uphold the high standard of integrity and democracy which I regard as a sacred trust of any public official."

The alderman from Ward 6 at present is Tom Armstrong who has announced that he will be a candidate for County commissioner.

New Plant to Employ 75 Men

A new plant to utilize a wood by-product was under construction today between Lebanon and Sweet Home, as the first unit of the three-quarter-million-dollar plant of the Willamette Fibre and Chipboard corporation.

A \$60,000 chipper unit will form hardwood and chipboard from waste wood of Linn County mills, utilizing recent advances in techniques for converting wood waste into products as large as four feet in width and four inches thick.

The new plant, running three shifts at capacity, would employ about 75 men in wood processing. President of Willamette Fibre and Chipboard is John Tynes of Sweet Home. Other officers are C. W. King, Portland, secretary-director and counsel; Herbert McQuary, Sweet Home, vice-president, and W. Gordon Allen, Salem, vice-president.

Allen is also chief owner of Oregon's Beaver Network, with radio stations KG E, KGAL, KRGA, and KSGA in the Willamette valley and a partner in the Altru Engineering company.

New Storm Looms As Rivers Subside

Rain slackened off for over Sunday and Monday in the valley area, and the river was dropping again.

New storm warnings were hoisted along the Oregon coast today, however, and it was reported a windy rainstorm heading inland. Some light snow in fall east of the Cascades during the storm.

The Willamette river was dropping again Monday, the local gauge reading 10.5 feet early today.

Only .01 of an inch of rain came down in the 24-hour period ending at 10:30 a.m. Monday, and but .20 of an inch fell in the preceding 24 hours.

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 51; minimum today, 41. Total 24-hour accumulation .41. For month 2.49, normal 2.85. Season precipitation, 32.93; normal 28.94. River height, 10.5 feet. (Report by U. S. Weather Bureau.)

Benson Finds Disloyalty in Field Employees

Some Working Against Farm Policies to Undermine Ike

WASHINGTON (UP)—Secretary of Agriculture Benson said Monday some Agriculture Department employees in the field are working against the Administration's farm policies and seeking to undermine both President Eisenhower and himself.

This situation, Benson told a news conference, soon will lead the department to make a "careful study" of the whole field set up in the interest of gaining "maximum efficiency and loyalty."

Benson said he does not expect "100 per cent conformity" with administration policies but he does expect employees to help carry out its programs.

In reply to a question, the secretary said that no "political hacks" will be appointed to department jobs.

No Political Hacks

The President and I see eye to eye on that," he said "We will take no one unless he is fully qualified."

Discussing recent changes in top personnel in his department, Benson said there had been no "rift" over farm policies. He said, however, there had been some differences of views over details.

Flood Control Bill Protested

Washington (UP)—The Army Engineers asserted today that a bill authorizing a vast network of upstream flood control projects would put the Agriculture Department and Soil Conservation Service in competition with the Engineers.

The bill's stated purpose is to authorize the secretary of agriculture "to cooperate with states and local agencies in planning and carrying out works of improvement for soil conservation and other purposes."

But Maj. Gen. Samuel D. Sturgis, chief of engineers, told the Senate Agriculture Committee "the bill is not primarily for federal assistance in soil conservation... but to provide a legislative basis for construction of flood control dams of substantial size by the Department of Agriculture."

Sturgis had the backing of Army Secretary Robert T. Stevens in making the protest.

NLRB Upholds Yaquina Mills

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—A National Labor Relations Board trial examiner recommended Monday that the board dismiss an unfair labor practices charge brought by CIO Woodworkers Union local 5-63 against Yaquina Bay Mills, Inc., Toledo, Ore.

The local accused the company of acting to reduce wages without consulting with the union and with later refusing to bargain collectively for an agreement until the charge was disposed of.

The pay cut was ordered effective Sept. 21, 1952. Members refused to work under the new scale and the firm's Toledo plant has been closed since then.

Wallace E. Royster, the trial examiner, said the question of whether the reduction constituted a violation of the contract should have been settled by negotiation and that the company's action was not an unfair labor practice.

He ruled, however, that the firm "is now, of course, required to bargain with the union on any question of wages or other conditions." He said he understood the company is willing to do this.

A hearing on the union's complaint was held at Toledo Jan. 7.

Court to Probe GI's Germ War Confessions

WASHINGTON (UP)—A Marine court of inquiry will begin the first formal investigation of germ war "confessions" by an American prisoner of the Communists tomorrow in a case expected to set historic precedents.

Three generals and an admiral must recommend what should be done in the case of Col. Frank H. Schwable, who broke under Red torture and "confessed" war guilt. He repudiated the "confession" after his release from a Korean prison camp last September.

Schwable, who is 45 and lives in nearby Arlington, Va., was the

RECOVER CAR FROM STORM'S AFTERMATH



LOS ANGELES, Feb. 14—Motorists and residents in the sections of Los Angeles hit the hardest by yesterday's storm, like these two, today began the hard work of digging out their stalled cars and homes. Here Bill Harrison (left) and Ted Waters shovel away some of the two-foot river of mud that washed down this south Los Angeles street stalling their car. (AP Wirephoto)

Support Price For Butter Cut

WASHINGTON (UP)—Secretary of Agriculture Benson announced Monday the government support price for butter, now about 66 cents a pound, will be reduced about eight cents effective April 1.

He said corresponding reductions will be made at the same time in support prices for cheese and dried skim milk.

At a news conference, Benson announced dairy price supports for the marketing year beginning April 1 will be set at 75 per cent of parity. This is the minimum level permitted by law. The present support rate is 90 per cent of parity.

Parity is a standard for measuring farm prices, declared by law to be fair to farmers in relation to prices they pay.

The eight-cent cut in support prices for butter should, in the normal course of trading, lead to a drop of about the same amount in the retail price of butter.

The government has accumulated more than 350 million dollars worth of surplus butter, cheese and dried milk under price support operations.

Some dairymen have been urging lower supports on the theory that this would bring about increased use of their products.

Grangemaster OKs Butter Cut

SPOKANE (UP)—The master of the Nation's Grange today applauded the decision to reduce support prices for butter April 1, but indicated he thought the move might hurt the Northwest dairy industry.

Hershel D. Newsum, who is in Spokane to address the Northwest Farm Forum, said the problem would now be "to find an adequate market for dairy products from areas furthest removed from large trading areas."

He said the Grange was conducting a study of dairy marketing and price trends with the aim of seeing what could be done toward bettering conditions in the milk producing areas such as the Northwest.

Flood Washes Out Vernonia Highway

SCAPPOOSE, Ore. (UP)—Rising waters and a blocked culvert were blamed for the washout of a section of the Scappoose-Vernonia Highway six miles from here Saturday.

Traffic was routed on other roads in the area.

The Columbia River Highway one mile to the north was threatened by the flooding Scappoose Creek, repair crews reported.

Diving Bell Ridden 13,288 Ft. Deep in Sea

PARIS (UP)—Two French naval officers rode a diving bell 13,288 feet below the surface of the Atlantic Ocean off Dakar on the west coast of Africa Monday.

The plunge, 2 1/2 miles into the ocean's blackness, passed the depth record set last Sept. 30 by Prof. Auguste Piccard and his son, Jacques, who dived in a bathyscaph to 10,339 feet in the Tyrrhenian Sea off the island of Ponza, Italy.

The divers—Lt. Cmdr. Georges Houet and engineer's mate Henri Willm—made Monday's dive in an old bell of Dr. Piccard's. That contraption, a box-like affair weighing 35 tons, had been modified by construction of a submarine-shaped float around it. It was given to the French by the Belgian navy.

These same two men broke the existing diving record last Aug. 12 when they descended to a depth of 5,082 feet in the Mediterranean. Two days later they beat their own mark by going down to 6,388 feet. The previous record was set in 1934 by American explorer William Beebe, who went down 3,025 feet.

The bathyscaph used in Monday's plunge operates from a mother ship but is not attached. It is capable of navigating on electric motors under the water. The depth boat carries metal weights held on by magnets to pull it to the bottom.

The French undersea craft was below the surface about six hours.

Open Hearings On Indian Bill

WASHINGTON (UP)—Senate and House Interior Affairs Committees Monday opened a joint hearing on bills designed to give full liberty and citizenship to 55,000 Indians in 10 states.

The hearing is scheduled to run through March 19.

Asst. Secretary of Interior Orme Lewis, in an opening statement, said the Interior Department generally favors the proposed bills.

Among them, he said, will be procedures for liquidating tribal lands now held by various Indian groups.

"Citizenship" bills before the committees would affect Indians in California, Florida, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oregon, Texas, Utah and Wisconsin.

McKay Speaks To Educators

Atlantic City, N. J. (UP)—Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay expressed confidence today that school teachers have the courage to resist "pressures" of the day.

He listed three pressures as "cynicism," "false prophecies," and "demagoguery."

McKay spoke before the national convention of the American Association of School Administrators.

"Leaders of our education system must be prepared to encounter opposition," McKay said. "But if we are to be prepared to meet the challenges of today, we must know and understand the dangers that we face."

"We are living in a period of cynicism. We are bombarded by false prophecies. Demagoguery is used increasingly in an effort to distort our purest ideals."

Winney Seeks Walker's Post

CORVALLIS, (UP)—Lal Winney, Alsea, Ore., stockman and lumberman, announced today he would file for the post of state senator held by the late Dean Walker of Independence.

The senate seat would be for a joint Polk-Benton county senatorial district, unless the state supreme court upholds the reapportionment amendment, in which case the seat would be for Benton county only.

Winney, a Republican, was recently elected president of the Western Oregon Livestock association and is director and Benton county chairman of the Western Forest Industries association.

Thomson Case Nearing Jury

NEWPORT, Ore. (UP)—Defense attorneys Monday resumed closing arguments in the trial of Richard Thomson, 23, accused of trying to kill his business partner by slugging him and sending him over a bluff in a car.

They battered away at the prosecution's contention that Thomson attempted to kill James Meuler, 31, last Sept. 10 in order to collect \$10,000 insurance on Meuler's life.

The case was expected to a circuit court jury late Monday or some time Tuesday.

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A French spokesman said about 1,500 Vietminh guerrilla troops around Luang Prabang's defense lines have been reinforced by an undetermined number of regular rebel units.

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Ike Plans Trip On Wednesday To California

WASHINGTON (UP)—President Eisenhower, just back from a Georgia quail hunt, will leave Wednesday for five days of sun and work in Palm Springs, Calif.

The White House announced Monday the President plans to leave by plane Wednesday afternoon and will return to Washington next Monday.

Mrs. Eisenhower and a group of staff members will accompany him.

The President will stay at the Smoke Tree Ranch home of Paul E. Helms, baking firm executive and personal friend of the President.

James C. Hagerty, White House press secretary, said the President has been invited frequently to visit Palm Springs, by Paul E. Hoffman, former European Cooperation Administration chief, who is a neighbor of Helms.

Hagerty said a working office for the President will be set up near the Helms home. Eisenhower plans to hold a news conference Wednesday afternoon, just before taking off for California.

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Carson to Hurl Hat in Ring

PORTLAND (UP)—Joseph K. Carson, Jr., former mayor of Portland and ex-U. S. Maritime Commission, is expected to announce his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for governor of Oregon tonight.

Carson has contracted for time on both Radio Station KGW and on KPTV from 10:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. today.

Carson is now practicing law in Portland after serving with the Maritime Commission. He ended his duty in World War II as a colonel on the staff of Gen. Omar Bradley.

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The post of Muong Sai, the last French strong point north of the capital, again was attacked by Vietminh mortar fire, the spokesmen reported. French fighters and bombers retaliated by plastering the Vietminh batteries.

The French dropped a battalion of paratroopers at Muong Sai Sunday to reinforce the garrison. The strongpoint is about 60 miles northwest of Luang Prabang.

Fighting appeared to have slackened elsewhere on the checkerboard fronts of the war. Only light patrol clashes were reported around Dien Bien Phu, France's main stronghold in the mountains of the northwest.

The Woodworkers union, which held bargaining rights for the separate logging operations of the firms, then claimed jurisdiction for workers in the joint operation.

When the company refused to recognize jurisdiction of local 5-285, a strike was called against the two firms.

The NLRB held that the strike was not lawful. The Woodworkers were given 10 days in which to take steps to comply with the finding.

Oregon Seedlings Sent to Magsaysay

President Ramon Magsaysay of the Philippines will get a bundle of spruce and pine seedlings this week as an Arbor day gift from the people of Oregon.

They are being taken by James C. Clinton, who resigned as state civil service director to make an employment survey of government jobs in the Philippines.

Seedlings from the state forest nursery have been sent to Guam, Japan, French Morocco, Hawaii and England.