

THE WEATHER

MOSTLY CLOUDY tonight and Sunday with scattered light showers or drizzle tonight and early Sunday. Cooler. Low tonight, 46; high Sunday, 62.

Extension of One-Way Grid Before Council

Fluoridation Suit to Come To Trial Soon

Pure Water Committee Target of \$6,000 Legal Action

The fluoridation issue in Salem will have its day in court, according to information received by the Capital Journal Saturday.

A suit has been filed by Mrs. Earl Croghan, 4130 Hertle Rd., against the Salem Pure Water Committee, charging false representations allegedly made in a newspaper advertisement in 1954.

Mrs. Croghan names G. E. Tower, Dan Furrer, Sam Harms, Frank Snook, J. A. Rombough and Francis Fall as defendants. She seeks \$10,000 general damages and \$5,000 punitive damages on grounds that the defendants' actions were wanton and malicious.

Reward Offered

The advertisement reportedly offered \$1,000 reward to anyone who could prove statements made therein to be false. Mrs. Croghan says she has proof of falsity in her brief files in court.

The suit has been scheduled for trial June 27, in Marion county circuit court. The suit was filed February 28, 1955, according to the complainant.

Tower, at the time president of the Salem Pure Water Committee, reportedly placed the advertisement in the newspaper.

According to Mrs. Croghan, the committee claims they received authority to print the information from another committee in Wisconsin and that the Wisconsin committee is responsible, not the local group.

Offers Evidence

The advertisement in question reportedly made several statements about the detrimental effects of fluoride. Mrs. Croghan said Saturday she can furnish factual information that will dispute the statements advertised.

Meanwhile, the defendants have denied all allegations made in the complaint.

Charles Burt and John Mull are attorneys for Mrs. Croghan. Steve Anderson is attorney for the committee.

New Scout Job



James R. Kern, 30, Cherry City scout leader here the past four years, who was named to head up the Ore-Ida scout council this week.

District Scout Executive to Leave Salem

James Kern Takes Post With Ore-Ida Council

James R. Kern, 30, Cherry City district scout executive the past four years, has been named executive director of the Ore-Ida scout council, in eastern Oregon and Southwest Idaho.

The announcement was made in Salem Saturday by Gordon Gilmore, chief of the Cascade area council.

Kern's new headquarters will be located in Nampa, Idaho. He will be in charge of territory extending from Nampa and the southwest part of Idaho, into Ontario, Yale and other parts of Eastern Oregon.

"We're naturally sorry to see Jim leave Salem but glad to see him go on to a higher job in scouting," Gilmore said.

While in Salem Kern added membership in the Cherry City district from 1950 to 2,000 boys.

He visited the scout council in Nampa at their annual meeting Thursday night of this week and was elected to the job there.

Kern said he will be leaving for Nampa in a short time. He is married and has four children.

Action Needed By 12th St. Project

An ordinance bill to extend several one-way streets so they will conform to the 12th Street widening and traffic improvement project will be introduced by City Manager J. L. Franzen at the City Council meeting Monday night.

The bill will make Court, Chemeketa, Center and Marion Streets one-way from Capitol to 12th, and make 13th a one-way street one block from Center to Marion. It also will make that part of 12th Street between Chemeketa and Court on the east side of the railroad a one-way street. It will regulate car parking to conform to the change.

Long Contemplated

Mayor Robert F. White said the changes provided in the bill had been contemplated since the 12th street project, now in progress, was formulated. He further said that the bill would not come for final action immediately, but would lie on the table until completion of the project.

Three new petitions for street improvements will go to the council Monday night. They are:

Patterson avenue from Lovana drive to Glen Creek road, Kummer from South Summer to the east terminus of Kummer, East avenue from North 13th to North 14th. All have the required number of signatures. The first two would be improved without sidewalks and the third with sidewalks.

A resolution will be voted on for the improvement of Electric street from 23rd to the east terminus of Electric.

Planning Reports

Before the council gives its approval or disapproval will be four reports of the City Planning Commission on applications from property owners for variances. They are:

Application of Henry C. Odum to build a single family dwelling with a special setback in a 4-4 residential zone at the southwest corner of Ruge and Kingwood. Approved by the commission.

Application of W. D. Potter to remodel a garage and build a one-half year ago."

Kefauver In State For Talks

Estes Plans 11 Meetings in 19 Hours

PORTLAND (AP)—Sen. Estes Kefauver, predicting victory for himself in California, arrived here early Saturday for an intensive 19 hours of campaigning in Portland.

Fresh from a campaign trip in California, where the presidential primary will be held June 5, the Tennessee senator said he believed Adlai Stevenson still held a slight edge over him for the Democratic nomination in that state.

"But we are coming up there every day. Things are looking much better now, and my people are doing a lot of work. I feel sure we will win that election," he said on arrival at the airport, where 40 of his Oregon supporters met him.

It was 4:30 a. m. when the plane from Los Angeles landed here, and Kefauver said he hopes to be through soon with night flying. He said campaign schedules calling for night flights were too strenuous.

He managed a few hours of rest before plunging into a day that called for 11 meetings with Democratic, business, farm, labor and other groups, climaxed by a banquet speech at night before the Oregon convention of Young Democrats.

In Oregon he is campaigning for write-in votes, seeking the state's 16 delegates to the Democratic national convention. Supporters of Stevenson also are waging a write-in campaign. Delegates will be bound by the outcome. Stevenson is expected to visit Oregon later. The state's primary will be held May 18.

Kefauver said he expects to go to the convention "with more delegates than I had in 1952." He had 262 delegates on the first convention, ballots then.

Another night flight is on schedule Saturday—but only on an hour's flight to Seattle.

At Los Angeles Kefauver said the administration's "tambling" foreign policy had cut off friends over the world.

Kefauver said Friday that the Republicans "have lost us much of the good will we had three and one-half years ago."

Additional Accusations Flying Over Portland Vice Charges, Governor Calls Investigation

Swimmers Welcome Warm Spring Days



When warm spring days came to Salem suddenly this week, Sgt. and Mrs. D. J. Bain, 2610 S. High St., were not caught unprepared. They had cleaned and refilled their swimming pool, so that Saturday their children and friends could enjoy their first swim of the season. In photo are, from left, Clady Carson, seated on rim of pool; Police Sgt. Bain, Camille Carson, Priscilla Carson, Mrs. Bain, and Linda Bain. Swimming in the pool is David Bain. (Capital Journal Photo by Mike Farber)

Polk Records Uranium Claim

DALLAS—Filed in the office of the county clerk last week was a quartz claim on Bald Mountain made by L. R. Johnson, Salem geologist and prospector. He said that he had found evidence of uranium on the claim.

According to Johnson representatives of the atomic energy commission investigated took samples back to Salt Lake City. The claim, which is 20 miles from Dallas, is a standard forest claim 1950 by 600 feet.

He advised others not to "quit their jobs and head for the hills."

Lamkin Indicted on Embezzlement Count

Walter S. Lamkin, 50, who has practiced law in Salem for many years, was indicted by a Marion County Grand Jury Friday afternoon for embezzlement. Funds belonging to a client are said to be involved in the charge.

The indictment was secret pending Lamkin's arrest. He was arrested at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon at the office of his attorney. Immediately after the arrest, he and his attorney, Walter C. Winslow, appeared before Judge Val D. Sloper where bail of \$5000 was posted.

Lamkin is accused specifically of converting to his own use \$1122 that had been entrusted to him by Mrs. Mattie White, 65, widow of a former Salem barber. District Attorney Kenneth Brown said that the investigation "indicates that a substantial amount of money entrusted to Lamkin by other clients over the past several years remains unaccounted for."

Brown added that information about Lamkin's operations first came to him from the grievance committee of the Marion County Bar Association and from officials of the State Bar Association who had been investigating for several months.

Investigation Ordered

"When the results were made available to me I ordered an investigation to determine the possibility of criminal action," Brown said. "The results of the investigations were turned over to the grand jury."

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Bond Issue, Tax Levy Requested for Parks

To bring Salem's public park acreage and facilities up to the standard accepted throughout the United States, including other cities in Oregon, is the purpose of a proposed bond authorization of \$700,000 that will be on the May ballot. It calls for \$250,000 for new park sites and \$450,000 for park and recreation improvements.

Another park measure on the ballot will provide for an annual tax levy of \$35,000 for park maintenance.

The accepted standard in park acreage is over one acre for every 100 of population. The city of Eugene has 1.80 acres per 100 of population, Portland has 1.43 and Klamath Falls 2.48 acres. Salem's park acreage is only .32 acre per 100 people, according to the argument prepared by the Salem administration. Even those smaller cities, it is pointed out, like Bend, Corvallis, Albany, Astoria and Pendleton, have higher park acreage than Salem in proportion to number of people.

So Salem proposes to buy about 375 acres, which will make a total of around 530 acres, or a rating of about 1.12 acres for every 100 of population.

The city has lined up four tracts of land available for park development that will make the average better standard than it is now if the people vote the bonds. They are:

Approximately 115 acres west of the Willamette river, that it is said, will be similar to Bush Park in potential park facilities. An area of 52 acres for park and recreation facilities for north Salem.

A tract of about 50 acres near the Salem by-pass and the Santiam highway junction. It has water facilities on a lake area acquired from the state highway department. The lake is a borrow pit formed when the by-pass was built and Mill Creek is its source of water. With proper development it can be made into a first-class swimming place, say park officials.

Another large area in the program is the Charles L. McNary farm of 158 acres north of the city, available for park use and the possible location of a future municipal golf course. The golf course would be self-supporting by fees charged for playing on the course and by the rental of concessions. This is said to be the practice for municipal golf courses in other cities.

Improvements of existing public parks included in the program are:

Bush Pasture Park—Construction of an outdoor swimming pool with a combined recreation center and bathroom building. A third softball field. An amphitheater for concerts, pageants, sunrise services and general public use. Construction of four tennis courts.

West Salem Playgrounds—To build a new comfort station.

Fairmount Playgrounds—Construct a comfort station. Add a third tennis court and resurface all three.

Highland Playgrounds—Construction of two tennis courts and a fence along the streets.

Englewood Playgrounds—Complete play apparatus area for small children. Complete landscaping.

North River Road Playgrounds—Construct a softball field and set up play apparatus.

Mill and Lee Street Playgrounds—Add play facilities and landscape the grounds.

Wallace Park—Designed for development. Purchase additional land. An additional continuing tax levy for park operation is sought for the reason that the present 2-mill tax is not sufficient to give the existing parks proper maintenance. Additional play supervision is needed at the playgrounds, the park administration says, and the improvements listed under the bonding program will require additional maintenance and operation cost and more play supervision.

The average additional annual cost of the proposed bonds and the tax levy will be \$1.03 per \$100 of the present tax for 25 years.

CITY BALLOT MEASURE - 5

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Langley Charges Tap Placed on Telephone

State Police Ordered to Look at Situation, Grand Jury Hearing Continued Until Monday

PORTLAND (AP)—More accusations flew Saturday in a controversy touched off by a newspaper's charge that it had uncovered a conspiracy to try to control politics and vice in Portland.

District Atty. William Langley accused the present city administration of lax law enforcement and asserted that someone apparently had put an illegal wire tap on his telephone.

He said statements being attributed to him "apparently have been lifted out of text, edited."

He called upon the public to withhold judgment until completion of a grand jury investigation he has called.

The investigation, which Langley tried to get under way Friday, was set over at least until Monday, after Langley had subpoenaed three staff writers for The Oregonian, the newspaper that is making the vice charges in a copyrighted series of articles.

The newspaper's attorney asked a circuit judge to quash the subpoena, asserting that the district attorney could not "impartially conduct" the investigation.

Judge Frank Longman took action that will not allow the subpoenas to become effective until Monday afternoon.

Salem gamblers were involved in the attempt to move into Portland to control vice, The Oregonian said.

State Police Check

State police meanwhile came to Portland to conduct an investigation asked by Gov. Elmo Smith. H. C. Mason, state police superintendent, appeared in Portland.

Sheriff Terry Schunk of Multnomah County, whose deputies police the area outside the Portland city limits, said the investigation ordered by the governor has "political overtones."

"It appears that a crusade which started in one direction is beginning to backfire," said Schunk.

"I will co-operate in every respect with the state police who have been sent here by the governor. I cannot understand why the governor bypassed the attorney general in this investigation."

"The logical approach in matters like this is to delegate authority to the attorney general, and I cannot help but catch the inference that the governor is playing politics," Schunk said.

Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton earlier asked the governor to send him to conduct the investigation, asserting that Langley should not do so since Langley had been supported by the Teamsters' Union in the last election and a Teamsters' Union official was involved in the newspaper's charges.

Clyde C. Crosby, international representative of the union, said, "If the governor is really interested in a full-fledged probe and not a whitewash of the conditions which exist in the city, the repercussions of this affair will be far flung."

Crosby announced earlier he was resigning from the city's Exposition-Recreation Commission. That was after The Oregonian reported Crosby had concealed a prison term for burglary 26 years ago.

Marion County Appears Free From Gaming

While Portland is in a turmoil over reports that outside underworld characters are trying to move in to re-establish organized vice and a Lane county grand jury reports that gambling profits there amount to \$400,000 a year, Salem and Marion county appear to be free from organized gambling.

"I haven't had any complaints or heard reports of gambling in the county," District Attorney Kenneth Brown said Friday.

No Gambling Known

As far as he can learn, the district attorney said, there is no gambling being carried on in the county at all now, not even in private clubs.

He noted that if gambling was going on here there would undoubtedly be complaints. Such complaints invariably come from persons who have lost.

Brown recalled that gambling had been pretty well cleaned up before he took office four years ago. During his first six months in office, the district attorney said, he conducted several raids on establishments with slot machines.

Since that time there have been no indications that organized gambling activity is being carried on in the county.

It is always possible, however, that at private parties in homes money may change hands in poker, bridge or even heart games, he said.

But it appears quite evident that the situation in Salem and Marion county is quite different from that in Portland or Lane county.

Portland Investigates

Two investigations have been started in Portland where charges have been made that two Seattle figures have attempted to move in and establish gambling and other vice activities.

Multnomah District Attorney William Langley has called a grand jury investigation while Governor Elmo Smith has ordered state police to conduct an investigation.

The Lane county grand jury in its report made public Thursday said that there were "extensive" gambling operations in that county which brought \$400,000 a year to its sponsors.

Half of the total was in fraternal clubs with one club having a \$80,000 yearly net profit. Punchboards brought a \$36,000 yearly profit for one group.

The grand jury in Lane county found that there were 150 pinball machines of which 32 were found to be used regularly for illegal gambling operations and bringing an average income of \$1,000 each.

100 Killed in Georgia Riot

TIFLIS, Soviet Georgia (AP)—Reliable Georgian sources said Saturday that up to 100 Georgians may have been killed when troops opened fire on surging pro-Stalin demonstrators who tried to seize the Tiflis post office last March 9.

The sources said the city was an armed camp for days after the rioting. Troops and tanks patrolled the streets and a midnight curfew was clamped on.

This telephoned dispatch from Tiflis was interrupted at this point, apparently by censorship. Essoyan is one of three Western correspondents permitted to go to the Soviet Georgian capital on April 15, the first visit to the city by outside reporters after riots were set off in Stalin's home state by the Soviet leadership's downgrading of the dead dictator.

Fong Seeking Officer Arrest

PORTLAND (AP)—Wayne Fong, 28, recently accused of a murder charge here, and a policeman accused each of beating the other in a downtown restaurant at 5 a. m. Saturday.

Fong went to police headquarters and demanded arrest of detective Melvin P. Wanamaker, 33. He said the detective tried to choke him.

Wanamaker said in turn that Fong and four of Fong's friends set upon him as he ate in the restaurant with a woman.

Fong was acquitted of the slaying of a 16-year-old baby sitter, Diane Hank. The prosecution asserted she was killed because Fong was in the narcotics racket, and the girl came to know too much. Fong denied it.

Hitchcock, McKay at Meeting at Mill City

talk in which he said he "was not the one on the defensive."

Meanwhile, the fast-moving Hitchcock toured the length of Marion county during the day, stopping in every town to shake hands and seek political aid.

He made his sharpest attack on Morse at a luncheon in Salem Friday, calling Morse "a percenter."

"We got rid of the 5 per centers in 1952. Now lets get rid of this 3 per center," Hitchcock said. He pointed out that Morse's record showed only 3 per cent of the bills he introduced have passed.

"I have never been able to get a Morse supporter to cite a single instance of major contribution by the senator during his term of office," Hitchcock charged. He condemned Morse for obstructionist tactics against the Eisenhower program and said he is confident of a Republican victory in November as the result of Morse's record.

At the Salem luncheon for which Sid Boise acted as unofficial chairman, Hitchcock touched again on a sore spot with both Morse and McKay.

He said his greatest strength was that he "will not be on the defensive, but will be able to carry the fight to Morse." It is on this subject that Hitchcock and McKay may come to parting of the ways in their "friendly" campaign.

Opposes High Parity

McKay steadfastly denied he will be on the defensive and says the Eisenhower administration record speaks for itself. Hitchcock backers insist the former interior secretary will be kept busy by Morse answering charges. Hitchcock, they say, has no record to defend.

Hitchcock asserted confidence in gaining the nomination and defeating Morse. He told the Salem group he would almost promise to seek a second and third term if elected.

He said he was opposed to high parity for farm crops but did voice approval of the soil bank plan, stating he didn't think it would do the whole job. He said he favored use of both private and public funds for development of North-west power resources.

He climaxed his tour in Marion county by a late visit to the Cannery workers annual meeting Friday night at the Armory.

Neither Makes Comment on Other

PHIL HITCHCOCK invaded Douglas McKay's home grounds Friday, lashed out at Sen. Wayne Morse in his sharpest attack to date, and shook hands all around and ended his day with a head-on meeting with McKay at Mill City Friday evening.

Both McKay and Hitchcock were at a meeting sponsored by the Marion County Council of American Legion at Mill City. Neither commented on the other, although McKay appeared slightly "irked" at the inference that he will be on the defensive.

He said he did not have to defend the Eisenhower administration, the record speaks for itself. The remark followed Hitchcock's owner of the filling station next door to the church got a new coat of white paint on it in a hurry.

Fong is unknown in Independence. Instead, a man trims his hedge, sweeps the walk and cleans the lawn to get ready for a thing like a big wedding.

One has to walk around the square and stand in front of the tall, frame house on North Delaware street to get the feel of the city. Unless one gives the community the benefit of patience and understanding, he may snap-judge this community of 30,000 souls and think it cold. It isn't.

The best restaurant in town serves apple cider and honey-butter with meals.

Trumans Overjoyed

Since Margaret was a child here, she has been known as a happy, bright, personable girl. Living in the White House didn't change her, nor did her own good fortune on the concert stage and in the fields of television and radio.

The Trumans like privacy though they find it hard to come by, even at home where home is known around the world as the "Summer White House."

Mr. and Mrs. Truman were overjoyed in their daughter's happiness.

710 HOMES DESTROYED

MITO, Japan (AP)—Three hundred homes were left in ruins here today after a wind-whipped fire raged out of control for 2 1/2 hours. The flames destroyed 710 homes. Only one person was injured.

Rivers in East Oregon, Idaho Mounting Toward Flood Stage

BOISE, Idaho (AP)—Rivers in Idaho and Eastern Oregon slowly rose toward flood stage Saturday, swelled by mountain snows melting in temperatures up to 80 degrees.

Apparently the only immediate flood danger was at the little town of Blackfoot in southeastern Idaho and at Baker in Eastern Oregon.

In Blackfoot, workmen began building up the banks of the Blackfoot River against rising water which threatened 100 new homes and a new high school. Frank Bischoff, city street superintendent, said the situation was critical.

The Weather Bureau predicted Powder River at Baker would reach its flood level and some homeowners in low-lying areas would have to protect their basements.

In Washington, President Eisenhower set aside \$100,000 for Idaho to use in flood-threatened areas. The White House said this was the first time funds had been made available before a disaster actually occurred. The action was taken at the request of Gov. Robert E. Smylie and Val Peterson, federal civil defense administrator.

Army engineers told Blackfoot officials the Corps of Engineers would provide \$10,000 if the city would put up \$1,000 and Bingham County another \$1,000.

In North Idaho, the Kootenai River at Bonners Ferry crept up to 16.6 feet Friday, compared to less than 15 feet two days earlier. Officials said this was good news as it meant the record snowpack might melt and run past Bonners Ferry so gradually that it won't cause trouble.

The Boise Weather Bureau said the Payette, Snake and Weiser rivers were rising steadily but not dangerously. In the Pocatello area in southeastern Idaho, the Portneuf River was beginning to rise.

The Weather Bureau said cooler weather is forecast by Tuesday and that could slow the rising snow. No rain is predicted.

Showers Loom For Sunday

It was too good to last, of course, so now there is threat of scattered light showers or drizzle tonight or early Sunday morning.

The weather man says he's sorry, but adds, those clouds just may be a scare, however.

Friday's maximum in Salem set a new high for the season with a mark of 82 degrees. Other Oregon cities had similar marks, some of them higher—Roseburg reporting 90 degrees.

Whether or not there's rain, cooler temperatures are in the offing as predicted earlier, a high of around 68 being forecast for Sunday.

Margaret Truman Weds Today In Tiny Independence Church

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., (UP)—Margaret Truman cast aside her world-famous "bachelor girl" role today to fulfill her small-town dreams in marriage with New York attorney Clinton Daniel, Jr., in a church so tiny and frail it can't hold a steamboat bell in its belfry.

Not even Margaret's famous father ever up-ended staid, well-mannered Independence to the degree attained by the only child of former President and Mrs. Best Truman.

The blonde, radiant young woman will walk to the altar carrying the prayerbook given her by her grandmother, the late Mrs. D. W. Wallace, the day she was confirmed at Trinity Episcopal Church 16 years ago.

A county judge, who is lifetime friend of the Trumans, said he was as rapt as the women folk.

No Roses From Plunge

"I don't know what to wear," said Henry Budscho, one of the first citizens of Independence invited to the reception at what once was known around the world as the "Summer White House."

No airplanes swooped down dropping roses, as was the case last "that other wedding," but the

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 82; minimum today, 67. Total 24-hour precipitation, 0.1 for month; 5.5 normal, 1.72. Seasonal precipitation, 33.41, normal, 21.50. River height, 4.4 feet. (Report by U. S. Weather Bureau.)

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