

THE WEATHER

CONTINUING MOSTLY clear tonight, Thursday except for patches of fog in morning. Low tonight, 28; high Thursday, 34.

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So. Salem City Move 'Gaining' Petitions Put Out; Response Said 'Wonderful'

By DOUGLAS SEYMOUR Capital Journal Writer Response "has been wonderful" to petitions being circulated in the area south of Salem asking the Marion county court to call an election to form a new city, according to Howard Gardner, 4085 Dakota Rd., who is coordinating the distribution of the petitions.

The board also voted to continue its study of details concerning the proposed city and to contact the League of Oregon Cities for information "as to the means of bringing the community where we live."

The city, as envisioned at the Chamber meeting, would be bounded on the north by the present Salem city limits, on the south by Boone road, on the west by Belmont cemetery and a line extending south to Boone road and on the east by Fairview home, the Southern Pacific right of way cutting west to 12th street near Oak Hill avenue.

12 Witnesses To Appear at Blast Hearing

A dozen or more witnesses will be called at a public hearing Wednesday afternoon to investigate the blast that destroyed the Dennis Howarth home, 785 North 20th St., last Wednesday.

The hearing is to start at 2 o'clock in the council chamber at City Hall, and will continue into Wednesday night if necessary to conclude it today.

The gas blast which utterly destroyed the house burned and injured Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Howarth and their daughter Deacon, 5 years old, all still in Salem General hospital, but all are reported in satisfactory condition.

State Float Entered for Rose Parade

The state of Oregon will have an official float in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses parade on New Year's day to match the appearance of Oregon State college in the Rose bowl.

Gov. Elmo Smith announced today that the float will be sponsored by the Oregon Development Commission whose executive director, Foye Trout, was named by the governor as chairman of the Oregon Tournament of Roses Float Committee.

'Foolish' Act, Say Confessed Bank Robbers

Bandit and Helper Shifted to Jail In Portland

By VICTOR B. FRYER Capital Journal Writer The marriage-bound confessed Eugene bank bandit and his partner, arrested near Salem Tuesday by alert Oregon State police, were taken to Portland Wednesday where they were jailed by federal authorities under \$10,000 bail. They are charged with violation of federal bank robbery statutes.

Charles Edward Simmons, 40-year-old logger of Springfield, who admitted taking \$2,000 at gunpoint from a young woman bank teller Monday at Eugene and Donald Otto Howard, 23, of Eugene, admitted driver of the getaway car, both agreed they were "foolish" to attempt the robbery.

State Speeds Stumbo Strip Condemnation

The Oregon Highway Commission will file condemnation proceedings Wednesday afternoon to acquire title to the 16 1/2-foot section of the Pacific Highway that is owned by the Stumbo clan of Wolf Creek and Glendale.

The proceedings will be filed in Douglas County Circuit Court. Robert L. May Jr., assistant chief counsel for the commission, announced.

May said the fact that the Stumbos are selling four-square-inch tracts of this property makes it urgent for the commission to file its suit quickly.

Woman Found Dead in Home

WOODBURN (Special) — Mrs. Wilma Hoover, about 50 years old, was found dead in her home at 809 N. Second St., Wednesday morning, by neighbors who investigated her failure to make her usual morning appearance about the place.



Rail Ruins Explosion Kills Two

7 Hurt as Salvage Crew Works at Wreck Site

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind. (AP)—Two train wreck crew members were killed Wednesday by an explosion in the wreckage of a crossing crash that had already killed two trainmen and a gasoline truck driver Tuesday evening.

Seven other workers were injured, one critically, by Wednesday's explosion. A third member of the train crew was burned Tuesday in a rescue attempt just after the crash of the truck into the side of the Chesapeake & Ohio freight train.

State police said Wednesday's explosion apparently was touched off by an acetylene torch burning into the diesel fuel line of the wrecked locomotive, which had been burning all night.

The trainmen trapped and killed in the burning locomotive of the 65-car freight train Tuesday were Ray Powers, 55, engineer, and Robert H. Johnson, 38, fireman, both of Grand Rapids, Mich.

The gasolene truck driver was Charlie Wilson, 50, Mishawaka, Ind. Wreckage of the truck, two locomotives and 10 derailed freight cars blocked the C. & O. line.

Over 300 Men Fight 2 Coast Forest Fires

Two Oregon blazes covering approximately 2,200 acres are being battled Wednesday by crews numbering between 310 and 300 men the fire fighters including state forestry department men, loggers and mill men.

Largest of the blazes is one covering about 2,000 acres approximately 70 miles from Nehalem in the Tillamook burn area which has been burning out of control since Thanksgiving.

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British Reveal U.S. Fleet in Invasion Path

LONDON (AP)—The Admiralty announced today that the U.S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean caused "a temporary inconvenience" during Britain's attack on Egypt last month.

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Maximum yesterday, 43; minimum today, 26. Total 24-hour precipitation: 0.1. For month: 1.02. Normal: 3.23. Season precipitation: 4.89. Next: 18.32. River height: 2.00. Report by U. S. Weather Bureau.

All Is Not Roses

Representatives of Portland Gas & Coke Company, the A & R Equipment Co. which installed the furnace, and Sears Roebuck & Co. from whom the furnace was purchased, will be permitted to offer statements and may be questioned by members of the committee.

Neighbors to Rescue

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Chou Arrives In Delhi for Nehru Parley

NEW DELHI, India (AP)—Chou En-lai, premier and foreign minister of Red China, arrived here Wednesday for 12-day good will visit and talks on world politics with Prime Minister Nehru.

46 Yanks Safe as Gales Batter Asia

MANILA (AP)—Hundreds of Asian seamen were missing and the crew of an American freighter was reported abandoning ship Wednesday as storms continued to sweep the South China Sea and the Western Pacific.

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