

THE WEATHER

MOSTLY CLOUDY tonight, Thursday with few early morning fog patches. Low tonight, 33; high Thursday, 60.

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Elkins Tells Senate Probe of Racket Threat

Flood Waters Force Many From Homes

Streams Still Out of Banks In Eastern Washington, Oregon, South Idaho

Valley Rivers Recede, Threat Of Flood Goes

Santiam at Jefferson Falls, Willamette Below Forecast

Several rivers were receding in the valley by Wednesday morning and further rains held back, assuring this area, for the time being at least, was getting through without major flood damage.

At Salem the Willamette was up to 15.8 Wednesday morning. A new forecast said the waters here would likely not go above 16.5 late Wednesday night because the Santiam at Jefferson was dropping and the main stem of the Willamette had not come up to first predictions.

Five-day forecast is for temperatures to average above normal and recurring rains through the period. Forecast for tonight calls for no rain in the valley region although skies will be cloudy and some fog will prevail Thursday morning.

Probe Studies Sources for Expose Stories

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A legislative committee today digs into the Hollywood sources for so-called scandal magazine stories in what promises to be an even juicier expose than any ever printed in the magazines.

Officially, the committee, headed by Sen. Fred Kraft (R-San Diego), is known as the California Senate's Interim Committee on Collection Agencies.

How it got mixed up with the scandal magazines and the famed wrong-door raid on Marilyn Monroe's apartment alleged to be staged by Frank Sinatra and Joe DiMaggio is not too apparent.

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hundreds of persons were forced from their homes overnight by rising flood waters east of the Cascades. Streams were over their banks in Washington, Oregon and South Idaho.

Wilson Creek, about 110 miles west of Spokane, about 110 miles west of Spokane, was inundated Tuesday night by rampant Crab Creek. Water quickly rose to five to six feet in many places.

The hardest hit towns were Wilson Creek in Eastern Washington, Weiser and Shoshone in Idaho and Vale, Ore.

Boats had to be used to get some of the townspeople off roofs on which they were trapped by the rising water. The water rose in the town slowly without causing any violent washout damage.

The Great Northern line through the area was blocked after one westbound train got through behind a "pilot" work train overnight. It was about nine hours behind schedule.

The eastbound Western Star was stopped at Ephrata. Railroad spokesmen in Seattle said buses would be used to shuttle passengers and baggage around the flood zone.

Pat Mansfield, Pacific Telephone Co. manager at Ephrata, reported by mobile telephone that the Crab Creek waters appeared to be receding slightly. He said there still was four to five feet of water in parts of the Wilson Creek business district.

In Idaho, National Guardsmen rushed to help evacuate residents at the south edge of Weiser when the Weiser River spilled over its banks just before midnight.

More than a foot of water covered the main highway there, stopping traffic. The river was expected to crest later Wednesday.

State Contemplates Buying Block for Employee Parking



School Board To Start Work On New Budget

A tentative budget, which will be larger than the one that has been in effect this year, will be presented by the Salem school board for consideration of a citizens committee Thursday night.

While making no official announcement as to the amount of money involved in the 1957-58 budget, Superintendent Charles D. Schmidt said it is bound to show an increase.

No over-all salary increases will be sought by the teachers and non-certificated groups, said Schmidt. Nevertheless, he will point out the need for some changes in existing salary schedules.

Schmidt states that Salem's beginning salary is the lowest among 23 districts of comparable size. As a result many teachers who would otherwise join the local staff, go elsewhere.

Number of Matters

Preceding the budget discussion, the directors will take up a number of other matters. They will consider a request from Popcorn school in Polk county that Salem take care of six 7th and 8th grade pupils on a tuition basis.

The board will hear the superintendent's recommendations concerning the 1957-58 school calendar and hear progress reports regarding plans for Liberty and Salem Heights by Architects James L. Payne and John Grimmer Group, respectively.

Nearly A Block Capitol Planners Approve Purchase of Parking Space

The first step in a long-range plan to solve the parking problem near the Capitol may be the purchase of most of this block bordered by Court and Chemeketa between 12th and 13th streets.

The block is bounded by Capitol, Court, Chemeketa and 12th streets with the exception of the Royal Court apartments and Master service station.

For the immediate needs, Secretary of State Mark Hatfield said, the houses and lots on this location could be cleared for surface parking. For the long-range plan, ramping ten or twenty years hence, ramp parking could be provided.

Stayton Featured

The alumni association of Stayton high school claims to have the largest active alumni membership of any high school on the west coast.

Plans Made for Play Program At Silverton

SILVERTON (Special) — An organized city recreation program, supported by local tax monies and possibly incorporated with a school district may become a reality here.

Some 40 representatives of service clubs and civic groups met Tuesday evening to discuss Silverton's recreation program and came up with three suggestions for improvement: 1. Formation of a park district; 2. city recreation program; or 3. school district program.

Mrs. Allen Foster, president of the Silverton recreation association, said Silverton ranks third in the state in juvenile delinquency. She said her group feels part of the problem is lack of proper recreation for youth of the community.

The group decided to take the suggestions back to their respective individual organizations and report back to the recreation association next month.

Israel Again Asked to Move Out of Egypt

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States Wednesday again urged Israel to make "a voluntary withdrawal" from disputed Middle East areas to avoid United Nations sanctions or other pressure.

The State Department issued a statement to that effect as Secretary Dulles met in an urgent and hastily arranged conference with Israel's Foreign Minister Golda Meir and Ambassador Abba Eban.

State Department press officer Lincoln White reported consultations are under way with six other countries in the United Nations to work out "appropriate language by which to express the President's policies."

Mollet Gives Israel Views

WASHINGTON (AP) — French Premier Guy Mollet declared Wednesday that Israel is entitled to have "its territorial integrity guaranteed" and to be fully assured of free navigation in the Gulf of Aqaba.

Election Bill Put in Hopper

The Legislative Interim Committee's major election reform bill was introduced Wednesday by the House Elections Committee.

It would provide for mailing of sample ballots to all voters, force all presidential candidates to run in Oregon's primary, abolish the vice presidential primary, eliminate ballot slogans, and provide for only one poll book at the polls.

The bill also would make the secretary of state responsible for the conduct of elections, provide for a board of election commissioners to review decisions of the secretary of state, have presidential electors chosen by the party central committees, assure purging of registration lists, and let each candidate have only a single page in the Voter's Pamphlet.

Another provision is that delegates to national conventions would be released from their pledges when their candidates drop out of serious contention.

Rep. R. E. Schadee (D), of Gresham, introduced a bill Wednesday to open the polls at 6 a. m., two hours earlier than now.

Bureau Okays Klamaths Pay

PORTLAND (AP) — Approval of a per capita payment of \$400 to each member of the Klamath Indian tribe was announced Tuesday by the Bureau of Indian Affairs office here.

Don C. Foster, Portland area director, said a total of \$827,000 will be paid about March 10. The sum represents revenue from sale of tribal timber.

Adult members will receive direct payment. Shares of minors may be paid for their use and benefit to parents or guardians.

Foster said the Klamaths also received a per capita payment of \$400 last November.

Committee Hears of Situation in Portland

WASHINGTON (UP) — Death threats against a star witness and his brother were reported today at a Senate Rackets committee investigation of the Teamsters union.

James B. Elkins, a racketeer who said he had conspired with the Teamsters union to help gamblers get entrenched in Portland, Ore., told the committee he was personally threatened with death by Frank Brewster, teamsters vice president and chairman of the union's Western conference.

And Committee Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) said the FBI had disclosed James' older brother Carl, a businessman in Phoenix received a death threat by telephone Tuesday.

The witness himself told the committee, "I know they're going to do something to me." The threat from Brewster, whose headquarters are in Seattle, came some time after September, 1955, the testimony indicated. James Elkins had become "disenchanted" with the situation in Portland.

"In Concrete Boots" He told the committee that Brewster got red in the face and said: "If you embarrass my two boys you'll find yourself riding across Lake Washington (in Seattle) with a pair of concrete boots."

Elkins identified Brewster's "two boys" as William M. Langley, district attorney of Multnomah County in which Portland is situated, and Clyde C. Crosby, international organizer for the teamsters in Oregon.

Elkins had testified to a teamsters, gamblers and district attorney tieup in Portland. After telling about the Brewster threat, Elkins said: "I have a family—I know they're going to do something to me."

The effort to stop Elkins through his brother began about two weeks ago, Carl Elkins said in Phoenix. Tuesday's caller, Carl said, advised him that "Frank and Dave don't want him (James) to talk any more."

Carl said he assumed the reference was to Frank Brewster and to Dave Beck, teamsters president.

Threat to Government

The Phoenix Elkins, a businessman and member of a teamsters local, said he is "100 per cent for my brother if he helps weed out anything rotten."

McClellan called the threats "a challenge to law and order and the power of the government of the United States." He said the Rackets Committee "has the courage in the face of these threats to do its duty."

James Elkins followed up his story of the Brewster threat with a recital of menacing dark of night visits and telephone calls to him and to his wife.

Commenting that his personal well-being was not important, Elkins said he would like to protect himself and his family "if I can."

The testimony indicated that he could. He said almost apologetically that he treated one of his nocturnal visitors "a little rough."

Racket Operations

"I hit him on the head, put him in his car and told his buddy that I was going to shoot the next person who came in my yard," Elkins said.

Elkins explained that he sought the interview with Brewster some time after September, 1955, because the group involved in trying to take over certain racket operations in Portland were always "making me out to be a liar" and a "double-crosser."

"I don't like to be called a liar," he said.

He said he finally got an appointment with Brewster after some difficulty and went to his office.

State Office Building Space Rearranged

Crowded State Offices Hoping for Relief



A problem getting a lot of attention by state officials during recent weeks is crowded office space, such as this Income Tax division office on the second floor of the state office building.

Charles Johnson, chief auditor (standing center), says there are 79 tax auditors and others working here, too many to properly conduct auditing work with taxpayers.

Secretary of State Mark Hatfield Tuesday ordered the building's basement floor cleared for repair work on the sagging structure. (Capital Journal Photo)

WAR CRIMINAL PAROLED

GIRL SENTENCED

NICOSIA (AP) — A British court Wednesday sentenced one teenage girl to prison and fined two others for possessing leaflets of the Greek Cypriot underground which is fighting to unite Cyprus with Greece.

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