

THE WEATHER

PARTIAL CLEARING tonight; partly cloudy, warmer Wednesday. Low tonight, 43-45; high Wednesday, 60-62.

Blizzard Deals Rockies Areas Near-Disaster

Pueblo Without Power as Big Snow Snaps Lines; Two Dead; Road, Air Travel Disrupted

DENVER (AP) — A blinding spring snowstorm approaching disaster proportions swept across the Rockies Tuesday, paralyzing Colorado's second largest city, causing two deaths and disrupting transportation.

The sprawling industrial city of Pueblo, with 100,000 population, was without electric power as the storm snapped lines.

Downtown buildings were endangered by the weight of accumulated wet snow. Two were hurriedly evacuated when beams groaned under eight inches of snow. Roofs of others were endangered.

Candlelight in Banks
Banks did business by candlelight as customers slogged their way through the storm.

The Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Co. said service was interrupted throughout the mountain region.

Air traffic was halted both at Denver and at Cheyenne, Wyo. Continental Airlines reported flights grounded as far east as Wichita, Kan. One Greyhound bus with an unknown number of passengers was held up at Deer Trail, on Colorado's eastern plains, and the other bus, bound for Cheyenne at Laramie in southern Wyoming.

The American Automobile Assn. advised against highway travel in any direction from Denver. Railway traffic was delayed by up to two hours.

2 Feet in Passes
Two feet of fresh snow was reported on Loveland and Monarch passes in the Colorado Rockies.

Depths ranging from a foot to 18 inches were reported elsewhere in the mountains, pointing to what state and local water board officials said might be a significant break in a years-long drought.

Four to five foot drifts were piled up in mountain passes by winds of 20 to 30 miles an hour.

The dead were victims of traffic accidents. Gerald A. Bowker, 50, of Burlington, Colo. was killed Monday night when his car skidded into a snowplow on a snow-choked mountain highway west of here. Howard C. Douglas, 65, was struck and killed by a car as he crossed a Denver street in the blinding snow.

The storm moved in just 10 days after blizzards whipped the eastern Colorado Plains, killing thousands of cattle and snarling transportation. Unlike the earlier blizzard, Tuesday's snow was heavier in water content and little drifting was reported during the morning.

Hatchers and city dwellers braced themselves for new onslaughts as the weather bureau predicted an additional six inches in Denver and along the east slopes of the Rockies by Tuesday night.

Woman Kills Self With Gun

LEBANON (Special) — Mrs. Vera Antonette Costello died in Lebanon Community Hospital early Tuesday of a bullet wound which police said was self-inflicted with a .22 caliber revolver.

Mrs. Costello was living with a niece at 723 Sherman St. She was found in an unconscious condition by her niece's husband, Edwin Demore, at 10:48 p.m. Monday. Funeral services will be in charge of the Jost Mortuary.

Weather Details
Maximum yesterday, 60; minimum today, 41. Total 24-hour precipitation: .91; for month: .82; normal: .55. Season precipitation, 32.87; normal, 23.70. River height, 8.9 feet. (Report by U. S. Weather Bureau.)

Mid-Valley Planning Unit Formally Set Up

By STEPHEN A. STONE
Capital Journal Associate Editor

The Mid-Willamette Planning Council, which is to be a coordinating factor for community planning in Marion and Polk counties, became a permanent organization Monday night when a report by the temporary council, setting up an organizational plan, was approved.

The present political subdivisions represented in the organization are Marion County, the City of Salem, Polk County, and Salem School District 24 Cj. Governing bodies of each of these groups must approve the council.

Makeup of Council
Members of the council, representing these subdivisions, all ex-officio, are the chairman of the Marion County Planning Commission, chairman of the Salem City Planning Commission, chairman of the Polk County Planning Commission, and the chairman of the school board.

These persons are William Merritt of Woodburn, Robert K. Powell of Salem, a Polk County man to be named, and Gardner Knapp. The Polk commission is in the process of formation.

The purpose of the council is to coordinate all planning matters among the four political subdivisions and any others that may come in later. It is also to provide a complete planning staff service for all the divisions. Its services are advisory only, and any plans provided will require approval by the governing bodies of the subdivisions.

To Employ Director
The plan calls for employment of a planning director with the concurrence of the chief administrative officer of each of the political subdivisions, and the director will employ any help needed.

It is estimated that a budget of about \$28,000 a year will be needed, of which it is believed some \$12,000 will be available as a grant from the government. The annual budget, as now planned, will be apportioned 40 per cent from Marion County, 15 per cent from the school district, 25 per cent from Salem and 10 per cent from Polk county. For immediate needs, Salem and Marion County expect to budget about \$18,000.

The members of the council will elect their chairman.

Late Flashes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Dulles denied Tuesday that the United States ever made a flat commitment to defend the Nationalist Chinese islands of Quemoy and Matsu.

MERCED, Calif. (UP) — A huge furniture van smashed into a stalled truck on U.S. 99 today and burst into flames, burning to death John Van Sands, 42, of Portland, Ore., who was asleep at the rear of the cab behind the driver's seat.

OMAHA, Neb. (UP) — A 17-year-old boy, whose burned body was found on a suburban highway early today, was an apparent victim of electrocution, police laboratory tests showed. The tests led police to abandon an earlier theory that the victim, Donald Larry Marfil, had been tortured to death by a teenage gang.

ON REEF IN SENATE

Lt. Governor, Added Legislator Bills Bog

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR.
Associated Press Writer

The proposal to create the office of lieutenant governor of Oregon ran head-on Tuesday into a plan to add a member to each house of the Legislature.

Both proposals, which would amend the Constitution and thus have to be submitted to the people next year, appeared to bog down in partisan politics.

County's Road Workers Seek 35-Cent Raise

A request for a 35-cent an hour across the board wage increase for members of the Marion County Road Department was made by Leo Butts, secretary of the Oregon Assn. of Municipal, State and County Employees during a conference with the Marion County Court Tuesday morning.

At the conclusion of the presentation, County Judge Rex Hartley said that the request would be given serious consideration but made no commitments concerning an increase.

Butts said that wages among county road and shop workers were too low in comparison to what is being paid by private industry. The 35 cent increase, he added, would bring the hourly wage to \$1.87 an hour for ordinary labor, or \$322 a month. Private industry, according to Butts is paying \$355 a month.

Herbert Barker, secretary of the Salem Trades and Labor Council, spoke briefly in behalf of the county workers. He said he was interested in bringing about better working conditions for the men.

Lloyd Taylor, president of the Marion County Public Employees local, stated that the men were not satisfied with present conditions. He brought up the matter of "equal wage for equal pay," charging that in some instances there was an 18-cent differential being paid truck drivers.

One member of the budget committee sat in on the conference. He was Ernie Henningsen of the Jefferson area.

A transcript of the proceedings will be provided other members of the committee, said Judge Hartley.

Gov. Robert D. Holmes received a brief lesson in the ways of the bagpipe Monday after he designated the Eugene Highlanders band as his official footguard.

on as the Governor blows hard into the pipes is Phil White, a member of the Highlanders. (Capital Journal Photo)

11 Perish As Plane Explodes

Navy Men Plunge To Fiery Death In Virginia

CHINCOTEAGUE, Va. (AP) — A Navy Neptune bomber "exploded in a great ball of fire" shortly after takeoff Tuesday and carried its 11 crewmen to death in a flaming crash on Virginia's eastern shore.

The twin-engine long range aircraft ran into trouble a minute after it left the strip at the Chincoteague Naval Air Station. There was a sputtering noise, a witness reported, when the plane was only a couple of hundred feet in the air, then a window-rattling blast and the plunge to earth in a big plume of smoke.

Crashes on Farm
It slammed into a plowed field on the farm of Dennis Hurley, two miles south of the air station which lies on Virginia's outer banks along the Atlantic Ocean near the Maryland line.

The Navy said the propeller driven aircraft had taken off at 6:54 a.m. for Cherry Point, N.C. The 11 occupants had no opportunity to jump from the faltering craft at such a low altitude. All apparently were buried in the burning fuselage in the 10-foot hole it made in the sandy soil.

Earl W. Darby, who runs a general store in the small community of Atlantic, was one of the first on the scene.

"I jumped in my pickup truck and drove to the field where it came down," he said.

"All I could find was a man's shoe and a man's foot."

Darby said he saw the plane shortly after the takeoff. It was headed south and appeared to be no over 200 or 300 feet in the air when it turned back toward the base.

He said there was a "backfiring noise" as the plane flew back over the Atlantic and suddenly it exploded.

Reports from over the state indicated a generally light vote. Only in Dallas and Fort Worth and a few other places where municipal elections also are being held was the balloting heavy.

The weather was expected to play an important part in the final balloting. Thunderstorms were reported in some sections and tornado warnings were posted for a large area of west and north Texas.

Voters had 19 candidates to pick from, including an ambitious Republican lawyer from Houston, Thad Hutcheson, who hopes to even the party count 48-48 in the Senate.

The winner will fill out the remaining two years of the term of Democrat Price Daniel, who resigned after he was elected governor.

The high man wins the election. There will be no runoff.

Democrats now control the Senate 40-47. If Texans elect a Republican, the GOP could, with his vote and that of Vice President Richard Nixon, reorganize the Senate.

Designation of a Scottish pipe band for the footguard, whose official duties appear vague, is in keeping with the ancestry of the Governor who can trace his family back to Clan MacQuarrie in Scotland.

The Eugene band consists of 14 pipers, 7 drummers and 7 dancers. The group wears the McKenzie tartan.

Dulles Asks Egypt Answer On Suez Parleys 'At Once'

Five Texas Senate Candidates



19 in Race as Texans Select 'Key' Senator

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — Texans were casting their votes in moderate numbers Tuesday in a special election which will determine the makeup of the U. S. Senate for the next two years.

Reports from over the state indicated a generally light vote. Only in Dallas and Fort Worth and a few other places where municipal elections also are being held was the balloting heavy.

The weather was expected to play an important part in the final balloting. Thunderstorms were reported in some sections and tornado warnings were posted for a large area of west and north Texas.

Voters had 19 candidates to pick from, including an ambitious Republican lawyer from Houston, Thad Hutcheson, who hopes to even the party count 48-48 in the Senate.

The winner will fill out the remaining two years of the term of Democrat Price Daniel, who resigned after he was elected governor.

The high man wins the election. There will be no runoff.

Democrats now control the Senate 40-47. If Texans elect a Republican, the GOP could, with his vote and that of Vice President Richard Nixon, reorganize the Senate.

Main candidates in today's special Texas election to fill U.S. Senate seats vacated by resignation of Price Daniel are, left to right; Thad Hutcheson, principal Republican candidate; Democrats Martin Dies, Ralph Yarborough, John White and James Hart. (AP Wirephoto)

WILLAMETTE GRAD

Hitchman Chosen For City Aide Job

Donald L. Hitchman, city recorder at Pendleton, was appointed Tuesday by City Manager Kent Mathewson of Salem as his administrative assistant. He will succeed Charles A. Barclay, resigned, and take over the office April 25.

Hitchman is not a stranger to Salem. He was graduated from Willamette University in 1953 where he majored in political science and public administration. He followed with graduate work in public administration at Syracuse University, New York, where he received the Master of Arts degree.

For a time after finishing his university work he was assistant

to the city manager at Grants Pass.

Hitchman was born at Seaside and lived there until his graduation from Willamette. He was married to Miss Phyllis Wik of Silverton, who before her marriage, was employed in Salem as secretary to Lee McAllister, manager of the Salem office of the Bureau of Reclamation.

Charles Barclay, who has resigned because of personal business has been with the Salem city administration since June 1, 1949. He was first employed as manager of the airport, then became purchasing agent. Later he was made administrative assistant, which included these and other duties.

Beck Mum on Report Publicity Idea Vetoed

WASHINGTON (AP) — If Dave Beck, beleaguered Teamsters Union president, got the million dollar publicity fund he wanted to tell his own story in the union's money scandals, he wasn't advertising the fact Tuesday.

There were conflicting reports that the Teamsters Executive Board, meeting secretly here Monday, (a) had given Beck an okay and (b) had turned down his proposal to spend union money to tell "my story."

Beck maintains he's innocent of Senate racketeering charges he misappropriated at least \$320,000 union funds. He invoked the Fifth Amendment before the committee in refusing to answer questions, but has told reporters that while he "borrowed" the money he paid it all back.

Chairman McClellan (D-Ark.) indicated, meanwhile, that the committee may resume its public hearings about April 15, but in a different phase of its inquiry. This (Continued on Page 5 Column 1)

Safeway Clear Of Blame for Double Label

PORTLAND (AP) — Canned tomatoes with a government surplus label have been removed from the shelves and Safeway has referred the matter to the federal government.

George Mangan, local manager for Safeway, made that report Monday after State Sen. Monroe Sweetland had called attention to the double labeling.

Mangan said Safeway bought the tomatoes from Martinez food canners of Martinez, Calif., which pasted the Safeway label over a government label when it found it had a surplus of tomatoes canned for the school lunch program.

Mangan said the Martinez company advised him the cans were surplus production under the government contract and were not government property.

However, Mangan said, all such double-label cans were being removed from the stores and the federal government has been advised.

UO Student Badly Hurt

EUGENE (AP) — A University of Oregon student from Medford was badly injured early Tuesday morning when his auto smashed into a concrete guard rail on River Road north of Eugene.

Injured was William Franklin Smith, about 23, a student living at Sherry Ross Hall.

British Union Council Halts Costly Strikes

LONDON (AP) — Union bosses Tuesday called off costly strikes in Britain's shipbuilding yards and factories pending the outcome of a government inquiry into their pay demands.

The strikers—1½ million in the factories and 200,000 in the shipyards—were ordered to go back to work on Thursday.

The Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions made up of 40 unions which has been running the strikes decided to call them off after a recommendation by its executive.

The decision was taken as the walkouts threatened to cripple Britain's automobile production and factories producing 40 per cent of the nation's exports.

The three-man court of inquiry begins its work Wednesday. The unions have demanded a 10 per cent wage increase. Last week they offered to call off the strikes for an interim increase of 5 per cent if the rest of their demand was left to a commission of inquiry. The government asked them to go back to work while the investigation is in progress.

Eden Curtails Holiday, Needs U.S. Treatment

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP) — Sir Anthony Eden, facing the threat of a recurrence of his old bile duct trouble, decided Tuesday to cut short his New Zealand vacation and leave by plane Thursday for medical treatment in Boston.

Prime Minister Sidney Holland announced the British foreign prime minister and Lady Eden will head for Fiji aboard a Royal New Zealand Air Force flying boat on the first leg of their trip to Boston. In Fiji they will catch a transpacific airliner for Honolulu and Vancouver, B. C.

News in Brief

For Tuesday, April 2, 1957

NATIONAL
Labor Probers Clear
Reuther, Others Sec. 1, P. 2
Blizzard Belts
Rockies States Sec. 1, P. 1

LOCAL
Students Don't Have to
Dance—Schmidt Sec. 1, P. 5
30 Boys Already Signed For
Soap Box Derby Sec. 1, P. 5

STATE
Holmes Says He Has No
Specific Tax Plans Sec. 1, P. 2
Lt. Governor Added
Lol. Measures Bog Sec. 1, P. 1

FOREIGN
Dulles Asks Nasser to
Disclose Suez Intent Sec. 1, P. 1

SPORTS
Ted Williams Apologizes
To Marine Corps Sec. 2, P. 1
Gordien Eyes 200-Foot
Discus Record Sec. 2, P. 1

REGULAR FEATURES
Amusements Sec. 1, P. 2
Editorials Sec. 1, P. 4
Locals Sec. 1, P. 5
Society Sec. 1, P. 6
Comics Sec. 2, P. 4
Television Sec. 2, P. 3
Want Ads Sec. 2, P. 6-7
Markets Sec. 2, P. 5
Dorothy Dick Sec. 2, P. 5
Crossword Puzzle Sec. 2, P. 6
Farm Sec. 2, P. 6

Salem Girl Dies Of Heart Ailment

Five-year-old Deborah Ann Phinney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Phinney, 650 N. 20th St., died early Tuesday morning at Doernbecher Hospital in Portland.

She had been in the hospital for some time, undergoing a heart operation in mid-March. She had been in serious condition since four days after the operation.

In the rare operation, Deborah had a plastic disc inserted in the septum wall of her heart to plug a hole which had been there since birth.

Born in Santa Ana, Calif., Nov. 2, 1951, Deborah and her parents came to Salem to reside four years ago.

Surviving besides the parents are a brother, Allen Phinney, Salem; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Tarbel, Eugene, and Grover C. Phinney, Marble Falls, Tex.; and several aunts and uncles.

Announcement of funeral services will be made later by the Virgil T. Golden chapel.

DEBORAH ANN PHINNEY

Governor Displays Bagpipe Talents



Gov. Robert D. Holmes received a brief lesson in the ways of the bagpipe Monday after he designated the Eugene Highlanders band as his official footguard.

on as the Governor blows hard into the pipes is Phil White, a member of the Highlanders. (Capital Journal Photo)