

THE WEATHER

MOSTLY CLOUDY, few scattered showers this evening, occasional light rain tonight; partly cloudy with scattered showers, Saturday, Low tonight, 44; high Saturday, 57.

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Bonds for Road OK'd In Senate

Property Tax Cut For Homes Wins In First Test

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR. Associated Press Writer

The Senate Taxation Committee gave tentative approval Friday to a measure to give property tax relief to home owners and to double the property tax on utilities.

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NEW YORK—George Metesky, the Mad Bomber, who planted 32 home made explosives in New York public places over the past 15 years, waves feebly from the stretcher as he is carried from a Brooklyn hospital today on the way to Mattawan state hospital for the criminal insane. It is expected to be the last journey for the 54-year-old Waterbury, Conn., bachelor. Doctors say he is dying of tuberculosis and psychiatrists say Metesky is mentally incapable of standing trial. (AP Wirephoto)

Court Orders Conflict In Elkins-Clark Trial

PORTLAND (AP)—A conflict between a state court and a federal court today threw the wiretap trial of racketeer James B. Elkins and Raymond Clark into a legal snarl which seemed to leave some witnesses facing possible contempt no matter which way they turn.

Time-Reversal Theory Hit by Oppenheimer

ROCHESTER, N. Y. (AP)—Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, director of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, N.J., says he questions the time-reversal principle, one of three used to explain basic laws of nuclear physics.

Would Soak Utilities

Utilities would be assessed at double the rate of other classes of property. This would be a departure from the principle that all classes of property should be taxed uniformly.

Sen. Howard C. Belton (R) Canby, cast the lone vote against it.

It would increase the amount of outstanding highway bonds to 78 million dollars.

Sen. R. F. Chapman (D), Coos Bay, said the 35-mile section contains 350 curves.

He said the Coast is losing many tourists because northbound motorists are advised at Coos Bay, Calif., to take the Redwood Highway to Grants Pass.

Chapman said the route now is in the same condition as it was 35 or 40 years ago when it was built with mules and scrapers.

Sen. Andrew J. Naterlin (D), Newport, said the new route would shorten the distance by eight miles.

The House voted 38-17 and sent to the Senate a bill to make non-profit hospitals and rest homes liable to damage suits for injury to persons or property.

Another bill approved by the House and sent to the Senate would create a ragweed control area throughout Western Oregon. The Department of Agriculture would supervise control of the weed that causes hay fever, and (Continued on Page 5, Column 2)

Rep. Littrell In Car Wreck

ROSEBURG (AP)—State Rep. E. J. Littrell, Medford, was shaken up but not seriously injured in a traffic collision near Myrtle Creek, south of here, Thursday night.

State police said Littrell, driving toward Medford on Highway 99, allowed his car to avoid people picking up items which had spilled from a trailer, onto the highway.

His car was struck from behind by one driven by Ralph Lynn Jholts, 18, Canyonville. The Jholts car in turn was hit by a third car.

After police had helped pull the Littrell car from a roadside ditch where it had been knocked by the impact, the representative and Mrs. Littrell continued on their way south.

Rocket Didn't Go to Jupiter, Only to Roof

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The University of Maryland has found its missing 3,800-mile-an-hour space rocket.

It didn't leave for Jupiter after all.

It only went as far as the roof of the University Administration Building.

Moreover, campus police who spent all day Thursday looking for the 15-foot long "Terrapin" and campus jokers suspect it didn't get to the four-story high roof on its own power.

Dockers Filch Scotch Whisky By the Barrel

SEATTLE (AP)—Who got away with the barrel of scotch? The mystery of the missing hoghead of imported stuff came to light Thursday with the filing of claims of \$1,248.64 against the Port of Seattle.

The hoghead was one of 30 delivered from Scotland to the Port of Seattle last December for the Washington State Liquor Control Board. It disappeared Dec. 11.

There have been charges before that dock workers upon occasion have slipped a bottle or two under their jackets on leaving the job. But never anything like this.

This was 62 1/2 gallons; 630 pounds, special stuff, too—114 proof, ready for "watering-down" to 86 proof by the state agency.

The valuation breakdown is this way: the whisky and the 14 hogheads, \$397.19; import duty, \$101.43; internal revenue tax, \$750.02.

The FBI has been trying to pick up the scent.

CLEANUP JOB AWARDED PORTLAND (AP)—The Army Engineers Friday announced the award of a \$15,897 contract to the Oak Electric Co., Oakridge, for debris cleanup work at the Lookout Point Reservoir on the middle fork of the Willamette River.

1st Canal Tolls Paid By British

Egypt Jubilant, Predict End of Boycott

By WALTER LOGAN United Press Staff Correspondent

The British freighter West Breeze sailed through the Suez Canal today, the first British ship to do so since the invasion of last October. The Egyptian press was jubilant and predicted an early end to any Western boycott of the canal.

Jordan Bars Russ Nuns

The situation in Jordan quieted down for the moment, but the new anti-Communist policy of the Amman government had repercussions in Jerusalem today. Jordan border authorities refused to admit three Russian nuns because they carried Soviet passports.

Jordan opened the border to Russians only last Christmas, but balked at today's Easter pilgrims.

King Hussein of Jordan told United Press Correspondent Joe Morris earlier in an interview that his country would fight all "imperialism," avoid foreign pacts and steer clear of such imported dogmas as Communism. But he said Jordan would observe "positive neutrality"—the course advocated by Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia.

Pay as Nasser Demands

Banner headlines in Cairo newspaper said the West Breeze and the British freighter Poplar Hill had paid the Egyptian Suez Canal Authority as demanded by President Gamal Abdel Nasser.

The Egyptian authority announced in Port Said that the American President liner President Jackson would pass through the canal next Wednesday, the first American ship to do so. It said the \$2.77-tonn ship also would pay its tolls to Egypt.

Sen. Williams Says Treasury Spurs Rebate

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Williams (R-Dele.) says he has made several unsuccessful attempts to return to the Treasury \$1,508,260 he had left over from last year's stationery allowance.

The senator complains the treasury won't let him do it.

Williams said that in nine previous years, he has returned a total of \$5,788.87 in such unspent funds. But, he added, this time he bumped into a new treasury ruling that the money either (1) must be spent, or (2) the senator will be taxed on the unspent portion, even if it is left in the Treasury.

The Delaware lawmaker, in that session of the Senate of his troubles Thursday, said he has asked Comptroller General Campbell for a solution.

Williams said last June he directed the financial clerk of the senate to return to the treasury the amount left over from his stationery allowance for the fiscal year ended last June 30.

The senator then learned of the new ruling.

Williams said he has been told he could avoid being taxed on the balance by ordering \$1,508 worth of stationery from the Senate stationery store, even though I do not need it, have it delivered to my office, and then call the truck and send it to the city dump.

"In that manner the government would be rid of the money, I would be happy, but not penally, and everybody, but the taxpayers would be happy."

Water Main Break Floods 2 Downtown Basements

Deluge Beautiful But Unwelcome Surprise



Here is the scene along Liberty street, looking south from Center, Thursday night when a fire hydrant broke down, causing hundreds of tons of water to flood several streets in the city center. Lights reflected in the water made the scene a beautiful one, but it caused confusion, damage, some monetary loss and left soaked debris in basements. The Otto J. Wilson Co., Nelson Bros. and Salem Credit Assn., bore the brunt of the debacle. (Capital Journal Photo)

Wilson, Nelson Businesses Damaged

By STEPHEN A. STONE Capital Journal Associate Editor

Basements of two downtown business buildings were left in a confusion of flooded debris, damaged stock and merchandise, with unestimated monetary loss, by a sudden flood that covered more than a block when a water hydrant burst Thursday night.

The break occurred about 7:30 at the northwest corner of North Liberty and Chemeketa streets. An old fire hydrant which workmen, replacing it with a new one, had left in a supposedly secure condition two hours and a half before, was the cause.

Taking the brunt of the flood that swirled inches deep over the surrounding area were the basements of the Otto J. Wilson Co., Buick agency at N. Commercial and Center, and the Nelson Plumbing Co. building at N. Liberty and Chemeketa.

Paper Stored In the Nelson building, in addition to company stock, was a large amount of paper stock of the Salem Credit Assn., which has offices on the top floor and occupied 1,000 square feet of storage space in the basement. It may have been the heaviest loser in a monetary way.

Liberty and Center streets ran full of water, overwhelming gutters and flooding sidewalks when the torrent of water was suddenly released. The flood reached Commercial, Court and other streets in the city center.

The flood was given impetus because the broken hydrant was on a main stem line from the reservoir on Rural Avenue, which exerted terrific pressure.

Pedestrians had to scurry to escape the water. Cars that happened to be in the vicinity washed through it, at places a hub deep. Other motorists were drawn to the scene.

Traffic Jam Created This created a traffic problem and police were hard put for an hour to keep it in control. On the street level the flood lasted about an hour and the streets were well cleared by 8:55.

What actually happened at the flood source was the breaking of a valve in an old hydrant stub. Men had been working on the replacement all day. The hydrant seemed to be secure, but the constant leak resulted in the collapse.

The flood was stopped by closing valves from Liberty to Center, and places of business on those streets were deprived of water service until midnight.

In the basement of the Nelson building were 25 or 30 large cartons of plumbing equipment. The cartons were destroyed and the equipment scattered. It will all have to be treated to prevent rust, but the monetary damage apparently is not serious.

More seriously damaged was the Salem Credit Assn. It had numerous cases of forms, receipt blanks and International Business Machine card stock stored in the Nelson basement. It is roughly estimated that this loss will run to \$2,000. Furniture and equipment damaged to the Credit Assn. was not serious.

Metal in Basement At the Otto J. Wilson Co., \$25,000 or \$30,000 worth of merchandise was stored in the basement. It was mostly metal. The serious (Continued on Page 5, Column 4)

Bush Pasture Clean-up Set For May 18th

May 18 has been set as the date of the community-wide effort to clean up Bush Pasture Park, Park Supt. Walter Wirth announced today.

Several groups have already volunteered their services to work in the park during the day and others may do so by contacting the city park department.

When it is determined how many people will be available to work on the project, a work schedule will be prepared, Wirth explained.

He said that city park, engineering and water department employees have volunteered to operate heavy equipment, such as trucks and bulldozers which will be used during the cleanup.

Move to clean up the park area and remove hazards in it was started by the Firemen's Auxiliary after three-year old Dana Parker was drowned in Pringle Creek near the park boundary. The Firemen's Auxiliary, since that time, has been contacting other groups in order to gain support for the project.

New Pentagon Research Boss To Resign Job

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Defense Wilson said Thursday Frank D. Newbury will resign as assistant secretary for research and engineering within a month.

Wilson told a reporter there has been no decision yet as to when the resignation will take effect, but that Newbury had told him he wanted to leave.

Newbury, 76 years old, only recently became head of Pentagon research and engineering in a reorganization that merged separate offices for research and development.

The appointment aroused concern in some scientific groups that an engineer-Newbury would give greater emphasis to that phase of his job than he would to research. Newbury has denied any bias and has said the merged office would continue defense research on a high level of activity.

The merging of the engineering and research offices at the Pentagon ended a three-year controversy over the boundary of responsibility between the two. Newbury contended that the engineering office, which he had headed since 1953, should have major authority over weapons development.

Kazer Found Guilty In Gambling Trial

PORTLAND (AP)—David Kazer, 41, one of four men arrested in vice raids April 6, was convicted in municipal court Thursday of keeping a gambling house.

A 180-day sentence was imposed, but Kazer gave notice of intent to appeal. Bond was set at \$500.

The other three, also facing gambling charges, are to come to trial later. The raids were in the Williams Ave. district of Portland.

SHelly's BOY FRIEND Actor Jailed After Assault on Photog

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—A kicking, screaming Anthony Franciosa, actor fiance of actress Shelly Winters, was jailed today after he flew into a rage and struck at a newspaper photographer as he was leaving Superior Court.

Franciosa and Miss Winters appeared in court in an unsuccessful attempt to bid on an \$86,000 Beverly Hills home.

The actress, wearing no makeup and dressed in a dark suit, refused to pose for photographers and when Herald-Express photographer Bill Walker ran after the couple to snap a picture Franciosa shouted and jumped, kicking at Walker and striking the camera.

Reporters pulled Franciosa away and held him until deputy marshals threw Franciosa to the ground and snapped on handcuffs.

"Please don't do this anymore, darling, please," Miss Winters pleaded. She said Franciosa had a divorce "coming up today" in Reno.

Franciosa was held in the court of Superior Judge Burnett Wolfson until police officers arrived and escorted him to jail. Judge Wolfson pleaded with Franciosa to be calm.

Several times during the fracas Franciosa demanded, "What right have you to do this to us? We're citizens."

Miss Winters said they had been told there would be no publicity about their court appearance.

Franciosa has been a top Broadway actor in such hit plays as "A Half of a Heart" where he met Miss Winters.

Recently the actor was imported to Hollywood and is predicted for movie stardom.

He and Miss Winters plan to marry as soon as possible following his divorce.

Rain Forecast Easter Sunday

You'll have to be philosophical about it all.

There's likely to be some rain, come Easter Sunday.

Five-day forecast issued from the weather bureau Friday morning says rainy periods are due, to occur mostly Friday, Sunday and Wednesday, and temperatures are expected to average below normal.

Three inches of new snow was reported on Santiam and Willamette Passes this morning, and the same amount at Timberline and Government Camp. The highway commission says chains are not needed, but warning is given to watch out for frozen slush east of the summits.

ICC Asked to Grant Parcel Post Increase

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Post Office Department Friday asked the Interstate Commerce Commission for authority to raise parcel post rates by about \$4,300,000 a year.

The petition estimated the parcel service is losing that amount annually, and said Postmaster General Summerfield will shortly submit specific proposals on how to apply the hikes.

Authority was also sought to make such changes in the regulations covering zones, weights and parcel size as may be deemed necessary in connection with the rate revisions.

Abe Goff, the Department's general counsel, filed the petition. He noted that under a 1951 law, the department cannot withdraw its appropriated funds for any purpose unless parcel post is on a self-supporting basis, or showing can be made that the ICC has been asked for rate adjustments which will cover operating costs.

Parcel post or fourth class mail rates and regulations are made by the postmaster general with the "consent" of ICC.

Bids Called on Santiam Bridge

The Oregon Highway Commission called for bids Friday on construction of a steel arch bridge on the Pacific Highway over the Santiam River, 9 miles north of Albany.

The bridge, which will parallel the existing bridge, is part of the construction of a second highway alongside the existing route between Salem and Albany.

One highway will be used for northbound traffic, and the other for southbound traffic.

The bridge will be 910 feet long. Bids will be opened in Portland, May 17.

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 56; minimum today, 43. Total 24-hour precipitation: trace, for month: 1.11; normal, 1.58. Season precipitation, 29.91; normal, 35.12. River height, 2.5 feet. (Report by U. S. Weather Bureau.)

He Was Here

Barbed wire and bitterness today prevent anyone from retracing Christ's steps from the Upper Room to the Mount of Olives. But the ancient observance of Easter ceremonies still continues in Jerusalem. You can read about them in the last of the Holy Week series on famous sites of Palestine appearing on Page 16, Sec. 2.

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