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Generally fair tonight with increasing cloudiness on Sunday. Lows tonight 10-15. Highs tomorrow, 40-45.

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Wife slaying brings life to Thompson

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (UPI)—Deputies hustled criminal attorney T. Eugene Thompson off to prison today to start serving a life sentence at hard labor for masterminding the slaying of his wife for more than \$1 million insurance.

Authorities apparently hoped to get the suave, 35-year-old Thompson behind bars at Stillwater State Prison before his lawyers can file an appeal, which will be Monday at the earliest.

Thus Thompson will change his high-priced suits for prison dungarees less than 24 hours after six men and six women found him guilty of conspiring to have his wife, Carol, murdered.

And in so doing the one-time farm boy's promising and already high-paying career fell into ruin for at least 17 years and four months—when he will be eligible for parole—unless the appeal should upset the verdict.

Thompson's brunette paramour Mrs. Jacqueline Olesen, 27, opened the door of her apartment only far enough to tell reporters they would have to see her attorney for any statement.

Thompson's four children, Jeffrey, 14, Patricia, 12, Marjorie, 10, and Amy, 7, apparently will go to live with his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Besche. The Besches have a 700-acre farm near Blue Earth, Minn.

Prosecutor William B. Randall made plans to proceed with murder trials for two other persons in the case.

He said he was ready to try Norman J. Mastrian, 40, former prize fighter and one-time college classmate of Gene and Carol Thompson and in more recent days a law client of the defendant.

And after that it will be Dick W. C. Anderson, 35, a decorated Korean veteran who became a sometime salesman and a continuous hard-drinker later. The jury foreman told questioners Thompson's affair with Mrs. Olesen, then a divorcee, did not have much to do with the verdict. He indicated the primary reason for the slaying was the \$1 million in insurance Thompson had purchased on his wife.

Hit-and-run victim dies

Mrs. Margaret Frederick, 43, 686 N. Alder, Burns, died Friday at St. Charles Memorial Hospital, from injuries suffered when she was struck by a car last Sunday at Alfalfa junction. She was the victim of a hit-and-run driver. She had stepped out of her husband's stalled car, and into the eastbound lane.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p.m., at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, in Lakeview. Burial will be in Sunset Cemetery there.

Mrs. Frederick was born July 17, 1920, in Lyman, Wyo. She was a charter member of the VFW Auxiliary in Lakeview. She had lived in Burns six years.

She is survived by her husband, Henry, of Burns, and four children: Mrs. Clair Bodily, Provo, Utah, and Charlene, Jim and Larry, at home. There are six brothers: Richard Gingell, Ely, Nevada; Steven Gingell, Prineville, and the following in California: Jack Gingell, Covella; William Gingell and Louis Gingell, Loomis; Larry, Auburn.

There are five sisters: her twin, Mrs. Marjorie Batman, and Mrs. Vivian Smith, both of Lakeview; Mrs. Barbara Lewis, Prineville; Mrs. Agnes Anderson, Evanston, Wyo., and Mrs. Mary Tollman, Burley, Idaho.

The Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Paar to quit weekly show

NEW YORK (UPI)—NBC officials said this week they hoped to dissuade television personality Jack Paar from quitting his weekly Friday night show.

Paar announced his resignation Thursday, apparently over his dissatisfaction with the network's decision not to expand his show from one hour to 90 minutes. Paar said his decision was "irrevocable."



JOY TO BRUINS—Things were really looking up for the Bend High School Lava Bears over at Prineville last night when the Bruins picked up a 72-43 basketball victory. This new sports enthusiasm seems to have captured rally girls, Kathy LeBlanc, left, and Vicki White, right. Kathy is a junior, Vicki a senior.

No absolute protection seen for president

NEW YORK (UPI)—Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower said today "there could be no absolute protection against" an assassin who is "determined" to kill a president.

Eisenhower, noting that he received an average of 250 "crackpot" letters weekly while in office, said he "thought it realistic to assume that my safety was largely out of my hands."

"... If a determined individual was willing to die to accomplish his purpose, there could be no absolute protection against him," Eisenhower said in an article in the Saturday Evening Post.

Eisenhower also urged that succession to the presidency be changed to keep the administration "heading in the same political direction" in the event of an emergency.

Eisenhower said the present line from the president, vice president, to the speaker of the House, president pro tempore of the Senate and then to the cabinet is illogical.

The former chief executive said he preferred a previous system that called for the secretary of state and other cabinet members to follow the vice president in line of succession. This was the law prior to 1947.

"I believe that the earlier order of succession is a more logical one which would keep the presidency heading in the same political direction until the electorate has an opportunity to make its further wishes known," Eisenhower said.

When Lyndon B. Johnson became president House Speaker John McCormack 72, and Sen. Carl Hayden, D-Ariz., 85, became next in line respectively to succeed to the presidency.

Druggists seek legal opinion

By United Press International
President Jim Mead of the Portland Retail Druggists Association said this week he will seek a legal opinion on whether druggists can write off unpaid claims against the State Welfare Commission as bad debts for tax purposes.

The Welfare Commission recently cut reimbursements to druggists to about 65 cents on the dollar because of a shortage of funds.

Mead said he was uncertain what the tax status of the losses would be because there was no written contract with the commission, but he added, "we had a gentleman's agreement about payments."

Meanwhile, some Lane County druggists reportedly were charging persons on welfare one-third of the cost of their prescriptions to make up for the reduced state payments.

Oregon OEA votes to back move for state sales tax

PORTLAND (UPI)—The Oregon Education Association voted Friday to support a state sales tax with the money to be earmarked for education. The organization said it would initiate the measure, if necessary.

The action came at a meeting of about 200 delegates to the OEA's Representative Council.

There were estimates it might cost as much as \$74,000 to run the initiative campaign.

The council also voted to resist any attempts by school boards to lower teacher salaries as a result of voter defeat of the legislature's tax bill Oct. 15.

Some school district budgets are expected to be cut as much as 25 per cent next year because of an anticipated \$12 million slash in the \$141 million state aid to education fund for the next biennium.

Another motion to have the OEA take action if teacher increment raises are withheld next year was defeated. The OEA also reaffirmed its stand against a merit raise plan for teachers and spoke out for a teacher starting minimum of \$6,000 yearly with a \$13,000 top after ten years.

Federal government rests case in trial of 7 land developers

PENDLETON (UPI)—The federal government rested its case Friday in the trial of seven men charged with mail fraud and conspiracy in connection with the Lake Valley land development project.

The defense will open its case Monday in federal court here.

The federal indictment issued against the Harney County Land Development Corp. charges the defendants with promoting desert land with misleading brochures and newspaper advertising.

The 6,919-acre Lake Valley tract is 22 miles south of Burns.

The defendants are Abraham Koolish, 70, and his son, David F. 43, Both of Winnetka, Ill.; John Milton Phillips Jr., 38, Evanston, Ill.; Jack Cecil Chero, 37, Chicago; Richard Dale Walker, 49, Los Angeles; George Edward Isaacs, 30, Glendale, Calif.; and Maurice Arthur Hall, 39, Beverly Hills, Calif.

The prosecution sought to discredit the desirability of the area with a parade of witnesses who testified on the area's agricultural potential, recreational

Plane crash claims three Friday night

ESTACADA, Ore. (UPI)—Three men were killed when their twin-engine plane crashed in an open field about 10 miles north of here Friday night.

The aircraft, a four-place Cessna 310, was on a training flight from the Skyways, Inc., flying school at Troutdale.

The victims were William A. Smith, 31, Portland, an instructor for Skyways; Harry Sank, 35, Anchorage, Alaska, a private pilot who was being checked out for a commercial license, and Charles N. Gates, 38, Troutdale, manager of Skyways' flight division who was along as a passenger.

Racial angle again enters in testimony

EVREUX, France (UPI)—An American Negro soldier said a barracks brawl in which a white airman was killed started after two Negro soldiers entered the airman's barracks to discuss racial incidents in Alabama, a courtmartial was told today.

Pfc. Raymond C. Bost, Pittsburgh, one of two soldiers accused of unpremeditated murder and assault, made the statement a few hours after the fight in his barracks, the court was told.

Accused with Bost of the murder of Airman I.C. Robert Padgett of Woodlawn, Va., is Pfc. Robert Burrell, Philadelphia. Padgett died a few hours after the fight in his barracks.

They face a maximum penalty of life imprisonment.

Read in Court

The statement, prepared by Bost for the investigation officers, was read to the court. In it Bost admitted drinking heavily the night of the incident and, after discussing Alabama with soldiers in his own barracks, he and another colored soldier crossed to the airman's barracks.

He said they wanted to see if the airman were concerned with what was happening in Alabama.

Bost said he was drunk and remembered little of finding himself in the hallway of the Air Force barracks.

Lying on Floor

He said later he saw a man lying on the floor. Bost and Burrell and four other defendants, who will be tried later, have been accused by the prosecution of attacking the airman with pipes and sticks.

The defense has attempted to show that racism led to the incident Sept. 5. But the majority of the more than 20 witnesses have denied this.

Earlier, the courtmartial received medical evidence that Padgett may have died from an injury suffered in a hospital.

Medical authorities testified Friday that, although Padgett died of a fractured skull and a blood clot on the brain, only superficial injuries were diagnosed when he first entered the hospital following the fight.

Hit with Bar

It had been believed that Padgett was hit over the head with a steel bar during the brawl, but evidence was introduced Friday to show he also fell out of his hospital bed.

An orderly told the court he found Padgett lying on the floor beside his bed. The airman died about 50 minutes later, the orderly testified.

A rail had been set up on one side of Padgett's bed because he was thrashing around. The other side of the bed was against a wall, but the orderly said the bed had been pushed away from the wall when he found Padgett.

Other airman and medical authorities have testified that Padgett had been drinking before the fight broke out.

Earlier testimony indicated that when Padgett was brought to the hospital, X-rays showed no sign of a fractured skull.

POLICE BOOK SAMARITAN

SAN JOSE, Calif. (UPI)—David Manuel Tapia, 19, visited the Santa Clara County Jail Thursday night to bail out a friend arrested for a traffic violation.

The friend went free, but Tapia stayed after detectives discovered he was wanted and booked him on a misdemeanor narcotics charge, investigation of armed robbery and six traffic citations.

For eucharistic congress

VATICAN CITY (UPI)—Pope Paul VI will attend a eucharistic congress next fall in Bombay, India, if his pilgrimage to the Holy Land next month "goes well," high Vatican sources said today.

"So far, no final decision has been made, but if the trip to the Holy Land goes well the Holy Father will go to Bombay," the sources said.

The pontiff makes his "peace pilgrimage" to the Holy Land, the birthplace of Christianity, Jan. 4-6. It is the first time since Pope John XXIII that he has

been to the places where Christ was born, lived, died and was resurrected, and the first time since 1812 that a pontiff has left Italy.

E. Germans set too high a price for yule visits

Johnson adopts HST custom, takes brisk morning walk

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson today adopted a custom made familiar by former President Harry S. Truman—the morning walk.

Johnson strode briskly through the streets near his home in northwest Washington before getting into his car and driving to the White House for a day of conferences with aides. No formal appointments were on his agenda.

The Chief Executive surprised his police motorcycle escort and perhaps the Secret Service agents who guard him when he walked out of the driveway of his home, and proceeded down the middle of 52nd St., N.W.

Three agents formed an escort and he walked with long strides through the neighborhood, still quiet as neighbors apparently were sleeping in on a cool Saturday morning.

His limousine, the Secret Service car and two other cars in the motorcade followed slowly behind him, along with the police motorcycle escort.

The sun was bright but the weather was near freezing. An aide told the President it was 34 degrees. But Johnson was hatless and wore no gloves. And he wore only a cotton raincoat over his suit.

This was reminiscent of Truman who regularly took a long walk before starting his work day at the White House. He still insists on his morning stroll, whether he's at home in Independence, Mo., or elsewhere.

The President usually has come out of his house very quickly and sped away to the White House, about 6 1/2 miles away. This he will not be doing for very long. The new First Family plans to move into the mansion beginning this week end. Mrs. John F. Kennedy moved out Friday.

Press Secretary Pierre Salinger said Johnson will fly to New York City Sunday to attend the funeral of former Sen. Herbert H. Lehman, D-N.Y., who died of a heart attack.

Johnson will attend the funeral service only, Salinger said, and not the burial which will be private. This will be Johnson's first trip outside Washington since he took office.

Salinger said the President was "inviting a number of people to fly with him" but no list was immediately available.

The Chief Executive wound up one of his lightest work days Friday in the two weeks since the assassination of President Kennedy.

He spent one hour conferring with Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara, and other top military and diplomatic aides. The group discussed defense problems, including the plan to set up a multi-lateral naval force among the NATO nations.

Officers named by Pioneers
Antone Fossen was elected president of the Deschutes Pioneers Association, at the annual meeting Friday night. He will succeed D. Ray Miller in the office.

Also elected to offices were Cecil Moore, vice-president; Mrs. Dean Wosner, secretary, and Mrs. Edith Hollinshead, treasurer. Harold Hunsell was added to the board of trustees.

Installation will be at the annual dinner meeting, January 18. It will be held this time at the Masonic Temple.

A secret committee of three will select a queen for 1964. Her identity will be revealed during a coronation ceremony at the dinner meeting.

Meeting set by Democrats

Members of the Deschutes County Democratic Central Committee will hold a brief meeting at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Superior Cafe.

Only business that will come before the group will be casting of a ballot to recommend a rural route carrier for a vacancy at the Bend post office.

Al Weeks, chairman of the committee, said that Howard Morgan had been scheduled as a speaker, but in view of the moratorium on politics during the 30 days mourning period for the late President John F. Kennedy, this program has been rescheduled for January 12.

Brandt says 2 conditions unacceptable

BERLIN (UPI)—The East German Communist government set a price today that apparently is too high for the West to consider letting West Berliners visit East Berlin for Christmas.

The East German press office announced that East Germany is ready to allow West Berliners to cross the Red-Bull anti-refugee wall between Dec. 15 and Jan. 5.

But it said West Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt must negotiate with East German Deputy Premier Alexander Abusch and that offices to issue passes for visits to the East must be opened in West Berlin.

Both of these conditions have been declared unacceptable to the West.

Hopes Dashed
The Eastern announcement and the Western reaction to it dashed hopes that West Berliners would be able to spend Christmas with their friends and relations in East Berlin for the first time since the wall went up on Aug. 13, 1961.

West Berlin officials said the Communist proposal was not acceptable and there was no reason to hope that Christmas would bring a reunion of families split by the wall.

The city government had warned West Berliners earlier against raising their hopes too high that the wall might be opened for Christmas.

A West Berlin spokesman said the issue would depend on whether the East Germans attempted to exercise sovereignty in West Berlin.

Entering Wedge
The conditions set by the East German Communists indicated clearly they wanted to use the issuance of passes as an entering wedge for recognition by the West.

Mayor Willy Brandt, in a statement today, said it was regrettable that an official announcement Friday night created the false impression that West Berliners had considered the announcement a wonderful Christmas present.

City officials said today that the East German government in fact has announced its willingness to issue passes to West Berliners during a three week period. They added that everything depends on how and where the passes will be issued.

They said the Communists will not be allowed to open offices in West Berlin, a maneuver they attempted shortly after the wall went up. The maneuver was considered an East German attempt to win recognition.

At Crossing Points
The city government wants the East Germans to issue the passes at crossing points in the wall. Authorities said the question will be decided during regularly scheduled talks between East and West German trade officials.

Foreigners and West Germans are permitted to cross the wall. But West Berliners are not and many East Berliners have been shot trying to sneak through.

Dispute erupts over elm tree

PORTLAND (UPI)—Portland's 63-year-old Flanders Street elm must go, say city fathers.

No so, say tree lovers led by architect Lewis Crutcher.

The City Council voted 3-2 this week to condemn the old tree, which was planted at NW Flanders and 23rd in 1900.

City Engineer L. H. Rosenthal said the elm's roots had ripped up 100 feet of sewer line and caused \$1,800 worth of damage.