

Rainfall Above Normal for Past Year, Weatherman Says

As weather goes, last year was about as near normal as possible, with the exception of more precipitation than usual, according to the annual meteorological summary for Medford released by the local U. S. weather bureau.

Mean maximum temperature for the year was 67.7 degrees; mean minimum, 41.1 degrees; and mean monthly 54.7 degrees, as compared with a normal mean yearly temperature of 67.1 degrees; minimum, 40.5 degrees and monthly 43.9 degrees. Highest temperature for 1945 was 101 degrees June 19 and August 21; highest recorded since 1911 was 110 degrees on July 16, 1911. Low temperature for the year was 16 degrees on December 14, which compares with a minus 10 degrees, recorded December 13, 1919.

Rain In Excess
Precipitation recorded for the year measured 25.20 inches, an excess from the 17.62 inches yearly normal of 7.58 inches. Greatest amount of rainfall to be recorded in any 24-hour period was 2.05 inches in December. In January of 1943, 3.17 inches of rain fell in the valley within 24 hours.

Snowfall for the year was light with only .4 inch recorded, that falling on December 15. Traces of snow fell during February, March, April and November. Normal yearly snowfall for Medford is 6.4 inches.

Short of Sunshine
The year proved to be slightly short of sunshine as there were 112 clear days, 69 partly cloudy and 184 which were entirely cloudy. Normally there are 128 clear days throughout the year, 83 partly cloudy and 154 cloudy days. Measurable precipitation of .01 inch or more was recorded on 118 days, in comparison with a normal of 98.

Average date of the last killing frost in spring is May 1 and average for first killing frost in autumn is October 17.

Monthly or annual weather summaries are available upon request, according to R. D. Church of the local bureau.

CRUELTY FOUND IN VETS HOSPITALS

Washington, March 1—(U.P.)—A congressional investigating committee revealed today that it had uncovered "some cases of beatings and mistreatment in certain veterans hospitals."

It did not say when or where the beatings took place, but the fact its investigation was completed last September indicated they occurred before Gen. Omar N. Bradley succeeded Brig. Gen. Frank Hines as veterans administrator last fall.

The report, prepared by a house veterans subcommittee, attributed some of the early beatings to the army's war-time practice of assigning "conscientious objectors and negro troops" to some hospitals. And at the beginning of the war, it said, these hospitals were staffed by many "undesirable, incompetent and incompatible" physicians.

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ABORTION MILL CLAIMED RUN BY SOCIETY DOCTOR

Seattle, March 1—(U.P.)—Operation of a streamlined abortion factory, conducted in an elaborate, "crib-equipped" suite in this city's most fashionable physicians' office building, was made public today by the prosecuting attorney's office, following the arrest on charges alleging abortion of one of Seattle's most prominent "society" physicians.

Dr. Earl Francis Ristine, 63, a resident of Sheridan Beach, an exclusive Seattle residential area on Lake Washington, was taken into custody late yesterday by raiding officers, who found five women sleeping off the effects of anesthesia in separate ante-rooms in the suite, said J. Edmund Quigley, chief criminal deputy prosecuting attorney.

Abortions Admitted
"All five admitted illegal operations had been performed upon them during the afternoon and one positively identified Dr. Ristine as having done her abortion," Quigley said.

Raiding officers also seized quantities of surgical instruments, allegedly used in performing the abortions, and arrested for investigation by the prosecuting attorney a nurse identified as Mrs. Lenna Swift Grask /ale, 40, Quigley said.

Dr. Ristine denied that he had performed an illegal operation, and said "see my attorney" when newsmen asked him for comment on charges.

WIFE TESTIFIES AT HIRT TRIAL

Hamilton Field, Cal., March 1—(U.P.)—Mrs. Jean Hirt, testifying at the espionage conspiracy court martial trial of her husband, S/Sgt. Frank Hirt, denied today that he had ever shown pro-Nazi inclinations.

Composed and calm, Mrs. Hirt, a Fresno-born brunette, outlined her married life with the 31-year-old defendant under questioning by Defense Counsel Major Richard Whitaker, of Ann Arbor, Mich.

"Did your husband ever indicate that he was pro-Nazi and did he ever make any statement against the American form of government?" asked Whitaker. "No, he never did," Mrs. Hirt responded in a vehement, husky voice.

Hirt, through his counsel, announced meanwhile that he will make an unsworn statement from the witness stand in connection with the charge that he conspired to commit espionage in behalf of Germany while he was a U. S. army air force mechanic. He said he would "remain silent" on a supplementary charge of giving false witness to a government agent.

SAILOR JAILED FOR CAR THEFT

Thomas H. Kent, 24, on navy leave in the valley, was jailed by city police last night after stealing a 1937 sedan belonging to Victor Robb, 737 West 14th street, from Lewis' Super-service station, Eighth and Front streets, police reported today.

Kent, who police said was intoxicated at the time, took Robb's car following an argument with a taxi-driver over taxi fare, and was found in the vehicle at about 11:30 p. m. parked on East Ninth street, officers said.

Kent has been turned over to local naval authorities.

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Cambridge, Mass., March 1—(U.P.)—Doubling-up of young married couples with their in-laws during the housing shortage will shoot the nation's divorce rate skyward in the next five years, Harvard Sociologist Carl C. Zimmerman predicted today.

It's a case of too many cooks spoiling the family broth, as Prof. Zimmerman sees it. "Getting along in married life is tough enough without having others listen in or butt in on quarrels and disagreements," he said in an interview. "In a world that looks upon divorce as an easy and honorable remedy for marital ills, we may expect a tremendous upsurge of divorces as the immediate result of doubling-up."

"The present rate of 275 divorces in every 1,000 marriages is high, but it will go much higher before 1951."

LACK OF HOUSING UPS DIVORCE RATE

Visitors welcomed were Mr. and Mrs. Brown, and Mrs. Sturgill of Griffin Creek Grange. It was voted to have a joint meeting with Jacksonville Grange March 12. All members are asked to meet at the hall. Transportation will be provided for those that do not have same.

Living Memorial To Honor War Dead At Gold Hill Is Plan

Gold Hill, March 1—Formal dedication ceremonies of a living memorial to this city's war dead will occur some time in April according to Mrs. W. C. McLean, chairman of a general community committee for the project.

Planting of a redwood tree on the city hall lawn as a part of the memorial was accomplished a month ago. A granite marker with plaque will be placed by the tree. The project was initiated by the Garden club but now all civic and social groups are taking part.

Dead of all wars will be honored. On the committee in addition to Mrs. McLean who represents the Garden club are: Paul Thompson, Harry Newnam and H. D. Force, IOOF; Mrs. Don Ferguson, Rebekahs; Mrs. Marie Christensen, Grange; Mrs. Arthur Boye, Health Unit.

Nearly half of Florida's 50 million box orange crop will be of a late variety whose shipping season extends into the California valencia's season.

The Grange
Phoenix Grange observed its 15th birthday February 26 with a covered dish supper for grangers and families. The 13 charter members present were seated at a special table.

Lecture hour was presented by the dramatics committee, under direction of Myrtle Ferns, chairman. Tableaus depicting February holidays were presented as follows: Lincoln's birthday, Al Schroeder; Valentine day, Gayleen Schroeder; Washington's birthday, T. V. Williams, and Gordon Caster. Readings proceeding each tableau were: Gettysburg Address, Vaughn Quackenbush; Lincoln's Story, Chet Parker; valentine poem, Myrtle Ferns; the story of cutting the cherry tree, J. W. Fish.

Balloting was favorable for Mr. and Mrs. Orville Gunn, whose names were referred to the candidate committee at the previous meeting.

Agricultural committee reported first class grain hard to obtain, but plenty of second class grain on the market.

Home economics and the recreation committees announced another dance March 9.

Florence Drake was appointed historian to write the history

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KAISER IN FAVOR KEEPING CONTROL OVER PRICE RANGE

Washington, March 1—(U.P.)—Henry J. Kaiser, one of the nation's leading industrialists, went down the line today in favor of continued price control.

But, he said, production is the real answer to the threat of inflation and the way to achieve it is for everyone "to stop bickering and go to work."

Kaiser told the House Banking committee it should not only extend the price control law after its June 30 expiration, but should support reinstatement of the war-time system of allocating materials.

The bald, chunky head of 25 industries and 50 operating plants cited difficulties encountered by his interests in getting materials, especially aluminum and steel.

As a result of this "alarming situation," Kaiser said, his organization has asked Chester Bowles, newly-appointed economic stabilizer, to consider "such allocation of steel as would be fair and equitable for all producers."

The average road locomotive in the United States has approximately one mile of tubing in its boiler.

WARNER, NORTMAN, GORE CORPORATION DISSOLVED

The corporation of Warner, Nortman and Gore has been dissolved, according to papers filed at the State Capitol building in Salem.

E. E. Gore, 116 Geneva street, said today he had purchased all stock of the corporation and ordered its dissolution. The corporation was formed in August, 1908, and the partners operated a grocery store and meat market at 307-309 East Main street here until 1925. Since that time the

business has consisted only of rentals, Gore said.

U. S. orange production is increasing rapidly; for every two oranges sold in 1940, three must be sold in 1950.

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