

Weather

FORECAST: Fair through Wednesday, with slowly rising temperatures. Low tonight 23; high Wednesday 55.

Temp.

Highest Yesterday 44

Lowest this Morning 19

Free. to 4:30 a.m. Today 33

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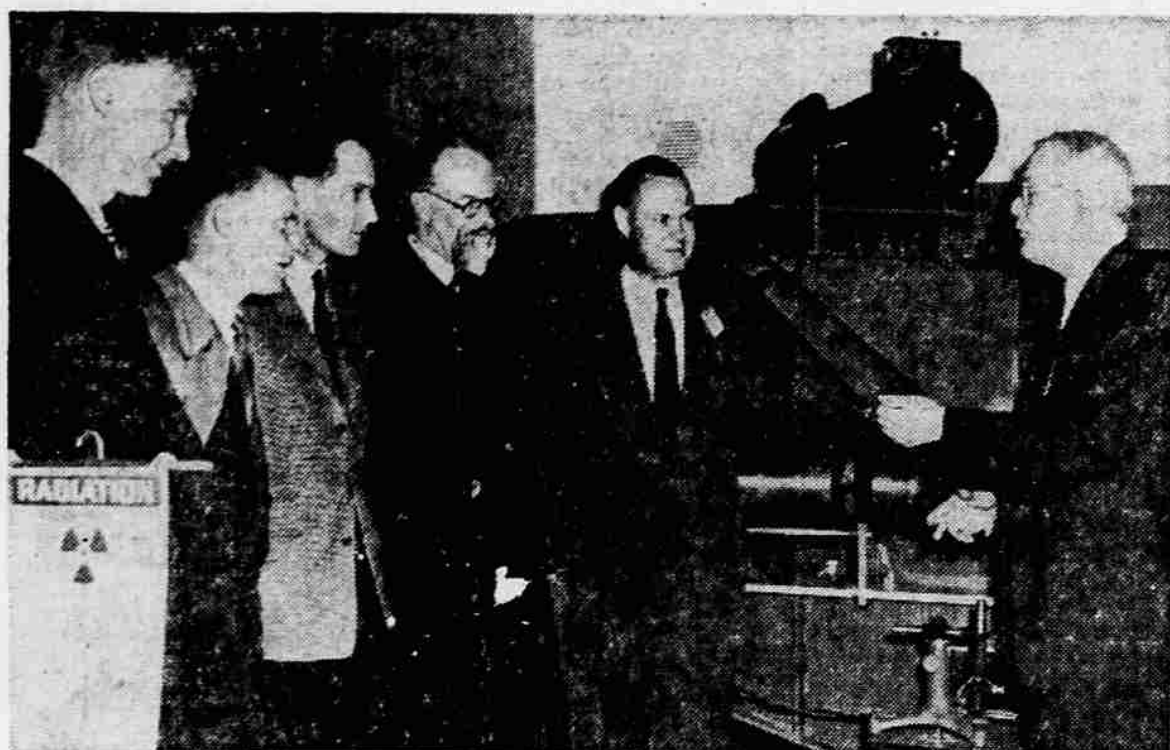
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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL—Under President Eisenhower's atoms-for-peace program, 31 students from 19 foreign nations will take seven-month course in school at Argonne National Laboratory of AEC at Lemont, Ill. In group above are (left to right): Allan Wilson, Australia; Marcel Poskin and Pierre Jean Marien, Belgium; Ambassador Morehead Patterson, U. S. representative for international atomic energy negotiations; Dr. Kenneth Davis and Dr. Norman Hilberry, associate directors of new school.

Part of Annexation Plan for City Due At Council Session

Parts of an overall annexation plan for the city of Medford and its fringe areas will be presented to the city council this evening by Mayor Earl Miller, he said this morning.

The program he will outline will have particular reference to south and southwest Medford, the mayor said.

Annexation also was a subject of discussion last night at a regular meeting of the city planning commission.

Items on the agenda at that meeting included a letter requesting annexation of Douglas addition, at the west end of Mt. Pitt and Columbus aces. The planning commission recommended to the city council that Douglas addition be annexed subject to regulations set forth by the city.

Tentative Approval

The commission also gave tentative approval to a plat for Pioneer subdivision, addition No. 1, which is west of Oak Grove school and north of Perrydale ave. The plat was presented for commission approval by William von der Hellen.

The final plat of Wilson Park subdivision, south of Stewart ave., also was submitted to the commission, which approved it.

In other action, the commission recommended to the city council that vacation of D'Anjou st., from Spruce st. to Cherry st., be denied. This move was made after several protests to the vacation were heard.

Other business scheduled to come before the city council tonight includes consideration of leases at the airport, sale of surplus city police department equipment, several requests for paving, and other minor items.

School Vacations Slated This Week

Medford public schools and those in four other districts will close their doors Thursday and Friday for spring vacation, according to the county school superintendent's office.

Thirteen other districts started spring vacation yesterday, and Talent's spring vacation will start tomorrow. Classes will be held as usual in all districts starting Monday morning.

Spring vacation for Howard and Elk-Trail schools is held in April.

Man 'Loans' Heart, Lungs To Give Girl Normal Life

Minneapolis, Minn. — (U.P.) — Penny Rae Raymond, a playful seven-year-old girl, "borrowed" the heart and lungs of a 41-year-old man today in a rare operation to give her a normal life.

Dr. C. Walton Lillehei and a team of surgeons at the University of Minnesota were to sew up two small holes in the little Waukesha, Wis., girl's heart.

Congestion Caused

The holes failed to close when Penny Rae was born and blood rushed through her heart into the main blood stream, causing congestion.

A friend of Penny Rae's family, Ted Goodman of Waukesha, lay on a nearby operating table as the operation began.

He was placed under an anesthetic and his circulatory system was connected with Penny Rae's through thin plastic tubes.

Valley's Cooperative Rain-Increasing Plan Now Under Way Here

The rain-increase program recently announced for the valley has started, it was reported today.

North American Weather Consultants, the Altadena, Calif., firm which has been retained by the California Oregon Power company during the winter to increase watershed snowfall, has moved 11 more ground generators into the area in an attempt to increase general valley-wide precipitation.

Cooperative Committee

The company, after April 1 and until June 15, will continue this operation on behalf of the Jackson County Rain Increase Committee, a cooperative organization supported by the three local irrigation districts, by Copco, and by members of fruit growers and shippers groups, cattlemen, and dry land farmers. Until March 31, it will be an expansion of Copco's winter operation.

The seeding is being done by silver iodide ground generators, and according to the legal notice published by the company, the area involved is bounded by a line starting at Butte Falls, going east to Pelican Butte, then south through Pinehurst to an intersection of the Oregon-California state line, west along the line to an intersection due south of Applegate, then north to Applegate, then through Gold Hill to an intersection due west of Butte Falls, then east to the starting point.

Important This Year

It is hoped that the silver iodide seeding will increase natural precipitation during the spring. This is particularly vital this year, those involved feel, because of the lack of rain and snow during the past winter, which has left a gloomy outlook for irrigation water during the summer. Seeding is performed when cloud conditions provide a rain potential.

Weather control attempts of one sort or another have been practically continuous in the Rogue valley since they were first started here in 1949. The first was anti-hail cloud seeding, using airplanes, with the objective of protecting tender pears during their development.

Other Projects

This program, sponsored by

fruit growers and shippers here, drew criticism from some dry land farmers who felt it had an adverse effect on rainfall. Later two other projects were tried, the Copco wintertime project to increase snowfall on areas from which the utility gets its hydroelectric water supplies, and the ground generator seeding during the summer for hail prevention.

The latter has been done by Water Resources Development Corporation, Denver, Colo. An evaluation of last summer's cloud-seeding by this firm is expected this week.

In legal advertising, this company has given notice of its intention of resuming the anti-hail project this summer.

It is reported that the two operations are being coordinated so that the best results for each type of program will be obtained.

Cuts in Oregon Budget Approved By Joint Group

Salem — (U.P.) — Budget cuts amounting to slightly less than a million dollars were approved today by the Joint Ways and Means committee, subject to revision if the current legislature passes measures affecting the departments involved that might call for more expenditures.

In most instances the cuts came after agreements were reached between ways and means subcommittees and department heads.

Cut Brings Debate

But a decrease of only \$794,400 recommended by a subcommittee in the budget of the valuation division of the State Tax commission brought the greatest amount of debate.

This budget request to carry the state by the tax commission on the reappraisal program in was \$1,033,169. This amount was reduced in the governor's budget to \$894,494. The subcommittee headed by Sen. Francis W. Ziegler (R-Corvallis) reduced the budget to \$886,905.

New Leasing Plan

The greatest part of \$388,176 cut made in the several divisions of the secretary of state's department were made possible through a new plan of leasing, instead of buying cars. Sen. Housell said. Under this plan cars are leased for \$30 a month, of which the employee pays \$15, with the car treated as the employee's personal vehicle.

Total of \$104,500 was cut from the Eastern Oregon state hospital budget of \$3,823,969 and \$25,000 from the Eastern Oregon Tuberculosis hospital budget of \$1,111,685.

19-Degree Temperature Record Low for March 15

The temperature dipped to 19 degrees this morning, making it the coldest reading for this date since 1923, when a low of 22 was recorded.

The forecast is for fair weather with slowly rising temperatures.

McCarthy's Conspiracy To End Probe of Peress

Ike's Blackout Order in Effect

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.), renewing an old feud that sparked last year's Army-McCarthy hearings, charged today that high administration officials "successfully conspired" to stop his investigation of former Army Maj. Irving Peress.

He also asserted that President Eisenhower signed a "blackout" order forbidding administration officials to talk about a Jan. 21, 1954, meeting. At the meeting, McCarthy said, representatives of the White House, the Army and the Justice Department mapped plans to block hearings on the Peress case and "start an investigation of McCarthy."

New Investigation of Case

McCarthy's charges came at the start of a new, Democratic controlled investigation of the Army's handling of the Peress case. He urged the Senate Investigating Subcommittee to question the administration officials present at the Jan. 21, 1954, meeting which figured prominently in the Army-McCarthy hearings.

The now celebrated meeting took place at the Justice Department. Present were Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell Jr., his deputy, William P. Rogers; Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., ambassador to the United Nations and parttime White House advisor; Presidential Assistant Sherman Adams; White House aide Gerald P. Morgan; and Army counsel John G. Adams.

Army Officers Called

First witness before the subcommittee was Maj. Floyd E. Van Sickle Jr., Army officer who first handled Peress' application for a commission. Seated beside Van Sickle were Wilbur M. Brucker, Defense Department general counsel, and three other lawyers from the Defense Department and the Army.

Before questioning of Van Sickle could begin, McCarthy demanded to know from Brucker whether the lips of Army witnesses before the subcommittee have been "unsealed" or whether the President's order is still in effect.

Order in Effect

Brucker testified. He told McCarthy his question was "loaded." He asserted that "no curtain has been lowered."

Then Brucker told McCarthy the President's order is "still in full force and effect." Witnesses, he said, however, have been urged to be "very frank."

The hearing opened on an other familiar echo of the Army-McCarthy battle during which Army Secretary Robert T. Stevens was accused of withholding a pertinent document.

This time it was Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) instead of McCarthy who accused Stevens of less than full cooperation in disclosing all about the Army career of Peress.

McClellan declared in an opening statement that he felt the subcommittee is entitled to the inspector general's report on Peress.

Aside from that, he said, the Army and the Defense Department had been cooperative in meeting other requests and making witnesses available.

Demurrer Overruled; Poirier Plea Slated

A demurrer in the case of Lee Poirier, Jacksonville, charged with practicing dentistry without a license, has been overruled by District Judge Rawles Moore, according to District Attorney Walter Nunley.

Poirier has been ordered to appear personally or through his attorney at 10 a.m. Saturday in district court to enter a plea to the charge.

The demurrer was overruled by Judge Moore yesterday after Poirier's attorney, O. H. Bengtson, failed to enter a brief on the demurrer prior to a deadline set by the court, court resources said.

Bulletin

Washington — (U.P.) — The Senate today rejected the Democratic compromise plan to reduce income taxes next year for low bracket taxpayers.

The vote was 50 to 44 against the tax cut.

Dulles Warns on Possible Use of Small Atomic Arms

Higher Income Tax Seen for Oregon In Committee Plan

Withholding Schedule Would Be Graduated

Salem — (U.P.) — Personal income taxes will be higher in Oregon and they'll be collected in a different manner beginning next January, if a plan tentatively approved in the House Tax Committee becomes law.

Employers in Oregon now withhold one per cent of an employee's wage for the state income tax, regardless of how much that employee earns. The committee has approved a plan whereby a graduated withholding schedule would be adopted. As earnings go up, the withholding percentage would go up, thus leaving a smaller balance that the taxpayer would have to pay in cash on April 15.

The committee rejected the federal plan of requiring estimates of anticipated income for all wage earners over \$5,000. They agreed that persons who get all their income in wages or salary should file returns only for the past year's earnings.

Farm Workers Included

Rep. Loran Stewart (R-Cottage Grove) ordered a bill drafted along the lines of one proposed by Rep. Walter J. Pearson (D-Portland) which would raise the minimum withholding tax from one to two per cent and include farm workers. There will be more significant changes in the way corporations taxes are collected. Under the committee's plan, corporations would pay their taxes in two, instead of the present four payments. Deadlines for these installments would fall in March and June so they would not conflict with federal tax deadlines. No estimates of anticipated revenue would be required for corporations.

Another revision in the tentative tax program to make up Oregon's looming money deficit was the change from a planned tobacco tax to a straight cigarette tax. Members agreed yesterday that a tax on tobacco other than cigarettes would be nearly impossible to enforce and collect. Abandoning the tobacco tax idea meant a lower expected revenue of \$6,700,000 per biennium from a two-cent tax on cigarettes as compared to \$7,000,000 from all types of tobacco.

Bonus Up Today

Topping the House calendar today was House joint resolution five, the measure introduced by Rep. Maurine Neuberger to pay a state bonus to veterans of the Korean conflict. The Joint Ways and Means Committee reported the bill to the floor with a recommendation that it be defeated. It would cost the state about \$11,000,000.

Also to be considered today was a bill relaxing present libel laws so that newspapers and radio stations which make inadvertent but libelous mistakes could be sued only for actual damages, and not punitive damages. The bill was held over from yesterday.

The Senate had several bills up for final action today, including a House joint memorial asking the legislatures of Washington, California, British Columbia and Alaska to join Oregon in conferring on a treaty draft regulating salmon fishing. An accompanying House joint resolution also up for final action today calls for an interim committee to co-operate with Washington, California, British Columbia and Alaska in drafting such a treaty to regulate salmon fishing.

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Grand Jury Called For Thursday Morning

The Jackson county grand jury has been summoned for 10 a.m. Thursday to consider indictment of Bernice H. (Tex) White, 37, of 228 Harly rd., Medford, according to District Attorney Walter Nunley.

White was indicted March 4 by the grand jury on a charge of first degree murder growing out of the death of Eugene Raymond Birk, 32, Phoenix, and White was scheduled to enter a plea to the charge last Saturday.

Nixon Says Party Can't Win Unless Ike is Candidate

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Vice-President Richard M. Nixon headed for Washington today after warning the Republican party that without President Eisenhower, it lacks the strength to elect a president.

"The party is not strong enough to elect a president," he said. "We have to have a man who is strong enough to elect the party. That is why we won in 1952 with such a man, Dwight D. Eisenhower."

Nixon spoke off the cuff before a gathering of 2500 Southern California Republicans yesterday. He left last night for Washington.

Three-Point Program

"President Eisenhower wants to build up the party so that the party can elect the candidate," Nixon said. He outlined a three point program designed by the President to bolster the party's power.

"The administration wishes to be humanitarian and liberal without being socialist."

"The government should not interfere where an individual can do the job better."

"The administration is honest and loyal and restored honesty and loyalty to government when it took over in 1952."

When questioned about his statement and its implications after the luncheon, Nixon commented:

"Well, of course, no one can tell the President to run." And, he added, "of course, we all hope he will run."

The speech immediately caused a furor in party ranks.

The vice-president's speech defended the administration's cut in the military budget. "We have new weapons requiring less personnel and less money and that is the reason why the President has been able to cut the budget. We are right now stronger than any potential enemy," Nixon said.

Washington — (U.P.) — Republicans split today over an assertion by Vice-President Richard M. Nixon that the party can't win in 1956 without President Eisenhower.

Republican leaders in Congress generally agreed that Mr. Eisenhower would be the "strongest" candidate they could offer next year. They expressed hope he will run for reelection.

But they differed on the idea that Mr. Eisenhower is the only man who could lead them to victory.

Martin, Capehart Disagree

House Republican Leader Joseph M. Martin of Massachusetts and Sen. Homer Capehart of Indiana disagreed. Martin said he hopes Mr. Eisenhower

Mail Box Vandalism Being Investigated

Approximately 50 mail boxes were destroyed or damaged in the area between Medford and Jacksonville last night, according to Postmaster Moore Hamilton. Some boxes within the city also were damaged, Hamilton said.

Most of the damage occurred along Stewart ave. and Bellingham lane, but reports were received throughout the area extending to Jacksonville. Some boxes were completely destroyed, some were carried away and others were knocked from their post, according to Hamilton, who said it was the worst case of rural mail box destruction ever reported to the Medford office. The postmaster said the destruction apparently occurred between 9 p.m. yesterday and 4 a.m. today.

Postal authorities and sheriff's deputies were investigating today and Hamilton stated that such vandalism is a federal offense.

The postmaster reminded boxholders that it is up to them to replace or repair the boxes and is not a post office responsibility.

Subscribers

To report improper or non-delivery of the Mail Tribune phone 2-6141 before 6:45 p.m. daily and 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

If regular delivery arrives shortly after you call please notify office thus eliminating special messenger service.

Red China Claimed Not Immune From Retaliatory Attack

Halting Finnish Tanker Contrary To US Policy

Washington — (U.P.) — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles served notice on would-be aggressors today that small tactical atomic weapons probably would be used if the United States becomes involved in serious military action anywhere.

He coupled this with a warning that Red China will not be immune from retaliatory attacks on military targets on its home grounds if it adopts a policy of open war.

Dulles also told a news conference that it would be contrary to U.S. policy to use the Seventh Fleet to halt the Finnish tanker Aruba, now en route to Red China with 13,000 tons of kerosene that could be used to fuel Communist jet fighter planes.

Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland said Saturday that, if other means fail, the Seventh Fleet should be used to stop the Aruba from reaching its destination.

In his first Washington news conference in two months, the much traveled secretary covered much of the same ground as in his speech to the nation last week. Highlights included:

1. It is possible that the Chinese Communists do not intend to abandon their aggressive intentions until stopped by superior resistance that could include tactical atomic weapons.

2. If a Chinese Communist attack on Nationalist-held Quemoy and Matsu islands just off the China coast is judged to be a preliminary to an attack on Formosa and the Pescadores, President Eisenhower probably would order U.S. reaction. So far, he said, the Communists are indicating their operations in the Formosa Straits are designed to conquer Formosa.

3. The United States favors renunciation of force in the Formosa problem but so far there is no evidence Red China would accept a cease fire.

4. The State Department is still studying when the controversial Yalta papers should be published. In the meantime, he said the papers are available to certain congressional committees for study if they want them.

Land Classification Hearing Held Today

About 15 landowners were present this morning at the courthouse as a public hearing on fire prevention tax assessments got under way. The hearing is being conducted by the Jackson County Land Classification committee.

Following the hearing, spot surveys will be conducted by the committee, or its representatives, to determine the proper classification of lands regarding which protests have been entered.

Classifications set up by the committee will be certified and submitted to the county assessor for inclusion in the tax rolls during the coming tax year.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York — (U.P.) — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrial 399.21 up 7.85; 20 railroads 145.90 up 3.38; 15 utilities 62.50 up 0.33; 65 stock 149.30 up 2.71.

Jacksonville Masonic Lodge Marking 100th Anniversary

Jacksonville — Warren Lodge No. 10, AF and AM, one of the oldest Masonic bodies in the Pacific Northwest, held its first meeting 100 years ago today.

The lodge, which was organized with 14 members in Jacksonville, has been meeting continuously since. The Masonic temple in Jacksonville is one of the oldest in the state.

T. McF.' First Master

Thomas McFadden Patton was the first master of the lodge. He was known to his contemporaries as "T. McF." and was here as a territorial prosecutor from the capital of the territory. (Oregon did not become a state until 1859, 97 years ago.)

He and his bride came to the valley on horseback, and she returned to the Willamette valley before the historic lodge meeting. He stayed over because of "Indian troubles" (whether it was active warfare, or legal matters involving Indians is unknown) until September.

Perhaps in Home

It is also unknown where the meeting was held, but it could have been in a Jacksonville residence.

The 100th anniversary of the lodge will be commemorated at a lodge session in Jacksonville May 14, when a number of high Masonic officials will visit here. Roger Westerfield is master of the lodge.