



TEMPORARY DROUGHT — Bureau of Reclamation officials are convinced that drought at Lake Mead, the Southwest's largest water and power storage reservoir, is temporary condition and that lake will fill up again. Water is 106 feet below normal, or the height of a 10-story building below the spillway shown to the right of the water outlet tower, the lowest level since it was bottled up behind Hoover Dam.

Eastern Oregon Hit by Severe Dust Storms; Crop Loss Heavy

By UNITED PRESS
High winds and dry soil were combined in Eastern Oregon and eastern Washington the latter part of this week, causing what some called the most severe dust storms in this wheat raising area since the drought of the early 1930s.

Winter Wheat Lost
Crop authorities estimate the easterly winds have blown out

more than 5000 acres of winter wheat and barley in Morrow, Gilliam and Umatilla counties in Oregon. The area will have to be reseeded.

No estimates of acreage were available for Washington wheat counties, but wind damage is widespread, according to the North Pacific Grain Growers association.

Morrow County Agent Nels

Anderson said the county has had dusty winds every day since the near-hurricane gale of Feb. 28. Ranchers have been instructed in blow control measures, he said, and were plowing cross-wind furrows at regular intervals.

Sid Seale, Gilliam county rancher said he'd been through the droughts of 1911 and the early 1930s, but he thought this winter was the driest he had seen.

Highway conditions in the area were hazardous because of the dust storms. The easterly winds brought cold air to western Oregon, providing Portland with an unseasonal silver thaw Friday and Saturday. Some power outages were caused by ice-laden trees falling into the lines, and traffic on the Columbia River highway was slow and slippery.

An optimistic note came from Union county, where heavy snow storms in the North Powder watershed greatly improved the farm outlook.

Irrigation District Managers Urging Use Of Runoff Water Now

Managers of the Medford and Talent irrigation districts joined with the county agent's office last week to urge orchardists to take advantage of runoff water now available in irrigation ditches of the area.

It was pointed out that because of the extremely dry winter, stored water will not be available in adequate quantities later in the summer. Runoff or "waste" water is now being picked up and put in ditches, and is available to irrigators. This is not charged against regular summer quotas of water for users of the two districts.

Deep Soils Dry
The county agent's office pointed out that although many soils are wet near the surface, two or three feet down the water content may be as low as 20

per cent of capacity. Filling up the soil now will give a better water reserve in the soil to help carry the trees over an anticipated dry summer, the statement said.

Saturated soils also have a tendency to reduce the extremes in temperature fluctuations, and may be expected to reduce the amount of orchard heating necessary.

Sprays Due Soon
The agent's office also said that pre-pink sprays for pear scab control can be expected to be necessary in about a week, depending on temperatures.

Only one orchard heating, and that one limited, has been necessary so far this season.

MOONCUSSING

Provincetown, Miss. — (U.P.) — "Mooncussing" was once an active means of livelihood in this historic Cape Cod town. The term was given to the practice of hanging out false lights on moonless nights and thus causing ships to run around on the beaches around Provincetown. The "mooncussers" would then strip the vessel of whatever valuables he could find.

Oregon Said Ready To Use Vaccine in Battle on Polio

Portland — (U.P.) — Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer, said Saturday Oregon is ready to use the new Salk polio vaccine if it is licensed by the federal government.

Final Report April 12
Plans are underway to inoculation of 84,410 first and second grade children if nation-wide evaluation studies prove the serum is effective. Final report on health records of 1,800,000 children who participated in the Salk trials throughout the country is expected April 12.

Although only first and second graders would be eligible for inoculation at Oregon school clinics, Dr. Erickson said manufacturers were expected to supply private physicians with vaccine to immunize others.

Must Be in School
For inoculation at school clinics a child must be enrolled in either the first or second grades of a public, private or parochial school this spring or must have served as an unvaccinated "control" in the field trials, Dr. Erickson said. A written request from parents or guardians will be necessary.

Vaccine at school clinics would be supplied free by the national polio foundation.

Church Leaders Protest Crime Fighter's Jailing

New Orleans — (U.P.) — Two churchmen Saturday protested the jailing of a crime fighter for refusing to tell a grand jury his sources of information used in investigation of alleged police corruption.

Plans for a "sympathy" demonstration gathered after Aaron Kohn, former FBI agent, began serving a 10 day sentence as the only person jailed in the investigation he himself conducted, although a number of others were indicted.

Canon William S. Turner of the Trinity Episcopal church said the jailing of Kohn for refusing to jeopardize the lives of his informants may "seriously hamper police investigative work throughout the nation."

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Barrington Studies On State Pay Setup Slated for Revision

BY WILLIAM WARREN
United Press Correspondent

Salem — (U.P.) — Carl Robinson, vice-president of Barrington Associates of New York, has informed Gov. Paul L. Patterson and the legislators that failure of his Oregon staff to make a cross-analysis of data gathered in the Barrington study was responsible for inconsistencies and errors in the Barrington report.

Robinson agreed to bring a man from New York to complete the report on Oregon's salary structure for its state employees at no further expense to the state. Robinson estimated it would take about four weeks to complete the report, with two key civil service commission staff members aiding in the final work.

Senate President Elmo E. Smith (R-John Day) made it clear he does not think the Barrington report can be adopted in the present session of the Legislature, although much data in the report will prove valuable to both the civil service commission and the ways and means subcommittee on salaries. He said:

Overall Plan Indicated
"I do believe that the emergency board should be given some money to enable the Civil Service Commission to correct certain inequities that exist at present in the state's salary schedules."

It was indicated by the ways and means subcommittee on salaries that an overall salary plan for state employees, taking into consideration data on the Barrington report and suggestions by unclassified agencies including higher education would be recommended to the Legislature.

The subcommittee pointed out in a statement that the report made by Barrington Associates of New York which made an extended study of Oregon's salary structure for its state employees, has been received back from the review boards and will serve to provide information that may be applicable to the overall state salary program.

Carl Robinson, vice-president of Barrington Associates who came here this week to explain inconsistencies and apparent errors in the report released last month, said a recheck of the final evaluation steps is desirable before the report could be considered complete.

The report cost the state \$50,000.

Statement Issued
The heads of several departments have told review boards and the legislators that under the salary proposal in the Barrington report they couldn't keep their key personnel. Widespread objections were voiced to the report presented by Donald Spanier, who was field man for Barrington Associates making the study here.

The subcommittee headed by Rep. Orval Eaton (R-Astoria) said in a statement:

"In view of the time remain-

ing before the Legislature adjourns, it has been decided to go ahead with the development of a salary schedule by regularly established legislative procedure which will have as its objective a fair and equitable salary program for all state employees.

"It is not contemplated that the reorganization of the civil service department as recommended by the report will be considered at this time, but the recommended correlation between jobs of classified and unclassified categories will be attempted.

The Barrington people will continue their work until completed and turn it over to the ways and means committee."

Army Sets Transfer Of Two Divisions

Washington — (U.P.) — The Army announced Saturday that two divisions, one airborne and one armored, will go to Europe next year to replace two divisions now in Germany.

The movement will mark the first overseas deployment from the United States of an airborne division since World War II.

The 11th Airborne Division, Ft. Campbell, Ky., will replace the Fifth Infantry Division at Augsburg, Germany, in June 1956. The Third Armored Division, Ft. Knox, Ky., will replace a division not yet named, starting in May, 1956.

The divisions are being rotated under the Army's Operation Gyroscope, the new system for exchanging home-based divisions with overseas divisions instead of rotating individual soldiers.

The Army has previously announced that the 10th Infantry Division at Ft. Riley, Kans., will change stations with the First Infantry Division at Wurzburg, Germany, in July.

When the world's largest passenger liner, the Queen Elizabeth, docks in New York Harbor she lands as many as 2,000 travelers and their baggage, gets stem-to-stern cleaning, loads enough food for 100,000 meals per round-trip voyage, and embarks another 2,000 passengers—all within a normal two-day turnaround.

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Rogue River School Board Vacancy Not To Be Filled Soon

Rogue River — A successor to Mrs. Jessie Rae Frantz, chairman of Rogue River school board who resigned last week, probably will not be named for about four weeks.

In Medford, Alf Mekkold, county superintendent of schools, said he will appoint a successor 30 days after Mrs. Frantz' resignation became effective, unless a successor is selected within the school district before that time.

R. C. Gail, a member of the board, indicated that no move has been taken so far by the district to select a successor to Mrs. Frantz. Third member of the board is Harold Salter.

Cities Disagreement

In her letter of resignation, Mrs. Frantz declared, "I do not agree in any way with the handling of matters regarding discipline cases which have come before the board this year." Her letter also took issue with the board's attitude toward school administrators, and with handling of the school budget.

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