

Month of March Colder and Drier Than Normal Here

The month of March was slightly colder and had 49 of an inch of rainfall less than normal, the weather bureau reports.

The average monthly temperature was 44.3 degrees, or 3.9 degrees below the long-term normal. Precipitation, mostly rain, totaled 1.03 inches.

The two coldest days were the 15th and the 20th, when the minimum temperature dropped to 19 degrees, on both days, setting all-time records for low temperatures at that time of year. The warmest days were the 7th and 26th, when the thermometer rose to 71 degrees.

Records Compared

There were eight clear days compared to a normal of six; four partly cloudy days (normal is seven); 19 cloudy days (normal is 18); 10 days which had one one-hundredth of an inch or more of rainfall (normal is 11 days), and 15 days when the minimum temperature was 32 degrees or below (normal is 12 days).

The long-range, 30-day prediction for the month of April for western Oregon is for near normal temperatures, with precipitation generally above normal amounts along the west coast.

The interior valleys are on the dividing line between areas where above-normal rainfall is forecast and areas where normal rainfall is predicted, so the weather bureau is uncertain whether to look for normal or above-normal precipitation in the Rogue valley.

Portland Better Business Bureau Tells 'Alert' Plan

Portland—The Portland Better Business Bureau this week announced the launching of a state-wide campaign to alert the public to be on guard against certain bilk artists who consistently invade state business areas.

A typical example is the Williamson Gang, a notorious group who invade a community like locusts, peddling phony Irish lace, suiting materials, roofing materials, paint that won't wash off and other fast items.

Lyle Janz, manager of the Bureau, stated, "watch out for the rackets that bloom in the spring." This might well be considered a "keynote" phrase for the entire campaign to expose gyp septic tank cleaners quoting low estimates and charging exorbitant prices, among other rackets barn-storming the nation this time of year, he added.

Plan Public Information

Janz also announced today that the Bureau is inaugurating a public relations program whereby it will keep Oregonians apprised of the rackets which are either currently working in the area or are headed this way from other states. He receives advance notice of this infiltration and will pass such information along.

Janz invited the public to use the services of the Bureau, a non-profit organization maintained by public spirited business firms and professional men to improve the standards of business and professional conduct, and to assist in combating commercial frauds.

LEBANON COACH QUILTS

Lebanon — (U.P.) — George Van Pelt, who coached football at Lebanon high school for the past six years, has resigned, School Superintendent J. W. King said. The resignation is effective at the end of the current school year.

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Some Recent Automobile Advertisements Often Will 'Catch' Unwary Customers

Washington — (U.P.) — "Fifty brand new cars going at your price." "Profit is no aim. We give our profits to you." "\$500 discount." "You name your own trade-in allowance."

Those are excerpts from some recent automobile advertisements in various cities.

Sound wonderful, and sometimes are. But more often there's a catch, and the experts say the bargains often aren't as big as they sound.

The National Automobile Dealers Association is alarmed. Because of today's fierce competition, it says that "razzle dazzle" advertising has increased tremendously and that both the

auto industry and the public are getting hurt.

Better business bureaus have been disturbed. In some cities they have developed fair practice codes to get dealers to cut down on misleading claims. Similar codes are in the works in other cities, including Washington.

But the individual car buyer is still his own best defense against a bad deal. And he's got a lot of things to look out for.

Take discounts for instance. A lot are sound. Big discount firms are slicing 25 per cent or so off list prices because they don't give the service or have the over-head of authorized dealers.

The Automobile Dealers As-

sociation doesn't like this. But this doesn't mean there is anything wrong with the car or the price, as far as the buyer is concerned. Some discount claims, though, are tricky.

Informal Survey

The Wall Street Journal made an informal survey recently and found that 19 out of the 20 dealers it checked made some concession on their original asking price. But in every case, these dealers also pegged the asking price above the factory's "suggested" list price. So the net "discount" often was very small and occasionally non-existent.

Another familiar dealer claim is "we'll give you \$200 more on a trade in than any other dealer in town." Leland S. McCarthy, manager of the Better Business Bureau here, said he checked one of these recently and found the boast was unfounded. The dealer quit making it.

McCarthy says another thing for the buyer to watch for is the dealer who claims he's throwing in extra accessories. He said "usually they're not extras but original equipment put on by the factory."

Great on the Surface

Some dealers give away fur coats, TV sets, sets of dishes, or even vacation trips. The Automobile Dealers Association says some people must think "these dealers are in business for their health." Actually, it said, it's a pretty safe bet that the customer rarely gets anything for nothing.

Easy credit is something else. Some dealers are offering cars for as little as nothing the first year and easy terms after that. This sounds tempting, the association says, but it's bad business for the individual, and the industry because it leads to repossessions and top-heavy credit.

The association emphasizes that it doesn't claim the dealers it criticizes are doing anything illegal. What it does say is that competition has produced a topsy-turvy buyers' market in which claims and counter claims and old fashioned horse-trading are the order of the day.

Its advice: Go ahead and try to get the best deal in town but be sure to check every angle so you know you're really getting it.

A Nichol's Worth of ... Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
United Press Feature Writer

Washington — (U.P.) — What's new in Washington:

The Army reports that our boys in uniform in Europe are getting a break. They now can get a bottle of good scotch for \$2.05. The price has been cut from \$2.90.

Democratic Senator Bob Kerr of Oklahoma says in his news letter that Republican politicians are moving in on the White House doctor. "They have pronounced Mamie 100 per cent fit," the veteran lawyer says, "but they hope like develops a 'running fever.'"

A lady wrote into the copyright section of the Library of Congress, announcing with great pride that she had a hot idea "basted" on facts. But she forgot to send along the idea, however. That prompted Vincent Doyle of the copyright office to hold his breath and announce that maybe he could expect a narrative "with juicy details." Ouch! A lot of people frown on puns.

The season is on in the Capitol restaurants. Various states are whooping it up for their products and making the legislators and press fat in hope of a plug by mouth or in print. There have been passed around in the eateries during the last few days such things as Texas grapefruit and Louisiana and Texas rice. A battle of state's rights, you might say. Florida was not asleep when the grapefruit was passed out. The guests had two kinds of that fruit to chew over.

But it isn't like the old days. A congressman from Delaware used to toss around tons of strawberries. Another from Montana used to bring in the better part of a moose each season, have it quartered and cooked in the Senate restaurant, served with moose sauce.

Vice-President Richard M. Nixon has received a memo from a fifth-grader named James Seldmann of Penns Grove, N. J. The lad said he was studying about adjectives and adverbs and he wanted some help from our assistant leader. Jimmy said he had written to the President about his problem "and got a fine 'litter.'"

He also said he planned to write to all the governors and senators and John Foster "Dullis." That's one way to collect famous autographs, with or without adjectives.

The Army likes the one about Pvt. Andrew Mouse, whose company is training in the Grunewald Forest in Germany. The soldier, from Jay, Okla., is a full-blooded Cherokee and not only that, he is an expert at imitating animal calls. The other day Private Mouse cut loose one of his wolf calls and aimed it at a herd of deer. The bucks and does scattered.

Sen. Strom Thurmond, the

Stabbing Crimes Said Of Alcohol Influence

Chicago — (U.P.) — Stabbings, assaults and the carrying of concealed weapons are "definitely crimes of alcoholic influence," a study sponsored by the American Business Men's Research Foundation shows.

The study was reported by Lloyd M. Shupe, police chemist at Columbus, Ohio, who tested 882 arrested persons for intoxication.

Persons arrested for stabbings were 11 to 1 under the influence of alcohol; for assaults, 10 to 1 under the influence, and for carrying concealed weapons, 8 to 1.

"Of those who were caught in the city of Columbus, during the past two years, during or immediately after the commission of a crime, 64 per cent were under the influence of alcohol to such an extent that their inhibitions were reduced," Shupe said.

Hornbrook

Hornbrook, Calif. — Among students home for Easter vacation are Miss Sally Jeter and Miss Marilyn Burns, from Chico State, Chico, Calif., and Miss Jo Ann Burns who is taking nurses training at Samuel Merritt Hospital in Oakland, Calif.

Visiting at the C. L. Gowing home last week end were their daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lunsbury and four children and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Duff and two children of Klamath Falls, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. George McCann will leave next week for Klamath Falls, Ore., where he has accepted a position with his brother-in-law, Ned Putnam.

Mrs. Marjorie Fairburn was taken by ambulance to the Siskiyou County General Hospital at Yreka, Calif., April 4.



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