

Rain, Snow and Southward

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Northwest Oregon Temperatures Dip; Threats Renewed

Blustery Storm Moves In From West Canada

By UNITED PRESS
Winter struck again at Western Oregon today after a one-day respite as rain and snow spread southward from a destructive storm, again raising the threat of slides and high water. The weather bureau said temperatures have dropped about 10 degrees in northwest Oregon and western Washington since yesterday with the greatest fall between 4:30 and 10:30 a.m. today. Snow was reported in the mountains and on higher hills and was mixed with rain at times over northwest Oregon.

Rainfall was tapering off at midday north of the Columbia river and increasing to the south. For the six-hour period ending at 10:30 a.m. Astoria had 1.9 inch of rain compared to a much heavier fall earlier. During the same period Newport had .33 inches, North Bend 1.49, Portland .50, Salem .85 and Eugene .71.

Portland Gets Cooler
The temperature in Portland dropped to 39 degrees at 10:30 a.m. and to 40 at Salem and Eugene while it was 58 in Medford. Pendleton reported southeast winds of 46 miles per hour with gusts to 57 mph.

A blustery Pacific storm, which left behind a trail of damage from British Columbia southward, moved in off the coast during the early morning hours. Portland, which had only a trace of rain during the 24 hours ending at 4:30 a.m., got a heavy downpour and Astoria was drenched.

The weather bureau said 1.53 inches of precipitation fell in Astoria during a six-hour period ending at 4:30 a.m., raising the 24-hour total to 2.18 inches. Some snow also was reported at Astoria. Snow fell at higher elevations.

85 MPH Wind Reported
Rain had slackened off yesterday in most of western Oregon after causing damaging slides Wednesday.

In British Columbia, 85 mile per hour winds were expected late yesterday on Vancouver Island. Seven roofs were ripped off at Campbell River and hundreds of homes in west Vancouver were left in darkness at the dinner hour when trees were blown down on power lines. Two men were injured when a tree crashed into a cabin at Brunswick Bay, on Howe Sound.

In western Washington, some schools, roads and bridges were shut down. A mud slide demolished a new \$200,000 home at Lake City. Ten-year-old Heather Sneddon was buried when mud poured into her bedroom but was rescued by her father and thus had an air pocket to breathe while the rescue was taking place. Schools were closed in parts of King and Snohomish counties because roads were weakened by rain and frost.

The weather man predicted cooler temperatures today and tonight and occasional showers in western Oregon. But the five-day outlook called for west to 2 to 4 inches of precipitation west of the mountains.

Man Fined \$100 On Driving Charge

Lionel Joseph Hopkins, 29, of 616 East Jackson st., was fined \$100 in Medford police court today on a charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Hopkins was arrested by city police Wednesday.

James Thomas Weldon, 54, Klamath Falls, who was arrested Dec. 30, 1955, on a charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor forfeited \$100 bail.

Oregon Delegation On State of Union Message

Washington — (U.P.) — Oregon's congressional delegation generally split along party lines over President Eisenhower's State of the Union message but one Democrat had some praise for it.

Rep. Edith Green said there are a lot of good things in the speech, and they were just as good when they were proposed by the previous Democratic administration. She said that if the President "can just get some cooperation from Republicans, the Democrats will help pass a large part of the program."

Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.) said, "I'm glad he didn't come out for political razzle-dazzle election-year play of immediate tax reduction." He said he was pleased with the President's overall statements on government financing. Rep. Harris Ellsworth (R-Ore.) said he was pleased with the President's endorsement of the partnership power program. He said he interpreted the speech to carry an indirect endorsement of his bill for partnership construction of Cougar and Green Peter dams.

Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) criticized the President's stand on power and natural resources. "Nothing was said, unfortunately, about revoking the permission just given by Secretary McKay for oil and gas prospecting by the big petroleum companies on old wild-life refuges." On aid to education, Neuberger said "it is good to know the White House has yielded slightly" on this issue. Pleased With Statements

Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.)

President, Benson Virtually Complete New Farm Program

Key West, Fla. — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower and his agriculture secretary today put into "virtually final form" the administration's new farm program which includes a "soil bank" plan for alleviating the problem of farm surpluses.

The nation's chief executive met for approximately two hours at his vacation headquarters here with Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson who flew down from Washington last night.

Also attending the closed session were Economic Adviser Gabriel Hague, Undersecretary of Agriculture True Morse and Presidential Aide Fred Seaton.

The President's special farm message goes to Congress Monday on the heels of his State of the Union message which described the nation's economy as flourishing but acknowledged that the farmers are suffering.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerly said after today's conference that the farm message was "put into virtually final form" and it will be read to Congress Monday.

Hagerly said the President plans to end this Key West vacation probably Sunday afternoon. Later, the President and Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, commander of NATO, chipped golf balls on the baseball diamond across the street from the President's quarters.

This afternoon, the President planned to watch a baseball game between Secret Service agents and members of the White House press corps.

Funeral Held Today For E. C. Ferguson

Private funeral services were held this afternoon for E. C. Ferguson, 64, managing editor of the Mail Tribune for the past 27 years. Mr. Ferguson died at a Medford hospital yesterday after an illness of more than seven months.

Committal services, also private, followed, with Per funeral home in charge. The Rev. George R. V. Bolster, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church, officiated.

It is the wish of the family that those desiring to honor Mr. Ferguson's memory do so through contributions to the Southern Oregon Historical Society, Inc. He was one of the organizers of the society and served on its board of directors for years. Contributions may be sent to the society in care of the Jacksonville Museum.

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Coty May Summon French Assembly In Emergency

Paris — (U.P.) — President Rene Coty may call France's newly-elected National Assembly into emergency session to deal with the urgent problems facing the nation, informed sources said today.

The assembly is not scheduled to meet until Jan. 19, but Coty was reported to have discussed the possibilities of an earlier session with Emile B. Lamont, assembly permanent secretary-general.

The French constitution calls for an assembly to convene the third Thursday after its election but legal experts said there was room for a "wider interpretation" of the article.

There still was no hard and fast indication of which party would furnish France's next premier. There were some indications the premier would be from the Socialist Party which controls 93 seats.

The Socialists have urged an early meeting to deal with Algeria and other top problems.

Hope faded that Pierre Mendes-France and Premier Edgar Faure would patch up their differences and form a broad national front of all the center parties to meet the extremist threat.

Socialist leader Guy Mollet practically killed it when he gave Faure a firm "no" on the idea after Mollet had met with Mendes-France.

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Ashland Girl Dies Of Severe Burns

Glenda Joan Nelson, 5, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Nelson of 1551 Webster st., Ashland, died of burns here yesterday.

She was severely burned yesterday morning when her dress caught fire while she was playing with matches, according to firemen. She was treated at Ashland General hospital for second and third degree burns over 70 per cent of her body.

Later yesterday, she was transferred to a local hospital, where she was pronounced dead on arrival.

She was the daughter of an assistant football coach at Southern Oregon college in Ashland. Born in Ashland Oct. 1, 1950, a brother, William R. (Randy) Nelson, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Axtell, Trail, William Nelson, Salem, and Mrs. Al Richards, Burbank, Calif.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday in Litwiller Mt. View chapel, with the Rev. John Thompson officiating. Interment will follow in Mt. View cemetery.

With All This Rain A Grass Fire Yet

Salem — (U.P.) — With all this rain, a grass fire yet. It stopped raining in Sublimity east of here yesterday and Sublimity firemen rushed to their first grass fire of the year.

"It's hard to believe," Assistant Chief Delbert Ditter said, "but a roaring fire got started in a patch of dead grass that had been rained on all week."

Ditter said that the blaze burned over an area 75 by 200 feet. He blamed a strong wind for stirring up the fire. Cause was undetermined. Six firemen put out the unseasonable blaze.

Roseburg Holds Boys On Explosive Charge

Roseburg — (U.P.) — Douglas county sheriff's deputies last night arrested four teenagers in Roseburg for illegal possession of explosives.

Sheriff Ira Byrd said the arrests cleared up the mystery of a series of explosives in Douglas county the past few months.

Deputies recovered four boxes of stolen dynamite, 18,000 dynamite caps, 13,000 electric detonating caps and a detonating device.

Byrd said two groups of teenagers were involved in the explosions that have occurred frequently since one blast rocked a 20-mile area in early December. One of the blasts near the Roseburg airport was caused by 35 sticks of dynamite.

Americans' Personal Income Reaches History's Highest

Washington — (U.P.) — The personal income of Americans climbed by \$1,750,000,000 in November, boosting the income rate for the first 11 months of 1955 to the highest level in history.

The Commerce Department said today if income in December continued at the November level, the 1955 total will reach a record \$311,400,000,000.

The Securities & Exchange Commission meantime reported

Weather

FORECAST—Cloudy with occasional showers through Saturday. Low tonight 35-38. High Saturday 45. TEMPERATURE Highest Yesterday 54 Lowest This Morning 48

Dow-Jones Averages

New York — (U.P.) — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 486.68 up 7.66, 20 rails 161.13 up 0.58, 15 utilities 64.04 up 0.40, and 65 stocks 171.48 up 0.68. Sales today were about 2,570,000 shares compared with 2,110,000 yesterday.

Sherry Fong Verdict Upheld by Judge

Portland — (U.P.) — Circuit Judge Alfred P. Dobson today upheld the second-degree murder verdict against Sherry Fong who was convicted recently in connection with the 1954 death of 16-year-old Diane Hank.

Judge Dobson denied the motion of Irvin Goodman, defense attorney, to have the verdict set aside and a new trial ordered.

The judge, who once threw out a first degree murder conviction against Mrs. Fong, said that while the evidence against the 24-year-old woman was circumstantial and in some respects "speculative and conjectural," there was sufficient evidence to require the court to submit the case to the jury. He said it was the jury's function to weigh, sift and evaluate the testimony under proper instructions.

Patterson Proclaims March of Dimes Month

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Patterson today proclaimed the month of January as "March of Dimes Month" in Oregon and appealed to the "generosity and self-interest of every citizen to contribute to the March of Dimes" in the fight against polio.

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Talent Sawmill Destroyed by Fire; \$225,000 Damage

Talent — Fire, fanned by 15-mile-an-hour winds, destroyed the mill at Talent Saw Mills, Inc., early today.

John Hamacher, owner of the mill, listed damage totaling about \$225,000 to the mill and equipment destroyed, according to state police officers who witnessed the fire.

The fire started about 1 a.m. near an air compressor machine on the west side of the log pond in the main section of the mill, police said. The fire burned until after daylight, but danger of spreading was controlled by about 6 a.m.

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Two Sentenced in Circuit Court Here

Two men were sentenced to three years each in the state penitentiary this morning by Circuit Court Judge H. K. Hanna. Five other cases were continued pending receipt of Federal Bureau of Investigation report.

James Westcott, 56, Gold Hill, was sentenced to three years after pleading guilty to a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. Lendell Carl Buttram, 18, Shady Cove, also was sentenced to three years for violation of parole. Buttram earlier pleaded guilty to burglary of the O. K. Rubber Welders, 1760 North Riverside ave., Oct. 4.

Passage of the sentence of James Hahn, 21, who was extradited from Virginia, charged with larceny of livestock, was suspended for 2½ years. He was charged with stealing a calf from the Gold Hill area.

Cases suspended pending FBI records involved Albert L. Wilcox, 29, of 05 South Oakdale ave.; Cecil Roy Wood, 52, Longview, Wash.; G. E. Peterson, 56, Camp White; and Edward McDonald, 29, of 20 South Front st., all charged with obtaining money under false pretenses in cases involving checks; and Donna Lou Brereton, 25, Spokane, charged with uttering and publishing a false check.

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Paul Patterson has proclaimed the week of Jan. 15-21 as "printing week."

Grace Kelly, Prince Set Public Appearance at Ball

New York — (U.P.) — Actress Grace Kelly and Prince Rainier III of Monaco make their first public appearance tonight as an engaged couple, but today they secluded themselves in her Fifth ave. apartment to discuss an important matter—the wedding date.

Astounded Everyone
"Her Grace" and the prince astounded nearly everyone Thursday with the announcement that they will be married sometime after Easter. They drove to Philadelphia for an announcement lunch and returned to Miss Kelly's New York apartment late Thursday night.

Tonight they will appear together at a charity ball aptly named, "A Night in Monte Carlo." The fabulous gambling casino Monte Carlo is located in the half square mile principality ruled by the prince.

Miss Kelly's marriage to the handsome prince probably will signal the end of her highly successful movie career, but when the couple can be married depends a lot on the movies.

Two More Pictures
The icy socialite star is committed to do two more pictures for MGM and one of them, "High Society" with Bing Crosby, will begin production Jan. 17. After the wedding and honeymoon Miss Kelly will return to Hollywood for the second picture, "Designing Woman," with Jimmy Stewart.

Dulles Sets Pakistan Meeting on March 2

Washington — (U.P.) — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles will fly to Karachi, Pakistan, for a March 2 meeting of Manila pact nations to devise new strategy against Communist moves in the Far East, the State Department announced today.

The meeting, scheduled for March 6, will be the second held by foreign ministers of member nations of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization.

Oregon Traffic Death Toll in 1955 Said 400

Salem — (U.P.) — Oregon's 1955 traffic death toll was set tentatively at 400 today, a decline of 21 from the 1954 total.

Secretary of State Earl T. Newby said the decrease places Oregon among the comparatively few states managing to turn their traffic death counts downward in 1955. The nation as a whole suffered about a six per cent increase, information from the National Safety Council indicated.

The year's worst traffic-killing months in Oregon were July with 45 dead, August with 42 and October with 48.

The S-D day campaign Nov. 21 through Dec. 11 saw Oregon traffic fatalities compared with 34 during the same period in 1954.

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