

RAIN STORM MAY BRING RELIEF FROM FOG

Testimony To Be Taken 10 Days On Resources

Yesterday's public hearing on the Rogue basin's water resources before the state board of water resources concluded in mid-afternoon. L. C. Binford, Portland, board member, advised the audience additional information and testimony can be submitted during the next 10 days.

He and other members of the board suggested the Jackson county water resources committee remain active in case questions should arise after the board makes its report to the state legislature. Such a committee could also act in a "watch-dog" capacity, Binford suggested.

The suggestion followed one made by Mrs. H. P. Bosworth suggesting that a "watch dog" committee be set up under the county court as recommended in the pollution subcommittee's report. Mrs. Bosworth also suggested an overall "governing committee" be instituted.

Gives Certain Wealth

"These resources are something which give all of us who live in the valley a certain wealth. It is up to us to make the best use of it and make it our aim to enjoy more leisure and more culture," Mrs. Bosworth elaborated. "It is not a case of have and have not as some of the argument on development of our water resources would seem to indicate."

In summing up, Binford said the hearings are just one phase of the study of the Rogue river basin water resources. The board has made a study of the history of the basin covering a 50-year period. During that time 72 dam sites have been suggested, he said.

"And here is a map which shows them all. I'm sure if you'll look you'll find your pet project site there," Binford said pointing to a map on the courthouse auditorium wall.

Binford said the board would continue its study into all phases of the basin development so that people need not fear if something is left out in the testimony.

Signs of Progress

"I think people are more concerned with the development of our resources," Root commented. "They're maturing. They're not old pioneers any more. Television and other signs of progress have come in."

Some of the more dramatic testimony presented yesterday afternoon was that given by Fred Morgan, Trail. He stated emphatically he realized he would lose his home if a dam goes in at Trail, (as previously proposed), "but I don't care." He said the good of the whole valley should be considered and not just a few people.

"The Izaak Walton League does a wonderful job in its line, but there are other things to consider besides catching fish," he remarked. "I hope now this chapter will keep its opposition confined to the basin here and not bring in people from Detroit and New York who have never even seen the basin."

Morgan said as a result of the December, 1955, flood he had three feet of water in his house and 10 inches of mud in it afterwards. What good are spawning beds, he asked, if they are covered with mud?

Report In 1958

Fred E. Ingraham, chief of planning, Portland branch, corps of Army engineers, said his organization's report should be complete in 1958. Few if any good storage sites in the basin exist upstream, he said.

Moving upstream costs become higher and fewer good sites appear, the engineer testified. Storage for flood control alone is not justified, he emphasized. The corps would only authorize multiple-use dams which would include irrigation, flood control and recreation uses, he said.

"An adequate dam should be constructed where it could control a large enough drainage area," the engineer said. "Our report will be based on sound engineering and economy. We realize it will not satisfy all interested groups."

Fay Bristol, Rogue River, representative of the Rogue River Flood Control association and state representative from Josephine county, said the organization went on record supporting the report of the Jackson county water resources committee. Timely flood warning on the Rogue river is almost impossible, he emphasized. All costs

and benefits should be evaluated in a study of basin water resources, he added.

Urges Action

John B. Harr Jr., Rogue River, representative of Rogue River school district, urged immediate and effective action against the flood hazard. The Rogue River school district was "most seriously affected," he said. "There were a great number of personal tragedies as a result of the 1955 flood," Harr said. Such a flood, he added, forces a shift of population out of the affected district into another, overcrowding it. The school district was in the heart of the flood area, Harr pointed out.

C. W. Jensen, chairman of the Rogue River Conservation district, argued that it is impossible to set an accurate evaluation on agricultural land. One acre of land may provide \$1,000 worth of groceries, he added. Since so much land is being lost to highway, home and airport developments it is imperative that land not be removed through flooding.

Bud Hoover, Camp White farmer, remarked he was disappointed that none of the reports mentioned dam sites in the basin which would be acceptable to all groups. Such a site would be one on Agate creek, he said.

Jerry Latham, Medford, related how the Agate desert had been developed as an example of development of natural resources. Agate lake has been utilized for both agricultural and recreational purposes, he pointed out. An industrial area has developed in the Camp White area and the Veterans Administration Domiciliary has proved a benefit to the area, he said.

D. H. Barber, Trail, president of Preserve the Rogue River, Inc., said he is concerned over the direction water resources development plans are taking. The real danger is industrial use of water in exorbitant amounts and dumping of wastes into the river by the industries, he said. The foggy atmosphere in the valley makes heavy industrial development of the valley impractical and dangerous, he said. He quoted from county resources committee report which suggested "development of chemical wood by-product industry should be encouraged when suitable water and air pollution safeguards are developed. The word 'only' should be inserted, he argued."

Barber said his group unalterably opposes any dam or dams on the main stem of the Rogue river.

"We will not block use of reasonable amounts of water for industry and irrigation," Barber asserted. "We supported the Talent project, for instance."

"I'm also surprised that the very groups which were active in opposition last time have now shifted their stand to the other side."

"This is not a declaration of war, but an invitation to cooperate," Barber concluded.

Earlier, members of the local chapter of the Izaak Walton League had given testimony, based on its recently adopted position that it will support any basin development which gives full consideration to the God-given resources of the Rogue basin's water.

Its statement of position called for further investigations of alternate types of planning, and for full protection to fish life. It renewed its opposition to the original development proposal, "Plan A," as such.

Most of yesterday morning was devoted to hearing reports of the eight subcommittees of the county water resources committee.

The state board is holding a second hearing in Grants Pass today, and on Friday will go to Gold Beach for the third day of hearings on the Rogue basin.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Valley fog below 2,500 feet through Friday with partial lifting in afternoon, increasing and thickening cloudiness above fog. Low tonight 36. High Friday 38.

Highest Temp.	Lowest Temp.	Precip.
37	31	trace

Our Skies Tonight

Star	Time
Sunrise	7:31 a.m.
Sunset	4:39 p.m.
Moonrise	11:23 p.m.
Last Quarter	Friday night
Prominent Stars	Sirius, in the SE. 10:29 p.m.
Regulus	leads the moon
Visible Planets	
Venus, rises	7:32 p.m.
Jupiter, rises	3:16 a.m.
Mars, rises	5:45 a.m.

Western Oregon Transportation Hampered by Fog

Coast Residents Bask In Mild Temperatures

By UNITED PRESS

Fog crippled transportation in western Oregon again today and the weather man said it would persist through Friday evening in places.

Fog was reported from Medford north through Olympia, Wash. The Portland International airport was socked in with two miles of visibility at midnight. At 1:30 a.m. it was practically zero.

Two ships laid off the mouth of the Columbia river as fog accumulated along the stream down to its mouth.

The weather bureau said heating was expected to clear the fog over most of the northwest Oregon this afternoon but the interior of southwest Oregon was expected to remain foggy through Friday evening.

Icy Spots Reported

State highway officials said ground fog was reported at Portland, Cascade Locks, Troutdale, Astoria, Tillamook, Salem, Salmon River, Eugene, Roseburg, Medford, Cave Junction, Coquille, Bly, Seneca, Burns and Basque.

Icy spots were reported on highways at Government Camp, Warm Springs junction, The Dalles, Prospect Bend, Bly, Pendleton, Meacham and Austin.

Meanwhile, Oregon coastal residents advised motorists who have been bedeviled by the fog on inland highways that Highway 101 is clear and dry.

Much of the Oregon coast for the past week has enjoyed Florida-like weather with mild temperatures and brilliant sunshine.

Gunman Takes Advantage

In Portland early today a masked gunman took advantage of foggy conditions and held up two service stations.

A man held up a station and escaped with \$10. Police said visibility was about 50 feet at the time.

Less than an hour later a robber of the same description held up another station and escaped with \$20.

Medford Records Fourth Pedestrian Fatality This Year

Medford recorded its fourth pedestrian death of the year yesterday when John Arthur Marshall, 24, of Kalsipell, Mont., died in a local hospital, apparently of injuries suffered when he was struck by a truck on Tuesday morning, according to Medford police.

An autopsy will be performed today, according to officials at the county coroner office. Police reported Marshall was seen just prior to the accident walking in a dazed manner.

Marshall was struck in the head by a sideview mirror of a truck operated by Jack Winford Williams, 455 Walker st., Ashland, while attempting to cross North Pacific highway near the Richfield Truck stop about 4:40 a.m. Williams told police Marshall apparently walked into the truck without seeing it approaching.

Conger-Morris Funeral home is in charge of local arrangements pending word from relatives in Montana.

West Main Clinic Ransacked Last Night

Twenty-three rooms in the West Main clinic were ransacked last night, according to city police.

Police said the building at 1032 West Main st., was checked by a police officer at 2 a.m. The break-in was discovered when an employee, Barbara Jeanne Pitts, 1920 Cherry Heights, came to work about 8:30 a.m. today.

Two small radios, a clock, portable typewriter and about 60 cents in change in addition to small items were taken, police said. They said a small amount of mild narcotics also was taken.

Police said the thieves attempted to break into the safe with a screwdriver but failed. Papers and records were scattered over the floors from the thieves' drawer-to-drawer search, police said.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 438.48 off 0.88; 20 railroads 100.89 up 4.84; 15 utilities 67.87 up 0.11; 55 stocks 147.08 up 1.18. Sales today were about 2,330,000 shares compared to about 2,240,000 shares yesterday.

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Ike and Security Council Discuss Planning for NATO



OTTO J. FROHNMAYER Chosen as President

Officers Elected By Chamber Today; Awards Approved

Otto J. Frohnmayer, Medford attorney, this morning was elected president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce for the coming year. He succeeds M. M. Huggins, Medford oil dealer.

New officers were named at the last 1957 meeting of the chamber's board of directors at breakfast this morning. Others elected were Ron Gaudet, of Commercial Printing company, first vice president; Russ Jamison, public relations man, second vice president, and Clarence Young, Rogue Valley State bank, treasurer.

The annual membership meeting of the board will be held in January, the board was told.

Awards Approved

The board also approved the establishment of two types of awards which the chamber can present for service to the community. One is a "Scroll of Honor" award, for outstanding personal service to Jackson county; the other is a Progress award, for firms or individuals who have made a contribution to the economic well-being of the county.

Gerald T. Latham, a newly-elected member of the board, who is also vice chairman of the Jackson county water resources committee, reported on the work of the committee, which yesterday culminated with the presentation of subcommittee reports on the Rogue basin's water resources to the state water resources board.

Latham was optimistic that this area's water could be developed in an orderly manner for the best interests of the majority of the people, and in a way that will permit expansion of both industry and population without unduly sacrificing any of the important resources values of the basin's water supplies.

Bakery, Laundry Unions Expelled

Atlantic City, N. J.—The AFL-CIO today denounced the Senate Rackets Committee but expelled two more unions on corruption charges.

The 160,000-member Bakery workers and the 75,000-member Laundry Workers were ousted and AFL-CIO President George Meany was authorized to grant a new charter in the bakery field.

The merged labor federation accused the McClellan committee of "political retaliation" and said several of its members were guilty of anti-labor bias. It was the first sweeping attack on the group, which has made sensational disclosures of labor-management scandals.

Higher Turkey Prices Predicted for Christmas

Portland—A survey of Portland food markets today indicated turkey and trimming prices in the metropolitan area will be higher for Christmas than they were for Thanksgiving.

House Democrats Urge President To Broaden Meeting

Bulganin's Letter Remains Unanswered

Washington—President Eisenhower met for two hours 15 minutes with the National Security Council today on the eve of his departure for the crucial NATO Summit talks in Paris.

The White House, which normally declines to give any details of NSC meetings, said it could be "assumed" that the conferees discussed policy and planning for next week's NATO meeting.

Reply Not Estimated

It declined, however, to say whether Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin's latest letter to the President figured in the discussion. Nor would it estimate when the President might reply. There was a possibility that this government would issue an official brush-off to Bulganin's latest proposal for East-West talks. The letter has been labelled by the State Department as an attempt to torpedo the NATO talks.

The list of those attending the NSC meeting was not expanded for today's session.

Besides the President, those attending included Vice President Richard M. Nixon, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, Deputy Defense Secretary Donald A. Quarles, Secretary of Treasury Robert B. Anderson, Adm. Lewis L. Strauss, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, James R. Killian, the President's scientific adviser; Robert Cutler, presidential adviser on national security affairs; and Brig. Gen. Andrew F. Goodpaster, White House staff secretary. All, except Nixon, will attend the NATO meeting.

To Leave Friday

The President, given an "excellent" bill of health by his doctors following his mild stroke Nov. 25, will fly to Paris late Friday. Dulles left for Paris after the NSC meeting to engage in advance spadework for the NATO meeting, which starts Monday.

Meanwhile, 28 House Democrats sent the President a telegram urging him to broaden the scope of the NATO meeting. They said the Western leaders should consider not only military and scientific matters, but also closer economic cooperation, Middle East tensions and foreign policy generally.

These are some of the chief U.S. ideas for the NATO session:—Creation of new missile bases at selected sites in NATO nations that could serve as a new deterrent to keep Russia from touching off a nuclear-age push-button war.

—Establishment of nuclear warhead stockpiles under U.S. control.

Training Center

—Building a missile training center to teach European NATO soldiers more about how to use nuclear-tipped rockets.

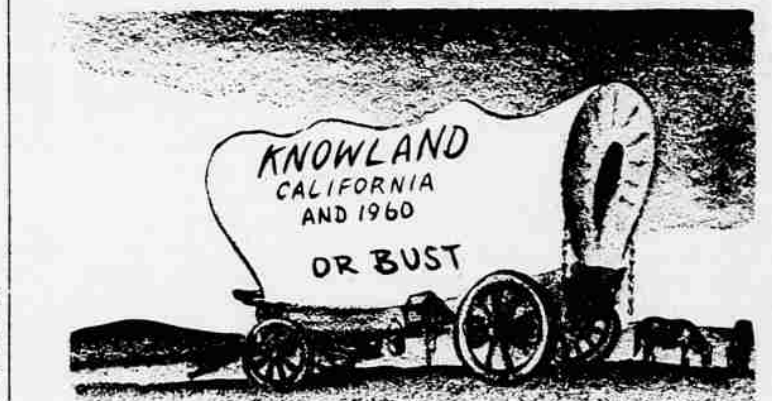
—Setting up an arrangement for pooling scientific information and personnel to get more benefit from all Western scientific talent.

—Agreement on dividing up weapons production so nations manufacture the arms they are best suited to make.

Bulldozer Operator Crushed by Machine

Baker—Alan Morrow, 26, was killed at 9 a.m. Wednesday when the bulldozer he was operating on a steep slope 25 miles northwest of here overturned and crushed him.

"What's This I Hear About the Nixon Buildup Back East?"



(Herblock Is on Vacation)

Compensation Claims Show Decline in Area

Efforts being made to "keep things going" were reflected in the number of new claims for unemployment compensation received in November, according to John J. Patton, manager of the Medford office of the state employment service.

Patton said new claims filed last month were down 12 per cent from October, the first time that November has been lower than October in the number of new claims received.

The total amount of unemployment in Jackson county last month was estimated at 1,700, an increase of 17 per cent over October and 28 per cent more than a year ago, Patton said. But the increase was smaller than expected, he added.

Reach Lowest Point

Employment can be expected to reach its lowest point of the year during January and February, he said.

Former employees of the lumber industry are receiving about 55 per cent of the benefit payments being made at present through the local office, Patton noted. Most men expect to return for work for their regular employers when weather or market conditions permit operations to resume.

All firms in the lumber industry, Patton said, appear to be making a determined effort to continue operations.

Police Officers Hurt in Accident

Two Medford police officers were injured when the car in which they were riding collided with a pickup truck at the Bear Creek Orchards intersection on Highway 99 about 4:50 p.m. yesterday, according to city police.

Police said the driver of the police vehicle, Milton Lloyd Hanson, 2550 Jo Jack rd., was treated and released at Sacred Heart hospital. Berle Eldred Stephens, 307 Hamilton st., remained in the hospital over night for observation. The driver of the pickup truck, Chester E. Corry, 835 Peachy rd., Ashland, was not injured, police said.

Hanson said the light at the intersection had turned green and he proceeded about 30 miles an hour. He said he saw the pickup truck parked on the highway, apparently without any lights, too late to stop or turn onto the shoulder of the highway.

Hanson reported a heavy fog although when leaving Medford for Ashland the fog was fairly light. The two officers were on their way to Ashland to question a suspect, officials said. Police said the city vehicle was heavily damaged.

Rain Forecast for Coast Friday; Fog Results in Crashes

Medford Airport Closed Since Monday

A storm front off the northern California coast is expected to bring rain to the coast Friday night and Saturday which could result in a pressure change necessary to disperse fog in this area, the weather bureau said today.

The thickest fog thus far this year was blamed for several minor traffic accidents, kept the Medford airport closed, and

Mrs. Lavetus Wimmer said this noon the Footlighters play, "The Wooden Dish," has been cancelled tonight because of the fog.

She pointed out, however, that productions will be as scheduled starting at 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights in the Footlighters theater near the Medford National Guard Armory.

brought a plea from Medford police that porch lights be left on to assist motorists traveling in residential districts last night.

The weather bureau said the top of the fog today was estimated at 2,800 feet, compared to 2,200 to 2,500 feet yesterday. The increasing and thickening high clouds forecast above the fog Friday is evidence of the change which may bring respite to the fog situation, bureau officials said.

No Airline Service

There has been no airline service from the Medford airport since Monday, airline representatives said this morning, and they did not expect flights into the airport today. Planes of United Airlines and West Coast Airlines were landing at Klamath Falls, while Southwest Airways planes were terminating flights south of here, depending on fog conditions.

Passengers are transported to Klamath Falls to meet flights, or to Portland in some cases, officials said. Air mail is transported by bus to Klamath Falls by the airlines, or comes into Medford via Klamath Falls, or directly from Portland by truck, depending on which is quicker.

Fog resulted in the postponement of a Medford Independent Basketball league game between Eagle Point and Mutual of Omaha tonight, and the Footlighters play tonight in Medford.

Medford Police Capt. Clyde Fichtner warned motorists of not driving too fast in fog, and noted that motorists traveling less than the posted speed limits may still be cited for violation of basic rule if weather conditions impair the driver's vision.

Riding Bicycles

He asked parents not to let children ride bicycles unless in an emergency. Bicycles, he noted, are hard to see at night, and almost impossible to see if there is fog.

The number of cars involved in accidents, many of them hit-run accidents, have increased during recent foggy conditions, he noted. Motorists involved in accidents, no matter how minor, should report them to the department, he added.

Pedestrians have been asked to wear light-colored clothes if walking at night, especially during foggy conditions, Fichtner said.

Nuclear Weapons Said On U.S. Submarines

New York—Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell said today the United States "at this moment" has nuclear weapons "on submarines in both oceans, standing ready to rise, fire and submerge within moments."

Other nuclear weapons, he said, are aboard B52 jet bombers and supercarriers.

Seven Area Students Are Scholarship Semi-Finalists

Seven high school students in Jackson county are semi-finalists for scholarships sponsored by the National Merit Scholarship corporation, the NMSC association announced today.

They are Jean T. Fitch and Larry D. Neal, Ashland high school; David L. Mack, Crater high school; Sandra K. Buxton, James G. Corum, Karen J. Sloniger and Jon A. Thompson, all of Medford High school.

The students were among 7,500 chosen from some 300,000 fellow seniors in the scholarship qualifying test, a college aptitude examination given in 14,000 high schools on Oct. 22.

The 7,500 semi-finalists represent about one-half of one per cent of the nation's high school seniors. Semifinalists were selected on the basis of the high-

est test scores in each state, pro-rated according to high school senior population.

Winners of the finals will have their choice of college and course of study. Value of each four-year Merit scholarship varies with the financial need of each student, ranging from \$100 a year to \$2,200 per year or more.

This is the third year for the scholarship program. It was established in 1955 through grants of \$20.5 million from the Ford Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation of New York. Current sponsors include a number of nationally known companies.

The annual competition is open to any public, private or parochial high school in the United States, Alaska, Canal Zone, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

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