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WEATHER

Max. (Feb. 26) 47 Min. — 31
Precipitation last 24 hours .Trace
Forecast for today: Partly cloudy, with light showers.

Molten Lava Threatens Villages

Looking Toward The City Along The New Highway Entrance



A preliminary survey was going on today by members of an Oregon state highway crew on the proposed four-lane highway which will enter Klamath Falls at the Southern Pacific overhead crossing near Pelican City and continue through to Esplanade. Extreme right, P. P. Whitmore, Oregon state highway resident engineer, points the direction along which the new highway will run, adjacent to the SP tracks.

Storage Plant Planned Here

The Klamath Ice and Storage company has filed application with the Oregon civil aviation production administration office in Portland seeking approval of an \$80,000 storage plant here for poultry, fruits and vegetables.

A. M. Collier, head of the storage company, said if CPA approves the plant the proposed two-story brick structure will go up immediately on property adjacent to the present plant in the 800 block on Spring street. Plans are now being completed for the storage plant which will be ample to handle 150 cars of fruit or vegetables. The plant should be ready within 90 days after construction starts and it is hoped that it will be in use in time for handling the fall harvest.

Survey Crew Starts Work On North Entrance Highway

An Oregon state highway survey crew was driving stakes on the preliminary survey of the big one and one-half mile construction job which will start the proposed state highway entrance from the north into Klamath Falls.

The job is comparable to the S. 6th street job which is virtually completed and on which the state highway's cost was approximately \$362,000 for construction alone.

Last-minute word from Salem advised The Herald and News that the first contract on the new highway would be let around June 1. First work on the program, according to P. P. Whitmore, resident engineer, is grading and drainage to start at the overhead crossing near Pelican City. This will be followed by rock surfacing and then paving. The stakes are running from the overhead, following the railroad to Delores and then swinging down Alameda to Esplanade.

Whitmore described the job as "heavy and costly" and a four-lane highway will run from the overhead to Esplanade when the first of the two jobs is completed. The second contract will embrace that section from Esplanade, down Alameda past Hillside hospital and south to a point near the government canal where the highway will enter S. 6th.

The work now under construction will probably be a two-season job, Whitmore said. It is probable that traffic will be using the overhead for the remainder of the summer of 1949. State highway officials consider this stretch more work than the S. 6th street job due to the terrain.

The survey crew has been working on the S. 6th street job but transferred with the good weather of the past week to the preliminary survey to the north. What the state highway department calls good weather and clean-up work, is yet to be done on S. 6th where the overall cost ran close to one million dollars, including work done by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company and the California Oregon Power company. A few side-walks are yet to be installed, waterproofing on the remainder of the new laid surface, some lights and drainage yet to go in and several minor jobs, the highway office reported today.

Island Plan OK Assured

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Feb. 27 (AP)—The United States plan to continue sole administration of the Japanese-mandated islands under a United Nations trusteeship appeared today to be headed toward almost certain approval by the security council March 7.

As the delegates were called into session at 3 p. m. (EST) to resume debate on the British-Albanian mine-laying dispute, some of them still were awaiting instructions from their governments. Informed quarters said Britain could be expected to object to action at this time on legal grounds, but that she would not go so far as to veto the U. S. proposal. Australia was awaiting final instructions.

BROOKLYN AT IT AGAIN

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (AP)—A group of zealous propagandists calling themselves the First Families of Brooklyn began today to hound the virtues of that old of the universe, Brooklyn, where the king's English is strictly on its own.

They obtained a certificate of incorporation yesterday from Supreme Court Justice Philip M. Kleinfield.

Despite its exclusive sounding name, the organization is open to "those men and women who talk Brooklyn, awake or asleep"—and son, their number is legion.

Members must believe that the turgid ditch known as the Gowanus canal "is fragrant and beautiful" and that in Brooklyn the girls are "prettier, beers are larger, pitchers faster and males much more virile than those in the hamlet across the river"—meaning long suffering Manhattan.

Of course, those beloved Bums, the Dodgers, get a plug. Baseball, says the FFB's by-laws, is played "at its best only at Ebbets field."

Friday Final Dog License Day

Tomorrow, Friday, is the final day dog licenses may be bought at the county clerk's office without payment of a \$1 penalty assessment. The penalty will be charged on all licenses purchased after tomorrow.

Drop Seen In Income For Farms

By EDNA KILLMEYER

The 1947 farm picture is one of rising costs and lower income. C. W. Smith, county agent leader from Oregon State college, told the Klamath county farm planning conference Wednesday.

Smith spoke before some 65 farmers and others interested in agriculture in the Legion hall at the first such conference since 1938.

While the 1947 farm future is not clear, said Smith, the net income of farmers is expected to drop approximately 10 per cent under that of 1946, and a rise in production costs is anticipated. The food need in Europe and Asia and an active domestic demand will help balance supply and demand, he stated, although the boxcar shortage and strikes have held back foreign food shipments.

Crop Selection

With careful selection of crops, the Oregon farmer may fare better than farmers in other sections of the country, he believed.

Numerous reports on various phases of agriculture rounded out a day-long session with the committee pointed out that the normal practice in this county is to plant potatoes two and three years consecutively on the same land. This is not desirable from a standpoint of need to maintain soil fertility and reduce diseases.

The livestock committee proposed a slight increase in the number of sheep and hogs, since there has been a sharp decrease in sheep in recent years. It advised that Klamath county has a potentiality of a large and profitable dairying industry in a few years.

Alfalfa Acreage

Alfalfa seed acreage in the county may be expanded to 15,000 acres, nearly double that of last year, the seed committee found, and in addition the county should be a major producer of alfalfa.

Pension Plans Voted Down

SALEM, Feb. 27 (AP)—The senate overwhelmingly defeated today two bills to establish minimum old age pensions at \$50 to \$75 a month, compared with the present system of granting them on the basis of need.

The upper house shouted down the American pensioner's committee's bill for a \$50 minimum, and then voted down 27 to 3 the Townsend proposal for a \$75 minimum.

The action was taken on adverse reports of the joint ways and means committee, which said there is not any money on hand to increase pensions, which now average around \$40 a month.

Congress Goes Slowly On Proposed Merger Move

By EDWIN B. HAAKINSON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP)—With a potential jurisdictional dispute simmering in the senate, congress goes slowly today of proceeding slowly with President Truman's army-navy merger bill.

The measure—patterned after the compromise program announced by the White House last month—reached Capitol Hill yesterday and promptly brought into the open the long-threatening argument over which senate committee should handle it.

While acknowledging there is plenty of room for argument, Senate President Vandenberg (R-Mich.) offered his opinions that the legislation should go to the armed services committee headed by Chairman Gurney (R-S.D.).

But Chairman Aiken (R-Vt.), of the expenditures committee, protested that the 13 members of his group had decided unanimously two weeks ago they should handle the bill under

Jury Finds Delbert Lane Not Guilty

Delbert (Dink) Lane was found not guilty of threatening the commission of a felony by an all-male circuit court jury late Wednesday afternoon. The jury, with Elmer Hosking as foreman, deliberated about one hour before returning the verdict.

Lane's trial, regarding an allegation of circumstances previous to the Thanksgiving Day hunting party death of Delbert Chandler, 44, Lane's work partner at Weyerhaeuser camp 4, opened Tuesday morning.

The 40-year-old logger was accused of threatening to kill Chandler, the state's case being based on a confession made by Lane during an all-night questioning session by state police.

Lane refuted the confession on the witness stand, claiming it was extracted from him under duress and was not a truthful statement.

He said that his words, in a conversation with Bud Chidester, woods boss, were: "I ought to kill the son of a b—."

Lane said that he asked Chidester to move Chandler off their partnership job because Chandler was alleged to have molested Lane's 9-year-old daughter during a movie at a local theatre. He had told state police that Chandler had accompanied Lane's two daughters, aged 9 and 11, and that inside the theatre he had acted improperly toward the younger girl.

Lane said that his talk with Chidester when he asked that Chandler be taken off the job, occurred last November 25. Chandler was shot in the chest while hunting with Lane and Frank Lockwood, Lane's brother-in-law, Thanksgiving Day, near King Cole camp on the Greensprings highway, and died while being brought to a hospital.

Gas Tax Up

Rep. Ralph T. Moore, Coos Bay, chairman of a subcommittee on new revenue, told the committee his group is considering adding one cent to the gas tax.

Snyder Offers School Bill

SALEM, Feb. 27 (AP)—Rep. Burt K. Snyder, Lakeview, said today he has submitted a bill to the house education committee which would compel counties to vote in the 1948 primary election on the school county unit system.

The bill specifies that if a county turns down the county unit system, it automatically comes under the rural school district law. Five counties already have the county unit system, so the vote would be held only in the other counties.

Both plans work toward equalization of school taxes within counties. A point involved in making the choice would be for a county to decide if it wants management or administration left within the district, or go under a county supervisor in the county unit system, Snyder said.

Search Continues For Missing B-29

ELMENDORF FIELD, Alaska, Feb. 27 (AP)—The search for a missing B-29 and its crew of 11 men went into its third day today as Alaska-based army and navy fanned out in ever-widening circles over the Alaska peninsula wilderness west of Anchorage.

Twenty-six planes from Elmendorf Ladd field at Fairbanks and Aleutian bases joined in the search yesterday but reported no trace of the missing ship.

The plane vanished Monday after last reporting it was near Bruin pass on the mainland peninsula north of Kodiak.

Girl Admits That Story Of Abduction Was Hoax

LONG BEACH, Calif., Feb. 27 (AP)—Joseph Kennick, director of the police juvenile bureau, announced today that 17-year-old Jacquelyn Mae Stang had confessed that her story of being abducted, beaten, slashed and burned was a hoax.

Kennick said the girl's statement was made to Mrs. Margie Cate, a juvenile officer.

"I lied myself, I scratched myself and I burned myself," Kennick quoted the girl.

He said she refused to give any reason for perpetrating the hoax.

Kennick said she would be taken to juvenile court and held on a charge of giving police false information.

A passing motorist saw her lying below an embankment, where she apparently had rolled after being tossed from a car. Unconscious when picked up, she emerged from the coma in a hospital and, after emergency treatment, was permitted to go home.

Police quoted doctors as saying she had not been raped, and was apparently suffering no ill effects from shock or exposure.

Detective-Inspector C. J. Novotny said the girl told him she

Income Tax Reduction To Be Cut

SALEM, Feb. 27 (AP)—The 3 per cent sales tax bill has been amended to exempt food and to distribute its estimated \$20,000,000 annual revenue to schools, public welfare, counties and cities, Rep. Earl Hill, Cushman, chairman of the house tax subcommittee on the sales tax, said today.

Navy School Talks Slated

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP)—A house armed services subcommittee will conduct a hearing Monday on the proposal to establish a naval post-graduate school at Del Monte, Calif.

A bill introduced by Rep. Anderson (R-Calif.), would authorize an appropriation of \$28,750,000 to acquire the present Del Monte hotel, a resort near Monterey, Calif., and to build other structures and equip the school.

Anderson was a member of a house naval subcommittee which inspected the site last year and recommended it for the post-graduate school for navy engineering and plane officers.

The navy asked approval of the Del Monte location, stating that its officers had determined after "searching study" that the site is best suited of the many locations investigated.

Hughes To Test XF-11 Soon

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 27 (AP)—Howard Hughes, his associates say, is going to test fly another of the XF-11 experimental reconnaissance planes—of the type in which he almost died last summer.

Hughes, who has long tested his company's planes on their initial flights, was forced to crash-land the speedy craft last July and spent two months in a hospital. A spokesman said the second plane in the experimental series is ready for tests, and that approval is expected from the army air forces materiel command for Hughes to take it aloft within two weeks.

Statesman Says Britain Bankrupt

LONDON, Feb. 27 (AP)—Britain, on a purely actual basis "is bankrupt beyond any apparent hope of recovery," a conservative member of parliament declared today.

"But we appeared equally bankrupt militarily in 1940," L. D. Gammans told the Empire Economic club. "We then pulled through because of our national unity and the fact that dynamic leadership was able to summon up the hidden assets of the British character—our inventiveness, our courage, our sense of personal responsibility and our latent patriotism."

Crew Taken Off Burning Tanker

BALBOA, C. Z., Feb. 27 (AP)—A crew of 41 was reported rescued last night from an American tanker burning in the Pacific off Galera point, Ecuador.

The Grace line steamship Lookout radioed that she had taken aboard the full crew of the 10,290-ton tanker Royal Oak and was standing by to put a salvage party aboard.