

Walsetz Leads Country In Amount of Rainfall

CHICAGO (AP)—They don't pay much attention to April showers in some places in the U.S. They're accustomed to rain. Take, for instance, Walsetz, Ore., a company-owned lumber town. The source of weather news there used to report precipitation figures to newsmen. The stories customarily began: "In Walsetz, where they measure rainfall in feet instead of inches, this or that happened. (It rained, probably.)"

In 1950, the count reached 108.11 inches—or, to use the storied yardstick, 14 feet. A reporting out of such statistics has been halted. The company said the hiring of loggers and mill hands was getting a bit too tough. An Associated Press survey of a few of the nation's wettest spots naturally included Clearwater, Wash.

This is a logging community on the west side of the Olympic Peninsula. Weather Bureau records show the rainfall there averages 129.7 inches per year. But neither drizzle nor downpour can stay the loggers. They simply put on their rainy day gear—metal hats and rubber or water-repellent clothing. Most of them also wear woolen underwear.

"No matter how cold and wet you get," they comment rather paradoxically, "you're always warm and dry."

Boots are standard equipment in Clearwater for everybody who goes outside. The frequency of days on the dark site has had an influence on architecture and interior decoration—large windows and light shades of paint within the houses.

But moisture is good for pastures and growing trees and cranberries west of the Coast Range in the Pacific Northwest.

Azaleas and camellias also require lots of water, and that's what they get in the Mobile area of Alabama.

Mobile's rainfall, over a 30-year period, averaged 5.18 inches a month.

Men there keep one raincoat at the office and another one at home. Business houses in the low-lying wholesale district near the Mobile River have employees assigned to placing rain stoppers against cracks under street-level doors at closing time.

For the women, almost any dry day is wash day.

Rain, on the other hand, creates problems in normally arid sections. One of these is Brawley, Calif., where it has averaged only 2.73 inches per year. Most of the roads there are unpaved. A rainstorm turns them into quagmires. Schools declare "mud holidays."

A man at the Chamber of Commerce wet his lips and said: "I doubt if there has been a raincoat sold in Brawley in 50 years."

By JEAN OWENS

Election is over, at least for today, but results have not been announced. If there are ties or if a majority is needed so that a runoff vote is necessary, it will be Monday. The faculty, as well as all enrolled students, were eligible to vote today. For those students with no study hall, the voting booths were open during the noon hour and immediately following school in the girls' gym and the freshman-sophomore library.

Speaking of elections, the Girls' League Club elected officers last week, but as there must be a runoff vote, the results will not be announced until next Tuesday, after all the votes have been counted. Ballots will be passed out Monday during the homeroom period.

Tomorrow will find our halls comparatively empty, as many seniors are planning to attend senior visitation weekend at the various state colleges, and all music department students are traveling to Medford for the Southern Oregon music conference.

The music students presented an assembly Wednesday, featuring the cappella choir, directed by Andrew Loney Jr., the boys' glee, directed by Don McKenzie, the girls' glee and the concert band, both under the direction of Mr. Jensen, who played the numbers which they are going to present in Medford. This assembly not only gave them a chance to acquaint the students with what they have been working on, but gave the music groups a chance to practice in front of a large audience.

May 14 is the date! Radio-speech students are working hard on their talent program, sponsored by the Exchange Club, and to be given in Mills auditorium. Details will be announced later, however, in order not to miss a fine program, why not try to keep that night an open one?

Coin Operators Get Tax Liens

PORTLAND (AP)—The Internal Revenue Bureau filed two more tax liens against Portland coin operators Wednesday.

For Stanley G. Terry it was the third lien. This one asked \$277,179 for the years 1940 to 1946. Earlier \$70,620 was asked for the years 1947-49.

A second lien was filed against Otis William Anderson, asking \$131,282 for the years 1939-46 and for 1948 and 1950.

Tailor Raps Bums, Slobs

WASHINGTON (AP)—Ray Twyford, a Fifth Avenue tailor, contends America's men "have become a nation of bums and slobs because of slovenly dress."

He's upset particularly by the soft-collared shirts worn by so many officials and diplomats.

"When we took the starch out of our collars we took the starch out of our backsides," Twyford told a reporter after attending a business conference here.

"Morals, manners and etiquette have disappeared," he declared. "Men go without hats and ties. Women rush to work wearing babushkas, looking like Russian peasants. Ugh!"

Twyford, dressed in double-breasted waistcoat, striped sack suit, black homburg—and starched collar—said that in a nation of capitalists you should look like a capitalist, as he does.

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ZURICH, Switzerland (AP)—Cremation services for Sir Stafford Cripps were held in the chapel of Zurich's crematorium Thursday. It would have been the 63rd birthday of the Socialist statesman, who died here Monday.

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