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In The Day's News

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Question:
How accurate is your memory
of last year's weather?

I find mine is quite inaccurate. I'm inclined to think of last year's weather as either BETTER than it was or WORSE than it was. At home, we keep a little diary of current events, including the nature of the weather—maximum and minimum temperatures; rain, if any; snow, if any; wind, if unusual. And so on.

Reading it a year later nearly always provides some surprises.

Since the weather is a more or less universally interesting subject, let's take a look at the March weather last year (1960) as revealed by this rather sketchy record.

The last two days of February had been sunny, but cold, with a minimum of 9 on the last day. March came in like a rather mild lion, with a maximum of 40 and a minimum of 19. The record describes it as cold, with some sun, some cloud and WIND.

Temperatures on the second were 41 maximum and 18 minimum. There was a light snow on the ground in the morning, with clouds, wind and snow flurries all day.

On the morning of March 3, there was a five-inch snow on the ground at daylight. It remained cloudy, with snow flurries all day. Portland had three to six inches of snow. Salem had 11 inches. Planes were grounded and chains were required on all the mountain passes. The temperature record was a maximum of 40 and a minimum of 29.

The storm came to an end on March 3, and the 4th was warmer and cloudy all day. The temperature range is missing for the 4th, but the record relates that the snow of the day before melted.

March 5 was cloudy, with temperatures of 44-31, the first figure being the maximum and the second figure the minimum. The 6th was sunny and warm, with temperatures about the same as on the 5th.

The 7th was sunny and warm, with temperatures rising to 55-41. The weather remained pleasant on the 8th, with a maximum of 57, but the minimum dropped to 21. On the 9th, the temperatures dropped to 41-16 and there was a bad snow on the Willamette pass that made travel difficult most of the day.

On March 10, the temperatures rose to 45 - 28. The record describes the day as sunny and pleasant. On the 11th, there was a "skim" of snow on the ground in the morning, and it remained cloudy all day.

By March 12, the disturbance of the preceding three days had come to an end. The day was cloudy, with temperatures of 47-31. March 13 was sunny, with temperatures of 47-33. March 14 was mostly sunny, but temperatures dropped back to 43 - 20. March 15 was sunny, but cold, with temperatures of 45-25.

On March 16, the temperatures rose to 53-30 and the day was sunny and warm. On the next day, March 17, the temperatures rose (perhaps in deference to Saint Patrick and the Irish) to 66-26, and it is described in the record as a PERFECT day.

This perfect weather continued for a week. On the 18th, temperatures were skipped. The record just says "perfect day." On the 19th, the temperatures were 63-29. On the 20th, 73-29. On the 21st, 73-28. On the 22nd, 73-31. On the 23rd, 71-29. On the 24th, 75-29. On the 25th, the same. On the 26th, 76-31.

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Is Candidate

SALEM (AP) — Rep. Ed Whelan, D-Portland, announced Friday night he would be a candidate for speaker of the House at the 1963 session. He is the first candidate.

Whelan, serving his third term in the House, is secretary-treasurer of the Multnomah County Labor Council, AFL-CIO.

Weather

Klamath Falls and vicinity — Fair and warmer today and tomorrow. Some cloudiness Monday night. Colder tonight.
High yesterday 45
Low last night 21
Precip. past 24 hours .00
Since Oct. 1 8.49
Same period last year 5.96

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Northern California—Increasing high cloudiness in the north and fair in Central California today. Cloudy in the north and increasing high cloudiness in Central California tonight. Rain likely near coast from Point Arena northward by late Sunday.
MT. Shasta-Siskiyou Area — Increasing cloudiness today. Cloudy tonight and showers Monday.

Stock Market In New High

NEW YORK (UPI) — Market analysts beseeched, cajoled, threatened, supplicated and otherwise entreated the stock market to calm down a bit last week but the rampaging bull only paused deceitfully before racing again toward the all-time high.

A temporary truce held activity below 5 million shares for just two days, a decreasing phenomenon of late, while an influx of improved business news on Thursday provided all the excuse needed for the market to go back to its old ways of big volume and higher prices.

Who could argue with February

industrial production that ended a six-month decline and provided hopeful evidence of a recession at its bottom? Automobile sales and housing starts, too, were higher and as an added kicker for the infidels the treasury's gold hoard increased for the first time since July, 1959.

As a result there was a slight lessening in speculative fever and a return to the "quality" issues or those cyclical swingers so sensitive to the economy. This was reflected in the Dow-Jones industrial average, which rose 12.92 points to 676.48 — only around 9 points below the all-time high scored on Jan. 5, 1960.

The Thursday and Friday buying spurge left market opinion divided as to whether the high could be cracked before the April 15 tax deadline brings on an expected wave of profit-taking to produce the needed funds.

The most optimistic feel that plenty of time remains before the deadline becomes an important factor while the overall consensus holds that even if a reaction should occur, the 656 level in the industrial average will provide a decent cushion on the downside. This was the level that proved such a strong upside barrier for more than a year.

The lagging railroad average, a thorn in the side of technicians who generally have been more optimistic than the "fundamentalists," managed to pick up 1.67 points to 144.67. The inexorably rising utility index this time tacked on 2.02 to 110.40.

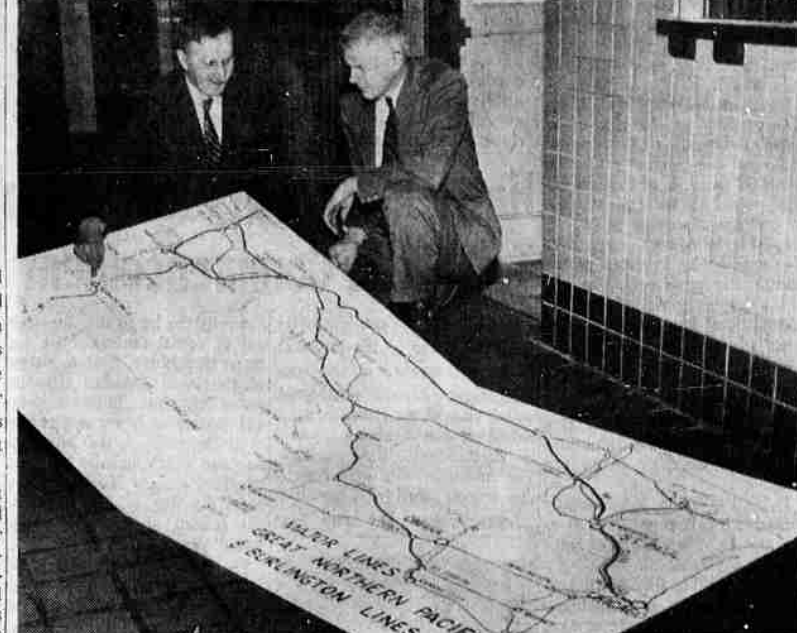
Volume, thanks to a two-day respite, fell to 26,461,491 shares from 29,026,120 the previous week and compared with only 12,948,300 at this time last year. Activity on Friday came just a small block short of scoring the second 6 million day of the year.

Rusk Cautions Red Emissary In Laos Area

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Secretary of State Dean Rusk was reported to have warned Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko Saturday that Russian meddling in Laos could trigger a major war in southeast Asia.

Rusk and Gromyko met in Rusk's office for a "brass tacks" luncheon conference on Laos, the Congo, disarmament and other tension-laden issues dividing East and West.

Rusk's aides said he hoped to persuade Gromyko that the Soviet Union should end its massive airlift of war supplies to the Communist-led rebels in Laos and convince the rebels that they should join the central government in seeking a formula for a stable, independent country.



THIS AREA map outlines the trackage system of the proposed Great Northern Pacific & Burlington Lines, Inc., as suggested in the application submitted by the four companies involved to the ICC. Frank Kahl, assistant superintendent in charge of maintenance and engineering, and Worthington Smith, Klamath Falls Great Northern Railway division superintendent, review points covered by the system on a huge map prepared for Smith.

Rail Merger Benefits Told

A proposed merger of four major railway systems will result in advantages to shippers, the public, and the affected companies, Worthington Smith, Great Northern division superintendent for Klamath Falls, told Rotary Club members Friday. Smith spoke at the luncheon meeting of the club.

The merger would combine the Great Northern, Northern Pacific, Spokane, Portland and Seattle, and Quincy railways. An application to bring about the merger is before the ICC now, Smith said.

The proposal is the result of a four-year study by all four railways. The new company would be known as the Great Northern Pacific and Burlington Lines, Inc.

John Budd, former Klamath Falls resident, and now president of the Great Northern Railway, would be president of the company, and Robert MacFarland, NP president, would be chairman of the board of the merged companies. About 25,000 miles of lines would be included in the system, Smith said.

Smith cited four principal advantages to be realized through the merger. They include faster freight service, improved car supply, wider routing with more valuable transit and diversion privileges, and more capital for improvements.

Local service would not be impaired, and Smith said that it is anticipated that there would be no curtailment of services to any of the 4,700 points served by the system. The close-knit operation would eliminate time-consuming interchanges from one system to another. It would produce savings through elimination of duplicate facilities and lines, Smith explained.

The four companies presently employ 64,000 people and it is anticipated that at the end of the five-year period that will be

required to complete consolidation plans the new railroad will be operating efficiently with about 8 per cent fewer jobs than presently needed. At the present time on the four railroads involved there is an annual job turnover of 6 per cent or 4,000 jobs. These vacancies occur through normal attrition, retirement, resignations, etc. It is expected that the normal amount of vacancies created on these systems will in a large part take care of the reduction in positions as a result of the consolidation. The merger will not bring about major dislocations in employment.

For the Klamath Falls division, Smith said there should be an increase in employment or, "in the worst," retention of present employment levels on the Great Northern here. He said that there should be an increase in the business of this division.

The proposal suggests four principal operating divisions under the new company. Headquarters for these divisions would be located at Seattle, St. Paul, Chicago and Omaha.

The plan also proposes a capital improvement program of some \$43,000,000 over the next three or four-year period, Smith said. Included in the plans are an outlay of \$14,000,000 for new yards in Minneapolis, and about \$11,000,000 each in Spokane and Seattle terminals.

Smith pointed out that increased competition by trucks, airline, water commerce and pipelines make it mandatory for railroads to achieve utmost efficiency of operation. He cited this as a major consideration in the decision by the railroads to seek merger approval by the ICC.

Shortage Triggers Chief Resignation

ROSEBURG (AP) — A shortage of funds handled by the Roseburg Police Department has triggered an investigation and resulted in the resignation of Police Chief V. M. Murdoch Jr.

Murdoch resigned effective April 1 but left his office Friday on vacation due him. The office is now being directed by Detective Bert Eaton.

Murdoch said he resigned because he believes it to be the duty of the department head to discover the cause of any deficiencies in his department and he has failed to do so.

The Police Department treasury is short about \$475, according to City Manager John Warburton. The missing money was received primarily from forfeited bail and other sums going through the department before reaching the city treasurer, Warburton said.

An investigation by the state police started Saturday. City Attorney Paul M. Geddes reported. Geddes said that when it was discovered that a shortage existed, a detective was called in from the police department of another city. The findings uncovered enough evidence to warrant further investigation, he said.

Murdoch has been chief of police almost four years. He has been an officer with the city about 18 years.

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Police Busy With Wreck

LONG BEACH (UPI) — Picturesque Palms Verdes Estates' 18-man police force couldn't have been more harassed if the Russians landed here than they've been, since a grain-laden freighter became stranded on a reef about 200 yards off the coast last Monday night.

In the interval since the liberty ship Dominator settled on the reef, police estimate that more than 30,000 sightseers have walked, swum, boated and driven for a close look at heavy seas pounding a million dollars to pieces.

Although the local police force was beefed up by sheriff's deputies and California highway patrolmen, nearby Palms Verdes Estates policemen have been working 16 and 18 hours daily, dashing home to snatch a few hours' sleep, then rushing back to duty, according to Lt. Richard L. Thorne.

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Leopard Men Threaten To Massacre Whites

LEOPOLDVILLE. The Congo army forces was en route to the UPI — Hundreds of fanatic "leopard men" terrorists are roaming the Congo's Kivu Province, threatening to massacre all Europeans, the United Nations said Saturday.

A strong unit of U.N. Malayan troops and Congolese National

page. They wear leopardskin bands around their heads and describe themselves as a religious sect. They have been heard threatening to massacre all Europeans, especially Belgians, in the Kasongo area, the spokesman said.

The leopard men, armed with bows and arrows, are reported to be members of the Katavala sect.

On the diplomatic front, negotiations between U.N. officials and Congolese representatives for the return of the U.N. supply bases at Matadi and Banana dragged on with no agreement in sight.

The two port installations were seized by Congolese troops two weeks ago. Congolese officials have refused demands to return them to U.N. Command.

A Congolese spokesman said Friday the Congo government is not yet ready to give up the bases. He indicated they may remain under Congolese control for several more weeks.

However, he added, "We hope there will be a compromise." Acting special U.N. representative Mekki Abbas continued his round of "courtesy calls" on Congolese officials Friday with a visit to Interior Minister Cyrille Adoula.

Although Abbas is extremely popular with the Congolese, there was no indication that he would be able to convince the Congolese that they should return Matadi and Banana.

The U.N. supply situation so far has not suffered too much from the Congolese stranglehold on the vital Congo River mouth, but Irish Gen. Sean McKee, the U.N. commander, said Friday U.N. supply ships due at Matadi in four or five days probably would be unable to enter the port if the Congolese are still in control.

An agreement was considered essential because the U.N. operation in the Congo will be seriously hampered if Matadi—the main supply base for the U.N. Command — is not given up by the Congolese.

Despite the recent diplomatic exchanges, Arab forces are still fighting French troops in Algeria. In the past few days, they have staged a number of attacks on French border defenses from bases in Morocco, perhaps in hopes of getting reinforcements through to guerrillas in the Algerian hills.

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