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Weather

High yesterday	46
Low last night	25
High year ago	56
Low year ago	30
High past 14 years	63 (1941)
Low past 14 years	24 (1961)
Precip. past 24 hours	trace
Since Jan. 1	2.75
Same period last year	6.21

Weather

Klamath Falls, Tulelake and Lakeview — Variable cloudiness, windy and continued cool with showers of snow or rain through Saturday. Lows tonight 30-35. High on Saturday 48. Southwest winds 10-25 m.p.h. with occasional gusts to 40. The weekend will be mostly cloudy and cool with showers and gusty winds.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

From London this morning:

Queen Elizabeth II came home from Australia yesterday after a Commonwealth tour that raised undercurrents of doubt about the value of parading royalty in distant domains.

Behind the loyal greetings lurked a realization that the six-week royal tour of Fiji, New Zealand and Australia had scarcely proved the resounding success that might have been anticipated. Correspondents covering the tour reported the welcome in parts of Australia was less than 100 per cent enthusiastic.

The London Times, in an editorial this morning, suggested that this kind of royal tour might have outlived its day.

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Question:

If Queen Elizabeth's tour wasn't the rousing success it should have been in order to justify the rather large sum of money it cost the taxpayers of a Britain that isn't too flush in these days, WHY wasn't it?

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A correspondent of the Manchester Guardian, one of the Greats of British newspaperdom, offers this possible explanation:

"If the Queen were truly an extrovert, rollicking and glamorous, yet a slightly mysterious woman who tried to live up to her publicity buildup, perhaps this visit would have been different.

"But she is not an extrovert. Her own response to big cheering crowds when they were near was part of the reason for the dying off of enthusiasm."

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Hmmmmmmmmm.

Maybe Britain's Elizabeth should take some lessons from our Jacqueline.

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From Toronto:

Canadian Prime Minister Diefenbaker, in a political address last night, warned his audience that an OVERPOWERFUL press (he doesn't think much of the press) could be dangerous.

He said:

"If we ever arrive at a point where two or three powerful newspapers control the thinking of Canadians, then the people's rights will be at an end."

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Let's put it this way:

If Canadians ever reach the point where two or three newspapers CAN control their thinking, Canada will indeed be a goner.

If people are to remain free, they must be able to THINK FOR THEMSELVES.

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From Nice, on the French Riviera:

King Saud of Saudi Arabia is reported to be seriously ill. Reliable sources report that there is no immediate fear for the 61-year-old monarch's life, but add that his troubles are complicated by a disinclination to follow doctors' advice.

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There just MIGHT be another reason.

After the crash of his plane the other day (the occupants had previously left it, you will remember) the Nice dispatches reported:

"The 30 wives and concubines of King Saud, armed with 30 checkbooks, headed for the swank shops of this Riviera resort city to replace some of the clothes lost in the crash of the Saud's private plane."

His troubles ARE INDEED complicated.

TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER — An array of items such as shown, including a new hair dryer, 12-gauge Savage automatic shotgun, small appliances, an oil painting by Dr. Mark Kochevar, shown by Mrs. George Nicholson, and a white car coat modeled by Mrs. J. Martin Adams, will be on the auction block April 3 for a sale sponsored by the Klamath County Women's Medical Auxiliary. Time is 7:30 p.m. at the armory on Shasta Way. Most items will be new, all will be in good condition and are being donated by city business firms, auxiliary members and their friends. Auction proceeds will benefit the Intercommunity Hospital Fund. A baked sale and preview of sale items will be held April 3 from 1 to 6 p.m.

MIGs Gun Yank Ship Near Cuba

Boards Drop Okay Of Gerrymander School Proposal

The bottom dropped out of the proposed gerrymander plan Thursday night when the members of the Joint School Boards Association voted unanimously to reconsider their Feb. 23 action to adopt the gerrymander plan as a solution to county-wide school problems.

The action came after a motion was introduced by Rollin A. Cantrall, Elementary District 1 board chairman, to reconsider the Feb. 23 vote.

Cantrall said the city school boards were interested in sitting down with the county board and looking into the reorganization plan for a single district county-wide.

The county board has indicated several times in the past that they are against the county-wide reorganization and felt it was a waste of time even to discuss the plan.

Paul Fairclo, county board member and association vice chairman, said that if the city boards weren't interested in the previously proposed gerrymander plan that the group would profit by going back and re-evaluating the gerrymander plan proposed by Buz Wagner, Klamath Falls Citizens Committee member.

Wagner's plan would encompass a smaller area, drawing the east west boundary back to Ward Street.

Fairclo moved that the association study the less encompassing gerrymander plan. The motion was voted on and defeated six to three, the city board members voting against and the county for.

"Neither gerrymander plan would solve the long range problems and both divide the people and probably would cause dissention," Charles S. Houston, KU board member said.

Margaret Sheridan, another KU board member, said she was against any gerrymander plan because she is against dividing the suburbs.

In discussing the gerrymander plan formerly proposed, some of the city board members said they thought it conceivable that some citizens would vote for the gerrymander plan, but the county boundary board wouldn't dissolve the KU boundary.

Mrs. Sheridan said she felt sure the people in the areas being changed would vote against the plan.

"Other plans we've discussed would come closer to equalizing the tax load," John Voth, association chairman said.

Before the session ended the group agreed to meet April 12 to discuss the county's objections to the county-wide district and to hear the reasons the city boards are in favor of the plan.

YOUTH MEDAL — There will be 22 youths of the Klamath Basin awarded a medal like this at the annual Kiwanis Club sponsored Youth Award banquet to be held Wednesday, April 3, at the Winema. A boy and a girl from each of the 11 high schools of the area will be honored for their activities.

24 Aboard As Bullets Cross Bow

MIAMI, Fla. (UPI)—Two Soviet built jet fighters swooped down on an American motor vessel in international waters off Cuba Thursday night, firing at least 30 machine cannon bursts across its bow, the ship captain said today.

The incident was the second in six weeks in which American vessels reported Soviet-built MIGs descended on them with guns blazing in the water between Florida and Cuba.

Capt. Curtis Olsen, Minneapolis, skipper of the 4,680-ton Floridian which plys between Miami and Puerto Rico on weekly trips, told reporters after docking in Miami this morning that the two jets circled his ship for 20 minutes, alternately buzzing and firing machine cannon bursts.

"They were MIGs; no doubt about it," Olsen said.

The Cuban-based MIGs fired rockets in the vicinity of the American shrimp boat Ala last Feb. 20 while two crewmen frantically waved a distress flag.

President Orders Action

After the Feb. 20 incident, President Kennedy told a news conference he had ordered the Defense Department "to make sure that action will be taken" if any new attacks occurred.

Olsen said his vessel bound for Miami with a crew of 24 Americans and a cargo of pineapples, sugar and rum from Puerto Rico, was about 30 miles off the north coast of Cuba and 19 miles north of Cayman Grande Island when the jets appeared.

The shrimp boat was about 60 nautical miles north of Cuba and 150 to 170 miles west-northwest of Olsen's position when the rockets were fired in its vicinity.

As Olsen told of the incident there were these developments:

—Kennedy had a meeting with the Executive Committee of the National Security Council. It was certain the attack on the Floridian and raids by Cuban refugees would be discussed. The White House said the meeting was not arranged as a result of any recent incident.

Soviet Makes Charges

—The Soviet Union threatened to take "appropriate measures" to protect its ships making trips to Cuba. The Soviets charged the United States encouraged attacks on Soviet vessels and that Cuban exiles who attacked the Soviet

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Elective Officer Problem Stalls Revision Committee

SALEM (UPI)—The House and Senate Committees on Constitutional Revision indicated today they would eliminate a feature of the proposed new constitution that calls for the governor to be the only elective state officer.

The committees discussed the problem — their toughest — at a meeting Thursday and promptly deadlocked on how to approach it. The deadlock raised some key questions.

The Constitutional Revision Commission, which wrote the document, said the governor should be given power to run all the state's administrative agencies through direct lines of authority. In turn, he would have clear cut responsibility for what the agencies do.

The committees have decided informally they could "never sell" a new constitution with only one elective officer. Several members said they preferred the single officer, but would vote for multiple officers to make the document more palatable to the legislature and the public.

Two Others Now

The present century-old constitution also makes a secretary of state and a treasurer elective. In addition, Oregon now elects an attorney general and a labor commissioner, but these are provided for in the laws, not the constitution.

The legislative committees indicated they may provide for as many as three elective officers, although not necessarily the same as the present ones.

One might be a secretary of state, perhaps running in tandem with the governor. One might be the controller called for in the commission's proposal to conduct post-audits and act as a watchdog.

The committees reached their impasse Thursday on whether to consider the number of elective officers first or the functions they will perform.

The impasse is expected to be resolved, but it highlighted these problems:

No Functions

If the committees decide on more elective officers, they could still leave one or both of these posts without any specific functions, leaving the governor as the "responsible" officer in charge of executive agencies.

Or, the committees could strip away some of the governor's departments and assign their functions to the other officers, weakening the concept of a responsible and accountable governor and an efficient single executive branch.

In short, the committees are faced with a choice between setting up "figurehead" posts in order to keep the governor strong and accountable, or dividing up the executive in order to give additional elective officers genuine functions.

A controller could be an exception, since his watchdog duties would be separate from the administration of state government.

The committees voted for a policy of government reorganization, grouping more than 100 present state agencies, commissions and boards into a maximum of 20 departments with heads appointed by the executive (or executives) and confirmed by the Senate.

Since the intent of reorganization, however, was to strengthen the governor's hand, the decision is meaningless until the committees decide what to do about additional elective officers.

Billie Sol Found Guilty

EL PASO, Tex. (UPI)—Reports circulated today that a federal grand jury will look for evidence of perjury in a trial that resulted in conviction of Billie Sol Estes on five counts of mail fraud and conspiracy.

A U.S. District Court jury of 10 men and two women, with a Negro foreman, found Estes guilty of four counts of mail fraud and one count of conspiracy Thursday after 49 hours and 44 minutes of deliberation.

The jury acquitted him of eight counts of mail fraud and one of interstate transportation of a fraudulent document. U.S. Dist. Judge R. E. Thomason dismissed two other counts of mail fraud before the jury started deliberation.

Estes, 33, a bankrupt farm financier who had high connections in Washington, could get a maximum of 25 years in the penitentiary when Thomason sentences him in about two weeks.

Death Driver Gets Jail Term

LAKEVIEW — Robert Lee O'Connor, 26, was sentenced to one year in the Lake County Jail and fined $500 Friday morning in the court of Circuit Judge Charles Foster.

O'Connor was driver of a pickup from which Mrs. Theresa Arzner, 64, fell to her death on March 6.

He had first been charged with first degree murder. This charge was later dropped to second degree, and following receipt of findings by the Oregon State Crime Laboratory, the murder charge was dropped and he was charged with failure to stop at the scene of an accident in which a person was killed.

Boston Fire Claims Four

BOSTON (UPI)—Boston's worst hotel fire since 1913 flashed through three upper floors of the Sherry Biltmore before dawn today, spreading death and injury among some 150 guests.

Four persons were killed and 24 injured in the blaze which whipped along carpeted corridors in the fifth, sixth and seventh floors of the eight-story hotel.

One of the dead was identified only as Selma Hyman, who was in room 621. The other two men and a woman, were not immediately identified.

Some guests, trapped in their smoke-filled rooms, were rescued spectacularly over aerial ladders. Firefighters shouted "stay there!", "stay there!" as panicky guests seemed ready to jump from windows.

Among those who fled to safety was the entire 25-member cast of the Broadway road show "The Sound of Music" which is playing here. One woman guest fled with her parakeet, and another escaped clutching her income tax returns.

It was the fourth time the road company had been involved in fires in recent months. The last previous time was in Baltimore, Md., two weeks ago. The others were in Columbus, Ohio, and Minneapolis, Minn.

Ways, Means Votes Slash Of CD Staff

SALEM (UPI) — The full Ways and Means Committee voted overwhelmingly today to slash the 20-man state civil defense agency to a three-man staff attached to the governor's office.

It represents a cut of more than $50,000 from the governor's budget request.

Rep. George Flitcraft voted with the majority in favor of slashing the civil defense funds.

Only committee member to vote against the slash was Sen. Walter Leth, R-Salem. Another committee member, Rep. John Mosser, R-Portland, is ill and was absent.

The budget approved by Ways and Means calls for a general fund appropriation of $50,034, and $2,940 of federal funds known to be available.

The revised budget also would limit further federal aid to $47,094, which would mean if the federal government fully matched Oregon's general fund appropriation, the civil defense agency could receive a total of $100,064.

Gov. Mark Hatfield had requested $420,000 — $195,000 from the general fund and $215,000 in federal moneys — to finance a 20-man staff.

The Ways and Means Committee also voted to submit a companion bill which would make the state fire marshal, directors of the Department of Finance and Administration, Board of Health, Highway Department, State Police and military departments, members of the civil defense advisory committee. Two lay members would be appointed by the governor.

The advisory committee is now made up of five lay members named by the governor.

Kiwanians Slate Youth Awards Dinner April 3

The Kiwanis Club Youth Awards Banquet, to be held Wednesday, April 3, at the Winema will honor 22 boys and girls from Basin area high schools.

Those selected to receive the special Youth Award medals include: Diane Melsness and Michael Quadros, Bly; Joan Fernlund, Lynda Holbrook and Lund and Wayne Lahoda, Bonanza; Lynda Holbrook and John Parsons, Butte Valley; Diane Haas and Joe Kirk, Chiloquin; Jane Anding and David Sporrer, Gilchrist; Gena Spielman and Charlie Thompson, Henley; Phyllis Bauer and Jim Sibbet, KUHS; Lois Owens and Robert Holt, Malin; Colleen Crockett and Lynn Pope, Merrill; Janice Miller and Richard Steinbock, Sacred Heart Academy, and Sharon Massey and Jerry Potter, Tulelake.

Taking part in the affair will be the Klamath Falls and Linkville Kiwanis clubs, the KUHS Key Club and the OTI Circle K Club. The latter three clubs were chartered by the Klamath Falls club at a record-breaking Triple Charter Night in 1960. The local club went on to win the International Gold Award, the highest award in Kiwanis International, for that year's activities.

Visitors are also expected from other Kiwanis clubs in this area including Redmond, Tulelake, Medford and Alturas. Lt. Gov. Merle Foland, Medford, will be on hand to present 40 - year Kiwanis Legion of Honor pins and plaques to Dr. Lloyd Gass, John Houston, James Kerns, Frank Jenkins, and Dr. George A. Massey; a 35-year award to Henry Perkins and 25-year presentations to K. A. Moore and Lawrence Slater.

Warren Leistikow will be installed as president of the Key Club and Jim Erickson as president of the Circle K. President of the Klamath Falls club, Dick Hicks, will handle the installations. He will present Past Lt. Gov. Joe Hicks with a plaque denoting his life membership in the Kiwanis Foundation of Klamath Falls.

This is the fourth annual Youth Awards Banquet. Speakers at the three previous banquets were Stary Gange and Elliott Taylor, both past governors of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District of Kiwanis International, and U.S. Senator Maurine Neuberger. This year's guest speaker will be H. Park Arnold, Glendale, Calif., 1957-58 president of Kiwanis International.

Youth Killed In Accident

ALTURAS—An automobile accident involving two Modoc Union High School students Wednesday night resulted in the death of one boy and serious injury to his companion.

Donald Yarbrough, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Yarbrough, Alturas, died Thursday evening from internal injuries. The owner and driver of the automobile, Royal Graham Reid, has been unconscious in the Modoc Medical Center since the accident. Reid, also 17, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Reid of Alturas.

The incident occurred at 9:40 p.m. Wednesday as Reid was traveling westbound on Highway 299, one mile west of Alturas, at an excessive rate of speed, according to the California Highway Patrol report.

He had passed another westbound vehicle and his car swerved when he pulled it back into the right-hand lane, going off the roadway and striking a culvert. The CHP said both occupants were ejected from the car which flipped end over end and landed on top of Reid.

Borsting School Board Post Vacated By Move

The Herald and News learned Thursday night there will be one more opening on the KU board of directors than was previously announced. The election will be held May 6.

It was learned this week that C. O. Borsting, 1020 Pacific Terrace, who moved from the district he is representing (Plevna or Weyerhaeuser-Lenox) will not be allowed to complete his unexpired term.

There will therefore be a vacancy in that district to fill Borsting's unexpired term of one year and any person residing in the district who is a registered voter may run in the school board election once a nomination petition with the signatures of 76 registered voters in the district has been filed at the school clerk's office in the Administration Building.

There is still time to run for this board vacancy, but action will have to be taken quickly since April 5 is the deadline for filing of petitions and registering.

Nomination petitions may be obtained at the school clerk's office. Voters must register, however, in the county clerk's office at the courthouse.

Nomination petitions are being circulated for Borsting to fill the vacancy left by John D. Voth, KU board chairman. Voth's term expires June 30 and he indicated he will not run for re-election. Borsting's petition is the only one out for this vacancy.

C. O. BORSTING

Rollin A. Cantrall, chairman of Elementary District 1 school board, will be running for re-election. Nomination petitions for Cantrall have already been filed with the school clerk.

Cantrall at the present time is unchallenged in his bid for re-election. Only 37 signatures are needed on a petition for nomination of an elementary board member.

Fish, Game Meet Called

An important meeting of the Oregon Fish and Game Council has been called for the Willard Hotel Sunday at 1 p.m. by state president C. E. "Red" Milhorn.

Milhorn said that at least eight counties would be represented at the meeting which is expected to discuss a broad range of topics on the deer situation.

New legislation to be submitted to the legislature, study of a more effective program on validating the deer kill and a discussion on the public use of public lands are some of the topics on the agenda.

The group, Milhorn said, will also have to vote on accepting or rejecting participation in a "show-me" trip scheduled this weekend by the Oregon State Game Commission.

Milhorn said he expected representatives from Lane, Douglas, Josephine, Jackson, Klamath, Deschutes, and possibly Lake and Multnomah counties in Oregon, and Modoc County and Dunsmuir in California to attend the luncheon session.

Cardinal Notes 71st Birthday

VIENNA (UPI) — Joszef Cardinal Mindszenty, who has been called a living symbol of Communism's anti-religious policies, today quietly marked his 71st birthday within the confines of the United States legation in Budapest.

Reports reaching here from the Hungarian capital indicated the Roman Catholic cardinal would spend the day much as any other since he took asylum in the legation Nov. 4, 1956, to prevent arrest by Russian authorities who had crushed the Hungarian revolt.

EARNED RECOGNITION — Otis Metzger, chairman of the Sick and Visiting Committee of Klamath Falls Lodge, No. 1247 BPOE, was named Elk of the Year for 1962-1963. He was presented with an engraved plaque Thursday night by Exalted Ruler Mike Holland. Among the many acts of kindness, Metzger has served willingly on any committee, assisted with Christmas baskets, has made more than 200 hospital and home calls to sick members or their families, has visited 30 persons other than Elks during his rounds, has found wheelchairs, crutches and other equipment for the ill and has attended nearly every regular lodge session to report for his committee.