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Weather

Klamath Falls, Tulelake and Lakeview—Partly cloudy and cold tonight. Lows 24-28. Increasing cloudiness with few snow showers on Wednesday. High Wednesday 38-42.

High yesterday	42
Low this morning	22
High year ago	34
Low year ago	16
Precip. past 24 hours	.00
Since Jan. 1	1.69
Same period last year	2.74

LBJ Sends Aide To Assist Taylor With Viet Crisis

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Presidential adviser McGeorge Bundy leaves tonight for Saigon to consult with U. S. Ambassador Maxwell D. Taylor on the problems plaguing South Viet Nam's anti-Communist war.

High officials said President Johnson wanted someone to take a new look at Vietnamese affairs because of last week's military coup. Taylor himself suggested that Bundy be sent to "review the situation."

Bundy is Johnson's assistant on national security affairs. He is to be accompanied on his trip by John McNaughton, assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs, and Leonard Unger, deputy assistant secretary of state for Far Eastern affairs and head of the interdepartmental task force on Viet Nam.

White House Press Secretary George E. Reedy said Bundy is expected to return to Washington late this week.

Kosygin To Visit North

The White House announcement Monday night of Bundy's mission to Saigon followed the weekend disclosure in Moscow that Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin planned to leave "shortly" for Communist North Viet Nam.

U.S. authorities said Kosygin's planned trip had nothing to do with the arrangements for the hurried Bundy mission. They said the Bundy visit had been in preparation for about a week.

High officials said the Kosygin trip, together with intensified Soviet propaganda demanding that Americans leave Viet Nam, probably was designed primarily to diminish Chinese Communist influence in Hanoi.

It was expected that Russia would promise North Viet Nam more military aid. U.S. officials were inclined to believe, however, that Kosygin might well urge North Vietnamese president Ho Chi Minh not to step up his operations against South Viet Nam significantly lest he invite major U.S. retaliation.

Bundy's mission was bound to start speculation that Ambassador Taylor might be replaced. It comes at a time when Taylor is somewhat at odds with Lt. Gen. Nguyen Khanh, who engineered the latest coup.

Officials Deny Switch

Administration officials denied that the President had any such intention. Reedy said Bundy was going "because in view of the situation in Saigon it was felt that it was preferable for the ambassador to stay there..."

Reedy noted that Taylor had returned to Washington for talks every two or three months since he assumed the Saigon post last summer.

It was during Taylor's talks here just three months ago that President Johnson authorized a slight increase in U.S. air operations against Communist supply lines in Red-held sections of Laos. The White House also authorized at that time intensified efforts to get a more representative civilian regime in Saigon, one which might gain wider popular support for the anti-Communist war.

Taylor's efforts to secure such a government have backfired under pressure from a group of Buddhist leaders who have brought down several governments.

CONSULTS — McGeorge Bundy, President Johnson's top aide on national security, is flying to Saigon to consult with Gen. Maxwell Taylor, U.S. ambassador to South Viet Nam, on the situation there. — UPI Telephoto

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

From Portland this morning:

Ground hog shadow or not, February got off to a good start in flood-weary Oregon.

Weather Bureau statistics reported NO PRECIPITATION IN THE STATE during the 24-hour period ending this morning at 4 a.m.

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It's bad news—very bad news indeed.

In Oregon and Far Northern California this year, we've had about all the rain we can profitably use—not to mention the fact that we've had about all we can stand.

Question:

How did the Ground Hog Day superstition get started?

Well, in the U.S.A. it got its start with the Pennsylvania Germans, who had a legend to the effect that on February 2 the ground hog awakens from his long winter sleep—and that he sticks his head out of his home in the ground and looks around.

If the sun is shining and he can see his shadow, the legend goes, he is frightened and goes back into his hole. Then winter lasts another six weeks.

But, if the day is cloudy and the ground hog can't see his shadow, he shakes off his winter's sleep, goes about the business of finding something to eat, and winter is OVER.

The legend that if February 2 is bright and fair the winter isn't over yet is much older than the settlement of parts of Pennsylvania by Germans. It goes back to Candlemas Day.

There is an old Scotch proverb that goes like this:

If Candlemas Day be bright and fair,

The half of winter has come and mair;

If Candlemas Day be wet and foul,

The half of winter was gone at Youl.

Interesting question:

When is YOUL?

The books on this scribe's five-foot shelf ignore YOUL.

Who knows when and what it was?

The Germans also have a proverb regarding the ground hog and Candlemas Day.

It goes:

"The badger peeps out of his hole on Candlemas Day, and if he finds snow he walks abroad; but if he sees the sun shining he draws back into his hole."

Anyway—

Right or wrong—

The belief that if the second day of February dawns bright and sunny the worst of the winter isn't over is very, very old indeed.

Let's hope it isn't accurate. From here on, for some time to come, the amount of rain we can do without in these parts is fabulous.

We've had plenty of it so far, thank you.

City Notes 6% Drop In Crime

Klamath Falls showed a six per cent decrease in major crimes during 1964, while the nationwide rate rose 19 per cent, according to Chief of Police Charles Howard.

These figures are included in Howard's annual report to the city, which was released Monday afternoon.

"Although realizing there is room for improvement, I feel we are fortunate to be able to report a six per cent decrease in crimes in this (major) category for the year of 1964," Howard said in a covering letter to City Manager Bob G. Kyle. "It should also be noted there were no homicides or reported rapes in this city for the same period."

Joint Effort

Howard said crime reduction "is not the accomplishment of law enforcement alone, but it is the result of the combined efforts of this community and the assistance given us this year has been deeply appreciated."

Howard noted that his department had 32 persons on duty at the end of the year, including civilians.

Howard outlined the physical changes in his department during the year.

Juvenile Work

He singled out the juvenile division, headed by Sgt. Ray Howard, saying, "This area of police work continues to be one of the most heavily burdened. We do feel fortunate in that Klamath Falls shows a reduc-

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Directors View Ruin From Flood

Regional Director Robert J. Pafford Jr., and Assistant Director Carl J. Kadie were in the Klamath area Friday and Saturday to look over areas damaged by flooding and affected by the heavy runoff now occurring in the Basin.

They examined Link River, the diked low-land areas between Klamath Falls and Keno, the similarly developed areas bordering Upper Klamath Lake, and the Tule Lake and Lower Klamath basins as well as breaks in canals and dikes which occurred during the Christmas week flooding.

Snow Melts

Pafford is director of the Reclamation's Region 2, which embraces most of California and Nevada and the Klamath Basin in Oregon at its north end.

Again this past weekend there was a substantial swelling of streamflow due to rain Thursday night and subsequent warm temperatures that melted most of the snow in the low-land areas. Lost River inflow, originating below the storage dams, was greater than the capacity of the Diversion Canal to the Klamath River and it was necessary to spill to the Tule Lake area already receiving much inflow.

As the sump has been full, spill into the Southwest Reserve Sump was increased greatly, thus reducing the storage reserve protecting the private "homestead" lands of the Tule

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Street Jobs On Docket

Public hearings on assessments for five street improvement projects in the suburban area is on the docket for the regular business meeting of the County Board of Commissioners tomorrow, with the first session slated to begin at 11 a.m. The street improvement matters will be preceded by an open hearing at 10 a.m. during which residents of the county may discuss miscellaneous issues with the commissioners.

The times of the street hearings and the established assessments follow:

11 a.m., Laurel Street, from Dover Street to Cable Street, $2.85 per frontage foot.

1:30 p.m., Cable Street, from Riverside Drive to Laurel Street, $2.91.

2 p.m., Delaware Avenue, from Altamont Drive to east line of Lot 12, Block 4, First Addition to Altamont Acres Subdivision, $3.01.

2:30 p.m., Climax Avenue, from Wiard to Hope Street, NW¼ of Section 2, $2.88.

3 p.m., Dover Street, between Riverside Drive and Laurel Street in Riverview Subdivision, $2.77.

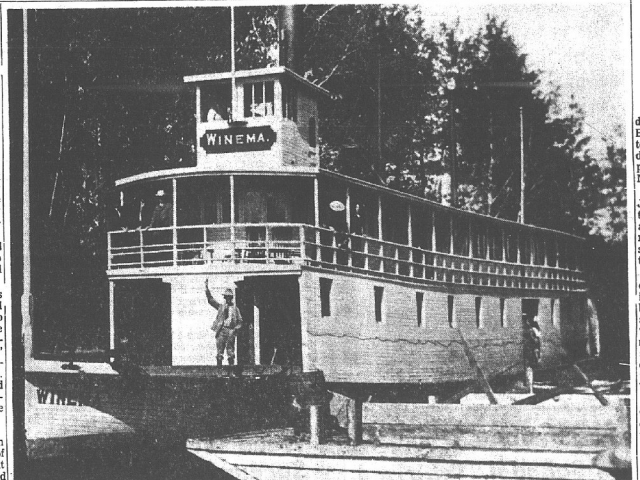
Crisis Passes In Flood Area

By United Press International

The flood crisis that threatened the dairy - rich Tillamook country on the Oregon coast was over today and the next big job was to remove the slide that caused it.

Gov. Mark Hatfield said late Monday the Tillamook area was out of danger from waters that had backed up behind the Wilson River slide. Cleanup of the slide will begin soon, he said.

An overflow and a channel cut by the river permitted a runoff so the "lake" behind the nature-made dam could recede.



FAMOUS SHIP AFLOAT — A passenger on the Winema waves a greeting during an excursion of the vessel to resort areas at Odessa, Rocky Point and Harriman Lodge during the heyday of steamboat travel. The ship capsized in 1907 but was later restored to service.

Klamath Marks 60th Anniversary Of Famous Upper Lake Steamship

By DICK BRIGGS

A narrow column of smoke rose skyward from the drydock where the "Winema" had languished for some eight years after leaving Klamath Lake in 1919 to the excursions of other steamboats.

John T. Totton, builder, engineer and owner of the 125-foot long ship that had become regarded as the lady of the lake, noted the thin trail of smoke from a window in his home and remarked casually to his wife, "By the looks of that smoke it appears that the Winema's about to go off on another excursion."

Suddenly the terrible ramifications of the apparently innocent scene struck him. Totton raced from his home down to the Pelican marina and along the lake front to the cradle of the great ship which was then becoming its funeral pyre.

Flames roiled wildly on one side of the ship, emitting an intense heat barrier that held Totton in his tracks. An immediate perusal of the situation indicated that the "Winema" already had been razed beyond a point where it could be restored, and Totton left the scene of his personal holocaust disheartened and with a deep feeling of loss.

Those were the reflections of Totton, now 96, as he visited the Klamath County Museum last Friday to observe an exhibit commemorating the launching of the vessel that first slid into Klamath Lake 60 years ago today—Feb. 2, 1905.

The exhibit consists of a number of pictures depicting the locally famous steamboat and a few mementoes—some pewter spoons and a dinner bell—that were used on board the paddlewheeler when such ships were the mode of travel on Klamath Lake.

After the turn of the century. The special display was prepared by William Burk, curator, and is to be featured at the museum for the remainder of the month.

In reflecting further on the destruction of his ship by fire, Totton said that later he walked through the ashes of the vessel and noted the remnants of its great whistle. He lifted it from the ashes and the brass object melted in the heat of the inferno, disintegrated into numberless pieces.

Symbol Of Times

Despite her tragic ending, the Winema was symbolic of happier times dating to the moment in February, 1905, when Mrs. F. W. Jennings stood before the hull of the steamship

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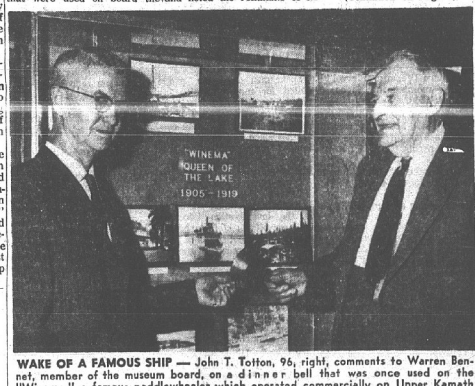

WAKE OF A FAMOUS SHIP — John T. Totton, 96, right, comments to Warren Bennet, member of the museum board, on a dinner bell that was once used on the "Winema," a famous paddlewheeler which operated commercially on Upper Kamath Lake when such ships were the custom of travel during the 1900s. Totton was the builder, engineer and owner of the ship that became known as the queen of Upper Klamath Lake.

Groundhog Predicts More Cold

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa. (UPI) — The Punxsutawney Groundhog, known hereabout as the "seer of seers" when it comes to weather forecasting, today predicted six more weeks of miserable wintry weather.

The faithful gathered atop Gobblers' Knob and reported the groundhog bounded out of his burrow precisely at 7:27 a.m., EST, saw his shadow, and quickly scurried back in his hole.

But before he disappeared his actions told the members of the Groundhog Club the country could expect a mixture of everything miserable until March 16 — snow, sleet, rain, winds and extreme cold.

It was bitter cold, and snowing, and still fairly dark when the groundhog made his appearance. Nevertheless, Groundhog Club members said he threw a distinct shadow.

No shadow would have meant an early spring.

Club members, who lost no time in getting back to town, said this was the 79th consecutive year that the groundhog has made an accurate forecast of the weather the country could expect for the remainder of the winter.

City Discusses Highway Policies On Bridge Ramp, Street Signals

The State Highway Commission and its policies came under discussion by the city council Monday night.

In one segment, Mayor Robert Veatch said he still is trying to determine the status of the proposed Link River bridge off-ramp.

The Herald and News last week reported that a State Highway Department spokesman said the project is being held in abeyance, and won't be built this spring. He said it is indefinite when the project will be begun.

Veatch said he is trying to clarify the status of the project in conversations with state officials. He said he believes the project is still in the design stage.

Sale Approved

Along with this, the council Monday night approved the sale of the city-owned West End Grocery building near Veterans Park to John Mathews, a city fireman, for one dollar.

Mathews will demolish the building for salvage within 60 days.

The action was taken both to remove the building, which is old and in poor repair, and also to prepare a right-of-way for the off-ramp.

Letter Read

The State Highway Commission again was discussed when City Manager Bob G. Kyle read a letter from the commission on the city's proposals for improving Kit Carson Way.

The city had proposed three steps — installation of traffic signals at Esplanade and Kit Carson, traffic control at the Campus Drive intersection, and illumination of Kit Carson.

The State Highway Commission rejected the first proposal, saying it doesn't believe there is sufficient traffic volume to warrant a traffic signal at Esplanade, and also expressing concern about signalling the steep approach on Esplanade.

The commission says it believes "the basic (present) scheme is the best arrangement."

Flasher Proposed

However, the commission said it plans to upgrade its flashing beacon at the intersection to make it more impressive.

"I'm not prepared to take that lying down," Mayor Veatch commented on this reply.

The mayor said at least a half-dozen traffic deaths have been recorded at the intersection. "I see every day near-misses at that intersection."

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Fight Flares On Worker's Benefit Bill

SALEM (UPI)—Charges that a proposed workmen's compensation bill was a "full-employment bill for lawyers" echoed through House Labor and Management Committee hearings on the measure Monday.

The description came first from Frank Pozzi, Portland, who testified against the measure on behalf of the Citizen's committee to protect workmen's compensation.

It brought a sharp rejoinder from William Moshofsky, Portland, speaking in favor of the bill. Moshofsky was the spokesman for the committee which drafted the proposal.

"The fact that they (lawyers) are here in such numbers is an indication to the contrary," he said.

Pozzi contended the industry-backed bill offers inadequate benefits for injured workers and predicted that most of the 19 per cent benefit increase over the state's present law would go for attorney's fees.

Procedure Argued

Most of the arguments centered around the procedure for receiving an injury award under the proposed bill. The measure would abolish Oregon's present appeal to a jury trial and substitute an appeal to a commission, with further appeals possible on questions of procedure to circuit court and the state Supreme Court.

Opponents introduced Ben Leep, a Redding, Calif., attorney, who told the committee the proposed Oregon law was similar in that respect to California's, which he called "a monster from the litigation standpoint."

Council Studies Street Projects

City councilmen hashed through City Manager Bob G. Kyle's proposal for a series of street widening projects Monday night—and settled nothing.

The proposal to widen a number of heavily - traveled residential streets two weeks ago was met with opposition from a number of property owners who appeared before the council.

In face of this show of opposition, Councilman Lyle Kellstrom Monday night asked Kyle if engineering work on the projects is continuing.

Kyle told him no engineering on the projects is being done at this time.

Surveying Discussed

Asst. City Engineer Clarence Westwood said some surveying may be done—but that this surveying serves more than one purpose.

Mayor Robert Veatch told Kellstrom he felt some engineering must be done on the widening proposals, so firm estimates can be presented to the property owners involved.

Most of the opposition to the projects came from California Avenue, and Councilman Nelson Reed said he believes any work on California plans would be a waste of money.

"You cannot resign yourself to saying, 'Oh well, they don't want it,' " Veatch said. "How long can you live with it—five years or 10 years? Meanwhile, the town is strangling itself economically."

Question Unanswered

The council did not resolve the question of whether the city engineer's office will continue with plans on the projects.

In contrast to the overflow turnout of two weeks ago, only a handful of persons showed up at the council meeting Monday night.

Mrs. Raymond Chalmers, 1304 Worden, was the only member of the audience to comment on the street widening proposals.

Mrs. Chalmers asked the council about the origin of the rule that owners of two-thirds of the involved property must object before a street project is killed.

"Who initiated and who issued the ordinance that allows one-third of the minority to rule two-thirds of the majority?" she asked.

Rule In Charter

Mayor Veatch told her this rule is part of the city charter approved by voters in 1913.

Mrs. Chalmers further asked that if Eleventh Street is widened, as proposed, that an 18-inch-high, steel-reinforced curb be installed to protect property owners from runaway cars, and that a stoplight be installed at the Upham - Eleventh - Oregon Avenue intersection to protect Fairview School children.

Veatch said, "I think you have a good suggestion on the signal light."

Policy Read

The mayor, prior to opening the general public hearing, read a statement of policy concerning persons speaking at the hearing. There has been some controversy over the handling of the hearing since the massive turnout two weeks ago.

The mayor noted that each property owner is notified of a public hearing on a specific street project.

"The general public hearing, on the other hand, is a forum for the use and benefit of citizens, residents of the city, and I stress the word 'resident,' to discuss any matter of per-

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Fire Chief Totals Loss In Klamath

Fire Chief Geno Gheller, in his annual report, says 1964 fire losses in the city totaled $153,964.43.

Gheller's 1964 report was presented to the city council Monday night.

He says that local residents collected $129,651.67 in insurance for these losses and $24,312.76 in losses was not covered by insurance.

The losses occurred in property valued at $5,473,900.

The fire department received 367 fire alarms during the year, 26 rescue alarms and 12 false alarms.

Rubbish, trash and litter, with 67 alarms, was the number one cause of fire calls.

Two persons died and six persons were injured in fires during the year. The two victims were Joseph and Phyllis Rogers, who died in a house fire at 225 North First Street March 13, 1964.

The chief listed his department's fire prevention activities, including 2,107 inspections.

Tutors Ask Pay Boost

Teachers, cooks and maintenance personnel of Klamath Union High and city elementary schools Monday night requested salary increases for 1965-66 from the combined school budget committees.

The committees authorized the administration to place the requested across-the-board $300 teacher salary schedule increase request in the budgets for discussion purposes, and indicated the raises will be considered further when the final budgets are written for 1965-66.

Cooks requested a general increase in their rates and maintenance personnel sought a graduated wage scale. These also will be considered.