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Weather
Klamath Falls, Tulelake and Lakeview —Fair through Friday with little change in temperatures. Lows tonight 27-32. Highs Friday 53-58. Variable winds mostly under 12 m.p.h.
High yesterday 54
Low this morning 17
High year ago 34
Low year ago 17
Precip. past 24 hours .00
Since Jan. 1 1.49
Same period last year 3.31

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N. Viets Protest Coastal Shelling

SAIGON (UPI) — North Viet Nam charged today that four U.S. and South Vietnamese warships shelled a coastal installation today and were driven off in a battle with Communist patrol boats. It called the alleged intrusion a serious provocation.

The Communist broadcast came as a strong show of force by Vietnamese troops smashed a guerrilla offensive in the Mekong Delta 35 miles southwest of Saigon. U.S. Army helicopters flew in troops and a battalion of Viet Cong broke and fled.

No Confirmation

There was no official confirmation of Hanoi Radio's report of a naval engagement but it came shortly after President Liu Shao-chi of Communist China reaffirmed Peking's support for North Viet Nam against U.S.-South Vietnamese "aggression."

The United States virtually completed its evacuation of 1,819 American dependents today with the departure of Mrs. Maxwell Taylor, wife of the U.S. ambassador, and 15 others. The last 15 are to fly home Friday.

The British Embassy today advised British, Canadian, New Zealand and Irish citizens to leave remote parts of South Viet Nam if they had no important reasons for remaining. There was no call for evacuation but the embassy said dependents who wanted to leave could.

Seaborne Attack

The U.S. - South Vietnamese seaborne attack reported by Hanoi was alleged to have hit 200 miles north of the 17th parallel which divides North and South Viet Nam. It followed three U.S.-Vietnamese air attacks on northern military targets last week.

The Hanoi regime called the alleged raid "a new, extremely serious act of provocation by the United States and its stooges." A Hanoi broadcast heard in Tokyo said "two of the ships were damaged when they were intercepted by North Vietnamese patrol boats."

No Threats Made

Although the North Vietnamese protest was bellicose, it made no threats of retaliation. Hanoi said the International Control Commission was informed of the incident in a note which called it "a gross encroachment" and an "impudent violation" of the Geneva agreements of 1954.

The Viet Cong offensive which crumbled today began Wednesday in the Mekong River Delta 35 miles southwest of Saigon when a guerrilla battalion attacked a government outpost near My Tho.

Military reports today said the guerrillas apparently elected not to stand and fight when the government struck back with a large-scale helicopter airlift of Vietnamese reinforcements.

A U.S. military spokesman reported today that government forces were unable to reach the hulk of a sunken 100-foot Communist warship along the coast 235 miles northeast of Saigon.

The spokesman said heavy fire from Viet Cong units entrenched along the shores of a cove where the vessel was sunk Wednesday stopped troops trying to reach it.

The steel-hulled craft, largest encountered in the 10-year guerrilla war, was disabled by six Vietnamese air force fighter-bombers after it was spotted by an American helicopter pilot.

WAR MAP — This newsmap spots area where (1) Radio Hanoi claims that four U.S. and South Vietnamese warships shelled a North Vietnamese coastal installation early Thursday. A Viet Cong guerrilla offensive southwest of Saigon (2) is reported to have crumbled in the face of a strong show of force by South Vietnamese troops. — UPI Telephoto

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

From Salem as this is written:

A reluctant senate yesterday passed 21 to 7 a measure giving elective officials, high department heads and state police salary increases.

The measure was the most controversial to come before the senate this session, the dissatisfaction with it splitting across party lines. The objection to the measure is that in drafting it the ways and means committee put three pay groups into one bill in order to get increases for a group that might not get them if they had to be voted on separately.

The bill also gives the governor a pay increase on his base salary, not including expenses, from $21,500 to $23,000 annually; the attorney general from $16,000 to $18,000; and the labor commissioner from $16,000 to $17,000 a year.

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We ordinary taxpayers can't help wondering a bit about increasing the salaries of elective officials—especially the salaries of those that have just got elected.

When they became candidates for the offices they sought, they knew what the salaries were. Knowing what the pay was, they still wanted the offices.

Yet—

Knowing what the salaries were—

They spent a lot of money to get nominated. Then they spent a lot more money to get elected.

Their story, of course, is that they spent so much money to get nominated and elected that they haven't enough left to live on in the manner that the jobs call for.

But—

To the ordinary taxpayer—

It seems a little like gilding the lily to increase NOW the salaries of the offices that were so vigorously fought for in the primary and general elections.

Especially in view of the fact that the increases, if they are granted, will come out of the taxpayers' pockets.

After all, the taxpayer's viewpoint is entitled to some consideration.

He is the poor devil who puts up the money to keep the show going.

But, you may say—

If we don't pay enough —

How are we going to get the right kind of men in high office?

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OLCC Okays KF Licenses

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission Wednesday afternoon reversed its former stand and approved off-sale liquor licenses for three downtown Klamath Falls taverns.

The action upheld a controversial city council stand on the licenses and ended five years of limited wine sales in the downtown area.

Package beverage licenses were granted to the Armory Tavern, Vern's and the Pastime.

Don Church, a spokesman for the OLCC, said "We went to businessmen in Klamath Falls and got both objections and support (for the licenses), but we kept no statistics."

Last spring, the OLCC turned down identical licenses for three Klamath Falls taverns after a survey of businessmen revealed that 75 per cent were opposed to their approval.

That action followed a 3 - 2 council vote to approve the applications.

Wednesday's action also followed a 3-2 council vote to approve the applications.

Councilmen Lyle Kellstrom, James Barnes and Nelson Reed voted to approve the three applications Jan. 4 and Councilmen Walt Fleet and Ladd Hoyt continued their opposition to the licenses.

Applications Expected

The OLCC action is expected to spark a number of applications from downtown taverns to the city council.

It was the latest step in a long series of incidents over the liquor issue.

Five years ago, the city council created a two-block-wide strip down the length of Main Street and within this zone would not approve any

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Budgeteers Slash Levy For Schools

Klamath Falls elementary school budget committeemen handed good news to local taxpayers Wednesday night when they adopted a 1965-66 budget calling for a small cut in taxes from the 1964-65 level.

The budget will spend more than 1964-65, but unexpected sources of outside revenue have reduced the levy below this year's level.

The budget committee adopted a levy for 1965-66 of $929,797—$3,277 below the 1964-65 levy of $924,074. The adopted levy is well below the initial estimate of $1,011,201.

The budget calls for general fund expenditures of $1,401,901, which is above both the proposed expenditures of $1,387,376 and the 1964-65 general fund spending of $1,353,298.

A salary increase for teachers and other personnel is the prime reason for the spending increase.

However, it was revealed that there will be $53,000 more in cash carry-over for 1965-66 than had been estimated, and receipts from forest service timber sales will be up by about $30,000.

These two items, combined with other sources of revenue, produced the cut in levy.

The levy may be cut even further if the proposed level of state basic school support is adopted by the legislature. A figure of $100 per child has been used in making up the budget, but if the current proposal is adopted, state school support may reach a level of $120 per child.

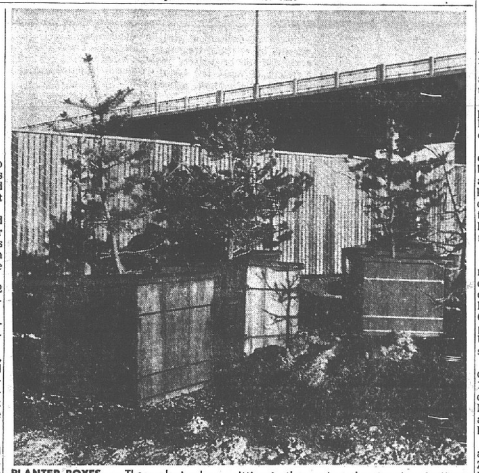
Dead Ringer Passes Test

OMAHA, Neb. (UPI) — A medical report on "dead ringer" John (Fritz) Johnson said today there is no indication that "he has any recollection" of his life as an Ohio salesman who disappeared almost eight years ago.

The doctors said they were also unable to find a medical or psychiatric reason for Johnson's loss of memory.

Johnson's family doctor revealed the results of exhaustive mental and physical tests conducted on the flamboyant Omaha television personality.

Johnson's fingerprints have identified him as Lawrence J. Bader, an Akron, Ohio, kitchen appliance salesman who disappeared during a fishing trip on Lake Erie in May, 1957. Johnson, now 36, turned up in Omaha three days later and became one of the city's best known figures before a friend of Bader's recognized him in Chicago early this month.



PLANTER BOXES — These planter boxes sitting in the yard at the city shop building are the focal point of a dispute between some downtown merchants and the city government. The planter boxes were picked up by city crews without any forewarning to the merchants who own them — and this has made some merchants mad.

Raid On Planter Boxes Irks City Businessmen

An early morning raid against unkempt downtown planter boxes has raised the ire of a number of downtown businessmen against the city government.

Eight planter boxes were picked up Tuesday morning by city workmen following the orders of Mayor Robert Veatch.

The action followed a discussion Monday night by the city council of the planter boxes. At one point, Councilman Ladd Hoyt said of the boxes, "They are nothing but garbage collection points in most cases."

Hoyt said, "I think it's about time to get rid of most of them."

Veatch said the action was in keeping with the original agreement between the city and the merchants to place the boxes on downtown sidewalks. He said the city at that time reserved the right to pick up any boxes which were not maintained.

However, Larry Whytal, president of the Klamath Merchants Association, said it was not the action itself which has irked merchants, but rather the way in which it was carried out.

"The merchants," he said, "should have been notified that the city would pick up their shrubs if they weren't taken care of or replaced."

Private Property

Whytal agreed that some of the planter boxes have been neglected, but he also noted that the boxes are the property of the merchants themselves.

At least two merchants reported the boxes stolen to police.

Meanwhile, the boxes are sitting at the city shops.

Whytal inspected them Wednesday and said three of the miniature trees are still alive.

Veatch said the merchants may have them back if they will promise to maintain them. He said the city may help this effort by painting the boxes.

Cardinal In Hospital

BOSTON (UPI) — Richard Cardinal Cushing underwent tests and X-rays today for an undisclosed illness that may require surgery.

The 69-year-old archbishop of Boston entered St. Elizabeth's Hospital Wednesday after presiding at a meeting of the trustees of the hospital.

Chancery officials said his stay will be a brief one—even if he undergoes surgery.

End Faces White City

MEDFORD (UPI) — Final closure of the White City Veterans domiciliary will take place June 30 if the present closure date of May 1 becomes official, according to James A. Hudson, director of the facility.

Hudson said all members would be discharged or transferred by that date and the facility would be empty of property by Aug. 30.

34 Drop UF Pledges In Protest On Probe

Thirty-four Weyerhaeuser Company employes have cancelled their pledges to the Klamath County United Fund in protest against support of the American Social Health Association which conducted an investigation of commercialized prostitution in Klamath Falls in December.

Phillip Parsons, executive director of the United Fund, told the Herald and News Thursday he and other UF officials are attempting to squelch the revolt in a series of meetings with Weyerhaeuser employes.

Protest Voiced

Ben Coker, a Weyerhaeuser hardboard plant employe, said the protests of himself and other men revolve around support of the ASHA.

"We don't believe this is a charitable organization that we are sponsoring through the United Fund," Coker said. Coker said he and other men believe the United Fund's activities should be limited to charitable organizations such as the Red Cross.

"We don't feel we should be paying for an investigation," Coker said. "We have a federal bureau to investigate narcotics and police to take care of prostitution in this town."

Loss Totaled

Parsons said the 34 cancellations mean a loss to the United Fund of about $500. He noted, however, that more than 900 other Weyerhaeuser employes

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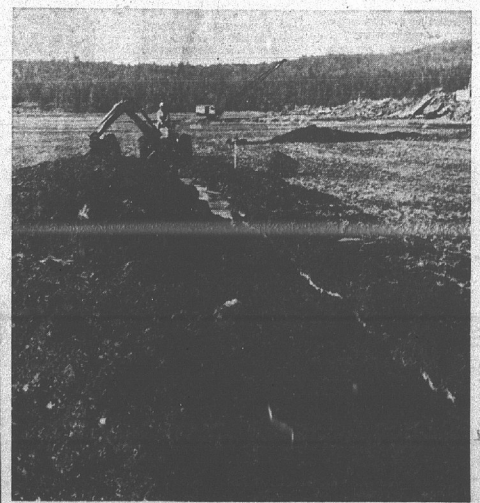
PPL Speeds Work On Bypass Ditch To Drain Flooded Flatlands In Keno Area



WORK STARTS ON BYPASS DITCH — The 3,000 foot bypass ditch to be dug by the Morrison-Knudsen Company for Pacific Power and Light Company is already underway. The ditch will bypass the Keno regulating dam and permit faster escape of water currently inundating the flatlands around Keno. In view at left, bucket clears out a pond in which a pump can be installed to clear water out of the area scheduled for digging. In center view, a backhoe is busy digging a drainage line parallel to the scheduled ditch. For right, a crib is being constructed to house a pump to try to clear water from the ditch region. It will take about 30 days to complete excavation of the ditch which, company officials indicated, should clear the lands in time for spring field work. A special meeting on the situation is scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday in the offices of Pacific Power and Light Company at Fourth and Main streets.