

THE WEATHER AT YUMA

Highest last 24 hours 73
Lowest last 24 hours 46
Average high this date 68
Average low this date 44
Relative humidity at 11 a.m. 23 1/2
Forecast for Tuesday night: Considerable cloudiness tonight. Clear to scattered clouds tomorrow. Much colder tonight. Colder Tuesday and locally windy.

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Bill Introduced On Succession To Governorship

PHOENIX, Jan. 26—(UP)—A resolution calling for submission of a constitutional amendment setting up a line of succession to the Arizona governorship today was the basis of as much discussion among legislators as the groundwater legislation the lawmakers were called to consider.

The resolution was dropped quickly into the House hopper by Rep. Jack Cummar, Maricopa county, it provides that the secretary of state, if holding his office by election, shall be the first in line to become governor in the event the office becomes vacant for any reason, including physical incapacity.

There is no secret that the resolution was prompted by the uncertain state of Gov. Sidney P. Osborn's health. After the secretary of state, others would succeed to the governorship in this order: Speaker of the House of Representatives, president of the Senate, attorney general, state auditor, state treasurer.

At present, the constitution merely provides that in case of a vacancy the secretary of state shall assume to duties of governor. There is no provision for him to assume the title or receive the salary.

Goodwill Comes in Bottles



Adding to his rapidly growing stock of wine, a traffic cop in Rome reaches for another gift bottle from a passing motorist on "Befana" Day. It's an old tradition and to insure a good haul for the force, the police department "co-operated" by turning off all traffic lights, making it necessary to have policemen on duty. Photo by NEA-Acme staff correspondent Albert Blasetti.

No Freedom Train Meeting Tonight

Committeemen who were looking forward to a big roundtable discussion of their problems in connection with the Freedom Train's visit to Yuma are going to be disappointed.

Herb T. Golden, American Heritage representative who was to be here tonight for a 7:30 session with committee chairman, can't make the meeting. But he was on hand all day today at the chamber of commerce office for consultation. The train stops in Yuma Feb. 21, and plans to make the week preceding the visit a significant period of "rededication to freedom" are already shaping up under the direction of Mrs. Monica Baker, general chairman.

MORE COLD IN PROSPECT FOR EAST

Deaths Due to Weather Increase To 156 in 2 Weeks

By UNITED PRESS
A new cold front pushing down from Canada brought with it today the prospect of continued cold weather for most of the nation east of the Rocky Mountains.

The fresh mass of frigid air sweeping down across the northern plains was the fifth in 12 days. It brought a new threat to the nation's dwindling fuel oil stocks, and further discomfort to hundreds of communities where the oil had all but run out.

U. S. weather forecasters at Chicago said most of the nation east of the Rockies was due for another week of "sub-normal" temperatures. They said the new cold front would moderate slightly as it moves southward and eastward later this week, but not enough to bring any relief.

Plan Rites for F. M. Fennemore, Phoenix Lawyer

PHOENIX, Jan. 26 (UP)—Funeral services will be held Wednesday for F. M. Fennemore, 69, long a leading Phoenix attorney who died yesterday of a heart attack.

A member of the firm of Fennemore, Craig, Allend and Bledsoe, the lawyer had practiced in the capital city since 1912. Among his clients were the Santa Fe Railroad, the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company and the Kennecott Copper Company. He was a director of the First National Bank of Arizona.

Fennemore was born in Beaver, Utah, worked as a cowboy in his youth and then taught school and studied law. He was admitted to the bar in his native state when 22. He came to Phoenix originally to buy several independent telephone companies for the Mountain States Company. He was active in civic and social organizations.

Phoenix Man Is Elected Head Of Bushmasters

PHOENIX, Jan. 26 (UP)—Sid Cochran, Phoenix, technical sergeant while serving with Arizona's famed Bushmaster, officially the 15th Regimental Combat Team, will head the Bushmasters Association this year.

The former enlisted man was elected at the association's annual convention here over the week-end. He succeeds Col. Wilson B. Wood, Phoenix. Other new officers are Henry Merchant, Jr., Tucson, senior vice-commander; R. Clyde Cathey, Flagstaff, junior vice-commander; Morton Slat, Tucson, finance officer; and Raymond White, Wickenburg, sergeant-at-arms.

Four former commanders of the Bushmasters addressed the meeting. They were Brig. Gen. Hanford MacNider, former American Legion national commander; Maj. Gen. A. M. Tutthill, Arizona adjutant general; Col. E. O. Sandlin, now stationed at Fort Houston, Texas; and Col. J. Pugh Herndon, Tucson.

Bike, Pants, Fog Lights Reported Stolen Over Weekend

Three thefts were reported to the county sheriff's office Sunday, involving a bicycle, auto accessories, and clothing.

Senate Republicans Agree to Cut Taxes, Budget, U. S. Debt

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (UP)—Senate Republicans agreed today to reduce income taxes, the budget and the national debt this year.

The national debt would be cut by at least \$2,600,000,000 this year, the senators agreed, but they declined to commit themselves now to be House Republican plan to cut income taxes by about \$6,000,000,000.

Both Houses were in session. The Senate met at noon to consider the St. Lawrence Seaway proposal while the House considered minor bills. There were these other developments:

Rents—Housing Expediter T. H. E. Woods said he had complaints that some landlords are working a new dodge to get their apartments freed from rent control. Woods told a Senate Banking subcommittee the complaints say the landlords are turning in "phony leases on apartments where there are no tenants at all." Woods asked the senators to extend rent control beyond the Feb. 29 expiration date.

Boys Nabbed at Ehrenberg Freed At Dads' Request

PARKER, Ariz., Jan. 26 (UP)—Two 17-year-old New York youths, headed home today after their release by sheriff's deputies who took them into custody because they were carrying too much money.

Their release was granted after night club operator William C. Morrison told officers via telephone from Albany, N. Y., that his son and a friend apparently were "just having a good time" with \$15,000 young Morrison had taken from a drawer in his home.

William J. Morrison, Albany, and William Morrissey, Cohoes, N. Y., were picked up Saturday at Ehrenberg.

Agriculture inspectors there called deputy sheriffs when they noticed the boys driving an expensive automobile and had \$2,100 with them.

Morrissey's father, William T. Morrissey, Albany county probation officer, also asked for the boys' release. He said they had permission to drive the car they were using.

Deputy Sheriff Walter Akers said the boys told him they used the \$4,500 to buy a \$2,160 house trailer, clothes, luggage and a radio.

They ran the balance up to nearly \$2,500 by playing a dice game at Reno, Nev.

Young Morrissey said his father owns a night club in Miami, Fla., and one in Albany. He said his father always kept his money—\$10,000 to \$12,000—in a bureau drawer because "if you put your money in a bank everyone knows how much you have."

When stopped at Ehrenberg, the boys had \$1,800 in \$100 bills and 500 silver dollars.

They also had a check for \$2,300, drawn by Don Coffee, Albany used car dealer, and dated Feb. 16, 1948. Morrison said it was repayment of a \$2,000 loan and \$300 interest.

At first the youths said they won the money gambling, then they said Morrison stole it from his father, and finally that they earned it by selling automobiles.

Green Bar Boy Scout Conference Proves A Success

The green bar conference held last Saturday night at the Crane school was a success, according to Commissioner Locke Platt. Boy leaders and their scoutmasters received instruction in the patrol method of troop operation.

Boys in attendance included Fred Muller, Paul Liddle, Jim Vassar, Thomas Estep, Billy Waters, Bobby Wellman, Wayne MacFarlan, Ernie Mendivil, Ernest Montana, Ysidro Mendivil, Mike Mendivil Jr., Harold Wah, Frederick Kearney, Ray Elmer, Merl Baldwin, Jerry Power, Keith Garrett, Ralph Dunham, Gary Crowe, Tommy Salyer, and James Campbell.

Adult leaders present included John Bell, F. S. Bradshaw, Art Fszol, J. W. Garrett, Ross Greek, A. S. Gibbons, A. Hightower, Mike Mendivil, Ralph Miner, L. A. Piatt, Bob Robles, Howard Salyer, and Max Whitney.

Jaycees See Housing Shortage at Rodeo Time, Request Help

For a few days immediately preceding and during the Third Annual Silver Spur Rodeo, the Yuma Junior chamber of commerce is expecting a very acute housing shortage to develop in Yuma, and requests that everyone inviting friends down for the show attempt to house the visitors in their homes.

Also, anyone having an extra room or even a bed available for visitors is requested to call either Paul Bradford at the Santa Rita hotel or Mel Stahl at the San Carlos hotel.

Foreign Relief—Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg, R., Mich., has asked the State Department to look up charges of inefficient handling of American relief supplies.

Nomination—President Truman sent to the Senate his formal nomination of Gen. Omar N. Bradley to become army chief of staff.

Synthetic Fuels—Interior Secretary J. A. Krug urged Congress to get the country started on a synthetic fuel industry development program to save dwindling oil resources.

Seaway—Senate debate began on the controversial St. Lawrence Seaway. Selfish interest and vote for the project in the interest of the nation.

Whisky—The House Banking committee isn't going to consider any curbs on whisky making after Feb. 29 unless the Joint Congressional Economic committee recommends it.

Oil—Chairman Owen Brewster, R., Me., of the Senate War Investigating committee said Defense Secretary James Forrestal (Continued on Page 3)

Gen. MacArthur Silent on G.O.P. Campaign Plans

By MILES W. VAUGHN
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TOKYO, Jan. 26 (UP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur has no plans at this time to return to the United States between now and the convening of the Republican National Convention in June. It also can be stated authoritatively that MacArthur is not encouraging anybody to line up delegates in his behalf for that convention.

The general celebrated his 68th birthday today. He was hard at work, as usual, and apparently was little concerned at news from the United States that former Governor Philip La Follette of Wisconsin formally had opened a campaign to obtain the Republican presidential nomination for him.

When this correspondent showed the general's aides copies of a United Press dispatch from Madison reporting La Follette's radio speech in which the former governor who served on MacArthur's staff during the war praised the general as not only a great military leader but also a great statesman, the reply was as usual "no comment."

In subsequent conversation between General MacArthur and this correspondent, who called to offer birthday greetings, the general maintained the same complete silence with regard to American domestic politics that he has since he took over the job of running occupied Japan.

U. S. Court Jury Finds Mesa Land Worth \$60 An Acre

A jury brought in a verdict in the U. S. Federal court, at Phoenix on January 20th, awarding the Tonini heirs 100 acres of Yuma mesa land, on which the Yuma Airfield is now located, at \$60 an acre. The findings of the jury were unanimous.

This case involved a condemnation wherein the appraisers for the government in the year 1942 condemned this land and awarded the plaintiff's the sum of \$12.50 per acre.

The award was made in favor of the plaintiffs in spite of the fact that about five expert witnesses appeared for the government, asserting the value of the land at from \$10.00 to \$12.50 per acre. The only witnesses for the plaintiff appearing were Emil C. Eger Sr., of Yuma and Bailey J. Russell of Phoenix.

BULLETIN: Jan. 26—(UP)—Senate Republicans agreed "unanimously" today that a tax reduction bill should be enacted this year.

But they refused to join House Republicans in committing themselves to the cut of approximately \$6,000,000,000 proposed in the pending Rutson bill.

Many Hurt in 8 Tremors Felt On Panay Island

By RALPH TEATSORTH
United Press Staff Correspondent
MANILA, Jan. 26 (UP)—The Philippine Islands counted 15 dead and 15 seriously injured today in the wake of eight shattering earthquake shocks which centered on the Panay Island capital of Iloilo and wrecked a four-century-old cathedral there.

The shocks began shaking the islands at 1:44 a.m. Sunday when a three-minute tremor toppled buildings and sent the populace rushing into the streets.

The tremors continued at intervals of an hour or more, ranging in intensity from five to 80 seconds, until 5:52 a.m. The Philippines Weather Bureau said the earth's crust suddenly caved in, causing vibrations.

May Have More
The earth's equilibrium has not been fully restored, the Weather Bureau said, and further light tremors are possible.

Iloilo City, some 300 miles south of Manila, felt the full brunt of the disaster with 17 shocks reported during the day. Thirteen persons were killed in Iloilo, and other in the province outside the city and one in Asturias, on Negros Island to the south.

Most of the deaths were caused by the collapse of war-damaged buildings which had been converted into dwellings. Although 15 persons were reported seriously injured, it was believed that many more were hurt but were unable to reach hospitals because of the widespread damage.

Many residents of Panay Island were evacuated to the open country, fearing the shocks would continue.

Reports to the Philippine Constabulary said that 21 persons were killed in Iloilo, but this could not be confirmed.

The quake, reported to be the worst in 50 years, was felt only lightly in Manila but its effects ranged as far south as Zamboanga.

Most of those killed were crushed in small huts when adjoining walls toppled over. Damage in Iloilo was estimated at \$250,000.

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Rev. B. P. Smith Resigns; to Move To El Paso Mar. 1

The Rev. Bancroft P. Smith, minister in charge of St. Paul's Episcopal church, announced to the congregation at services yesterday that he was declining a call as first rector of St. Paul's church to become associate rector of the Church of St. Clement, El Paso, Texas, effective March 1st.

The Rev. Mr. Smith has been vicar of the Yuma church for the past four years, coming here from Grace church, New Bedford, Mass.

Boys Held As Suspects in Theft From Hotel Room

Two juvenile boys are being held by city police as suspects to a burglary complaint signed by Harold Isberg, occupant of the Santa Rita hotel.

Isberg's complaint states that \$103 in cash was stolen from his clothing in his room while he was asleep late Sunday night.

HOUSE DEFEATS MOTION TO SUBPOENA SULLIVAN IN GAMBLING QUIZ, 29-22

PHOENIX, Jan. 26—(UP)—A heatedly debated motion calling on former Attorney General John L. Sullivan to appear before the House of Representatives to tell his side of the investigation that led to his conviction on a gambling conspiracy charge was defeated today 29 to 22.

The motion, which would have subpoenaed Sullivan as a witness before the House sitting as a committee of the whole was introduced by Rep. J. H. Combs, Glendale dairyman. It was Combs who rose to Sullivan's defense last week when he took the floor to question the action which resulted in the former attorney general's conviction.

The House then took up for debate a resolution charging Gov. Sidney P. Osborn to remove "the stigma of unjust suspicion imposed on the innocent members of the Legislature" by his published off-the-record statement that "gambling interests had gained a foothold in the legislative body."

Rep. W. G. Rosenbaum, Gila county, the dean of the House, introduced the motion, despite the fact the governor was talking off the record but failed to make the fact clear because of the difficulty he has in speaking.

The resolution asked that guilty members be named. It called for the Senate's concurrence and said in part:

"The statements (Osborn's) constitute a charge of the most serious character against the honor and integrity of the legislative body... and are detrimental to the public interest." (Continued on Page 2)

California Has Worst Drought In Half Century
The drought first was felt in southern California but it has gradually crept up-state north of the San Francisco Bay area. Among the regions feeling the acute water shortage is the fruit and vegetable-rich San Joaquin Valley where are grown a major portion of the crops the state exports to feed the nation.

The California hills, normally covered with a lush carpet of green range grass at this time of the year, are as arid and brown as in mid-summer. Temperature readings in Los Angeles and San Francisco have broken January records as citizens enjoy the "lovely weather."

State and federal officials, while optimistically asserting it is "too early to cry wolf," pointed out that in the San Joaquin Valley and southern California, expanding industry and agriculture have drained underground water resources. (Continued on Page 3)

Imperial Axe Slayer Dies In Gas Chamber

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., Jan. 26 (UP)—Jose Sanchez, convicted of the axe slaying of a fellow Mexican worker near Sandia in Imperial county Feb. 9, 1946, was executed today in the San Quentin gas chamber, the first execution for 1948.

The cyanide pellets were dropped at 10:05 a.m. PST and Sanchez was declared dead at 10:19 a.m.

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Kingsbury Baby Succumbs Sunday

Walter Emery Kingsbury, 45 day old son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Kingsbury, Yuma, died at the Yuma General hospital Sunday afternoon.

The baby is survived by two young sisters, a brother, and his mother and father. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. today at Desert Lawn Memorial Park.

Sharp-Eyed Youngster Saw Robbers

Saying "Those are the men," nine-year-old Patricia Arser identified (left to right) Theodore J. Kuffel, 29; Frank Peltz, 37; and Harry Funk, 30, as the trio who held up her grandmother's restaurant. According to police, the three men have admitted taking more than \$900 on a weekend robbery spree.

(NEA Telephoto)

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assisted by civilian volunteers from throughout the county.

Burglary Is Reported

The fatal incident began early Saturday evening when Bill Bailey, who farms river bottom land on the Arizona side of the river near Yuma, reported to Undersheriff Lloyd Mabery that a house on his property had been burglarized. Taken were clothing and other possessions of two Mexican farm workers.

Mabery, accompanied by Deputy Jim Cawley, took Deputy Villa to the scene of the burglary to track the thief.

Picks Up Trail

Villa was able to pick up a trail and with the two Mexicans and his two fellow-officers, he tracked his man out of the river bottom and to a spot near the underpass on Highway 95. There, he lost the trail. He directed Mabery and Cawley to return to their auto and wait for him on a dirt road near the pass, while he backtracked in an attempt to pick up the trail. This was shortly after 10 p.m. Saturday night.

Less than five minutes after Mabery and Cawley had parked their car on the dirt road, they heard five shots in rapid succession. Mabery immediately radioed in for assistance while Cawley pulled the auto to the top of a sand dune.

Switching on the spotlight, they spotted a man running across the desert toward the highway, barefooted, bareheaded and wearing khaki shirt and trousers. They drove their car to the highway to the point where the fleeing man had crossed it, and got there in time to see him disappear into the deep railroad cut about 200 yards from the road. Pursuing on foot, they were unable to catch sight of him again.

The two officers then returned to the scene of the shooting where they found Villa, with a bullet wound in his groin, lying face down in the sand. They radioed for medical help but by this time Jesse N. Braly, customs inspector, and L. C. Dingess, Yuma, had arrived in answer to their first call for reinforcements. They rushed Villa to an ambulance. He died about four hours later in the hospital.

It was later learned that one of the Mexicans, while trying to pick up the trail near the sand dunes, had discovered a man, apparently asleep in a blanket where he had "jungled up" in some brush. The Mexican returned to Villa and pointed out the man's hideout. Villa approached him with a flashlight, nudging him with his foot.

Man Fires Instantly

The man fired from the ground almost instantly, it is believed, for Villa fired only one shot from his gun and it went wild.

By the time Mabery found Villa, all available peace officers were gathering for the manhunt. They fanned out across the area east of Yuma and picked up the trail again.

The search continued until about 9:30 a.m. when Graves was surrounded in Fortuna Wash, under a tree. His trackers said he crawled nearly two miles on hands and knees. His bleeding feet were wrapped in rags when he was arrested, officers said.

Graves was dressed exactly as was the man Mabery had seen running barefoot across the desert after the five shots were fired, Mabery said.

The gun Graves was carrying when arrested was an old-fashioned Smith and Wesson, .38 caliber. Its age was apparent, for it was without a trigger guard, which all modern weapons have.

In custody yesterday morning, Graves told officers it was his first time in jail.

When asked why he fired his gun at the officer, he said he was frightened, Undersheriff Mabery reported.

Among the items in his desert camp were those stolen from the river bottom house a few hours earlier, officers said.