

## Weather at Yuma

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| Highest last 24 hours        | 69  |
| Lowest last 24 hours         | 39  |
| Average high this date       | 76  |
| Average low this date        | 48  |
| Relative humidity at 11 a.m. | 18% |

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## Weather Forecast

Forecast to Sunday night. Variable high clouds this afternoon, tonight and Sunday. Warmer this afternoon. Slightly warmer tonight.

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# Connally Opposes Military Pact

## OPPOSITION BLOCKS PRIOR CLAIM BILL

PHOENIX, March 6.—A key measure of the interim social security committee designed to keep down the number of applicants for old age assistance was headed for hardselling, if not defeat, today in the Arizona Legislature.

The bill would give the state a prior claim against property left by persons receiving old age assistance before their death, exempting only \$100 for funeral expenses.

The theory of the proposed law is that those who hope to inherit property of aged relatives would care for them before death rather than lose the property to the state.

When the measure came up late yesterday in the House so much opposition developed that a move was launched to lay it aside until other important legislation is considered.

When a duplicate bill in the Senate drew opposition, the upper chamber also promptly adjourned.

**5 Bills Approved**  
Five other social security bills would have been approved by the House after prolonged opposition by a handful of representatives. These measures would:

1. Permit investigation of income tax returns of applicants for old age assistance and their relatives.
2. Give the state social security department power to waive surgical operations for aged blind persons. At present they are barred from old age assistance unless they submit to operations.
3. Increase materially aid to dependent children.
4. Require Senate confirmation of members of the state social security board and provide for their removal for failure to attend meetings regularly.
5. Change the name of the state board of social security to state department and eliminate conflicting situations within the social security setup.

Meanwhile, it became certain (Continued on Page 2)

## SATURDAY SALVOS

By Sam Siciliano

How about a stop sign for west-bound traffic at the corner of First street and Fourth avenue? And what about seeing to it that they patch a street, after digging it up to reach something underneath, with some material that will stand the strain?

Those sentiments are typical of the letters, phone calls and conversations we have had with those who are kind enough, and interested enough in their city, to answer the request for opinions we made in last week's column.

On the surface it would seem that we have no stumbling blocks in the way of having streets in good repair and plans, ever present, for the paving of streets that still boast their thick layer of dust and sand.

Our street department is co-operative. Our street superintendent has more than just a "job interest" in Yuma.

Our city administration wants, in the worst way, to have the best streets possible. Its vigorous campaigning for the 300 resolution, which calls for the reversion of a percentage of the gasoline tax to the city for street maintenance, proved that.

Where then lies the trouble? Why then are our streets, in the words of tourists and townspeople alike, "The worst I've seen in a long, long time?"

The trouble lies in the fact that our city street department has a maintenance crew of nine. It can't afford any more. The department has a total of four pieces of equipment—a grader, a street sweeper, a sprinkler and one truck, which doubles on the garbage detail the few mornings it can get its strength up.

The trouble lies in the fact that our rebate on the gasoline tax amounts to an average of \$3,000 a month which, when maintenance personnel salaries are taken out, leaves a little bit over the amount required to buy some five gallons of gas and, on slow months, a quart of oil.

That leaves us with that old standby, the alternative. It means that we are going to have to take the bull by the horns and go into debt.

The cities of Douglas, Mesa, Tempe, Safford, etc., etc., etc. have (Continued on Page 2)

## Lettuce Market Slightly Weaker

Yuma's lettuce market slipped a little yesterday, demand slowing up and the market slightly weaker. Cecile Pursey of Market News service reports.

Price of 5's was mostly \$2.50, a few \$2.75. Seventy-two carloads were moved.

In addition, 13 carloads of mixed vegetables and three of carrots were shipped.

## Co. L Sergeant Wins Recruiting Prize, Air Trip

Sergeant Frank Fernandez of Company L, 158th Infantry, Arizona National Guard, is the first local enlisted man to qualify for the trip by air over the Grand Canyon area on March 14. Captain Earle A. Duns, company commander, announced today.

The trip is an incentive prize in the recruiting program being staged throughout Arizona for enlistments in the National Guard.

The sergeant has recruited five of the nine men enlisted this month. He was also recipient of a \$25 war bond in the initial recruiting program of Co. L. Captain Duns announced that the unit's truck will be in Somerton Monday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 to bring anyone from the Somerton area who is interested in Co. L. If enlistments are made, he said, it will be a regular drill night procedure to transport all Somerton guardsmen to the armory in Yuma and return to Somerton.

## Paper Urges Gen. MacArthur Quit Army to Campaign

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Armed force, unofficial service publication, said today Gen. Douglas MacArthur should sever all official connections with the Army if he continues as a candidate for president.

"There is a fine line of ethical distinction between the ordinary private citizen or soldier and the man who is, announced or unannounced, potential candidate for major political office," Armed Force said editorially.

"In our opinion, Gen. MacArthur crossed that line when he failed to insist that his name be withdrawn from two state primaries as a Republican presidential candidate."

The weekly service publication said it is "unfortunate" that MacArthur is dragging the U. S. Army "willy-nilly along with him into the maelstrom of politics."

The MacArthur-for-President movement opened national headquarters here yesterday next door to the Republican National committee. Arrangements were made by Warren E. Wright, former Illinois state treasurer, who said he had taken it upon himself to coordinate the efforts of various groups favoring the general for the GOP presidential nomination.

## Gold Buried in Ireland 300 Yrs. Ago Is Located

DUBLIN, March 6.—Three Irish woods workers, aided by a family of rabbits, have uncovered a hoard of gold coins believed buried by an Irish army paymaster when Oliver Cromwell invaded the Emerald Isle three centuries ago, it was reported today.

The hoard, tentatively valued at \$8,000 but worth much more at present day gold prices, was found in the woods near Port Arlington, 40 miles west of Dublin, last week.

The three men who found the coins—Joe Clarke, Joe Maher and Mike Daly—were awarded \$1,200 each for surrendering the coins to the National Museum.

## Rosary Sunday Night For Mrs. Abe Frank

Friends who wish to call at the Johnson chapel to view the remains of Mrs. Abe Frank, native Yuman, who died Tuesday, may do so on Sunday afternoon, members of the family announced today. Rosary will be said at 8:00 p.m. Sunday at the Johnson chapel.

Friends who wish to join in the procession to the Catholic church Monday morning should be at the Johnson chapel at 10. Services will be held at the church beginning at 10:30 and burial will be in the Desert Lawn Memorial Park.

## Real 'Hot Pilot' Features Air Show



Capt. Cliff Hicks wings through a wall of flame in his AT-6 in one of the spectacular aerial acts with the All American Air Show at the Yuma county airport starting at 2 p.m. Sunday. Yuma's National Aeronautics Association is sponsoring the performance. Ten dangerous aerial acrobatic and precision flying acts are on the program. In addition, a review of military aircraft is planned. Tickets will be on sale at the entrance to the air field. Members of Yuma's model airplane club will stage a demonstration with their model aircraft during the show.

## Yuma County Merchants Invited to Hear Retail Expert Speak Here Mon. Night

All merchants in the Yuma area are invited to the Business and Professional Women's clubhouse Monday evening to participate in a discussion of an important phase of the retail business.

Leading the discussion will be Roy Bradt, San Francisco, whose services were secured by The Yuma Daily Sun through the retail division of the American Newspaper Publishers Association.

Mr. Bradt, in his talk on "The right angle in newspaper advertising," will stress the methods of obtaining maximum results from newspaper advertising.

Following his short talk he will answer questions and go into special problems of local retailers.

All businessmen in the Yuma area are invited to attend, and are urged to bring department heads or associates to hear the discussion if they wish. The meeting starts at 8 p.m.

## YUHS Band, Girls Glee Club Present Variety Program in Concert Here

A large, enthusiastic audience responded warmly to a fine performance by the Yuma Union High school band, soloists, and Girls' Glee club in a concert presented Friday evening at the high school auditorium.

Kenneth Clark acted as narrator and in an interesting manner added to the enjoyment of the program with a short explanation of each selection.

The groups presented an inspired and technically competent program under the understanding direction of A. E. Havens, supervisor of instrumental music in the high school.

**Soloists Entertain**  
Following the national anthem, the band swung into a toe-tapping, lively march, "Hall of Fame," and overture, "Builders of Youth," which added dash and sparkle to the program.

The symphonic and technically difficult, "Symphony in E Minor" by Schubert, followed.

Velma Underwood took over the spotlight playing a flute solo entitled, "Rondo Capriccioso," Mendelssohn, and she was accompanied at the piano by Margaret Smith. Second soloist of the evening was Fred Ochoa, saxophonist, playing, "Beautiful Colorado." He was also accompanied by Margaret Smith.

"The Blue Danube Waltz," Strauss, was given a fresh and novel scoring and displayed to advantage musicianship, talent and skill of the young musicians as directed by Mr. Havens.



Roy Bradt: His goal is results for retailers.

## Party Split Seen As Having Killed Chances in 1948

WASHINGTON, March 6.—(UP)—Some of President Truman's Southern Democratic foes were ready today to write off the 1948 election as lost and to aim for a reunited party in 1952.

Those Democrats are understood to feel that the civil rights revolt and Henry A. Wallace's third party movement have practically killed the 1948 chances of Mr. Truman—or any other Democrat.

The president, who returned yesterday from his Florida vacation, was to get a fill-in on the political situation today or Monday from Democratic National Chairman J. Howard McGrath.

Even some of the president's closest friends are known to be seriously worried about his chances of winning in November. This feeling has given rise to speculation that signs of defeatism in the party might convince Mr. Truman he should step aside before the convention. He has not yet announced whether he will be a candidate, but it is conceded he can have the nomination if he wants it.

**Band Personnel**  
Cornets: Beverly Davis, Bobby DeShazo, Lloyd Nelson, Mary Lou Jones, Bill Bower, Eldred Wash, Howard Bodenhamer, Betty Smith and Mary Ellen Finch. (Continued on Page 3)

## Plan Rites for Harry McPhaul Tuesday at 2:00

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. next Tuesday at the Johnson chapel for Harry McPhaul, Arizona pioneer who died at Pioneer's home in Prescott last Wednesday. Burial will be in Yuma cemetery beside his wife.

## FINNS AGREE TO TALK TREATY

HELSINKI, March 6.—(UP)—Finland agreed today to talk treaty with Russia and prepared to name the delegation which will negotiate on Generalissimo Josef Stalin's request for a friendship and defense pact.

The foreign affairs committee of the cabinet scheduled a meeting to discuss composition of the treaty delegation and a blueprint for counter-proposals which could be a basis for negotiations. The delegation will be under clear orders from the Finnish parliament to negotiate on a friendship pact but not to discuss the military alliance also requested by Stalin.

Reliable reports said the delegation will include at least two of the negotiators who helped draw up the peace treaties with Russia in 1940 and again in 1944.

It is most likely that the delegation will be similar to the one sent to Paris last year when the Finnish treaty was agreed upon among other German satellite pacts. It will be composed of both government figures and members of Parliament.

## BRIDGES SEES THREAT OF DEPORTATION

SAN FRANCISCO, March 6.—(UP)—Harry Bridges, deposed regional director of the CIO and a leader of West Coast longshoremen and warehousemen since the waterfront strike in 1934, said today the government was investigating him for possible deportation proceedings.

The U. S. Immigration and Naturalization service and Department of Justice refused to confirm that John Phillips, a member of U. S. Attorney General Tom Clark's staff, was in California probing Bridges' past.

If the government is considering deportation proceedings once more, observers believe it would be on two grounds. If it can be proved Bridges was a Communist before he became a naturalized citizen in September 1945, his citizenship may be revoked. A second ground to launch deportation proceedings would be possible if cases now being heard by the Immigration and Naturalization service produce legal proof that the Communist party advised the government overthrow of the government.

## Condon Assured Of Early Hearing On Accusations

WASHINGTON, March 6.—(UP)—Dr. Edward U. Condon, nationally-known atomic scientist, was assured today of a "prompt and thorough" hearing on charges that he associated with alleged Russian spies.

Rep. John McDowell, R., Pa., said the House Un-American activities committee may open public hearings on the case next week. McDowell is an influential member of the committee. It was an Un-American activities subcommittee that made the original charges against Condon who is director of the Commerce Department's Bureau of Standards.

In view of the scientist's strategic post, McDowell said, it is in the interest of both Condon and the public to bring about a showdown as soon as possible.

## Cantaloupe Plants Damaged by Frost

PHOENIX, March 6.—Cold weather last month retarded growth of Arizona spring lettuce, carrots and celery, the Federal Crop and Livestock Reporting service announced today.

Early plants of cantaloupes in the Yuma area were damaged by late January frost and some replanting was necessary, the report said. Watermelon and cantaloupe planting was virtually complete at Yuma March 1, but was just starting in the Salt River valley.

## On the Spot



Lt. Gen. G. H. A. MacMillan, commander of British forces in Palestine, has twice escaped death at the hands of assassins. In the latest attempt, his automobile was demolished by a land-mine but he was not in it. The blast occurred on the Jaffa-Jerusalem road.

## Leaves \$20,000 To I.C. School

An estate valued at more than \$20,000 has been left in trust to Immaculate Conception school, according to the terms of a will filed for probate in the Superior court.

The will is that of J. W. McLaughlin, a farmer of the Gadsden area who lived alone until his death last Feb. 12. McLaughlin had never married and told Judge Henry C. Kelly, one of his closest personal friends, that as far as he knew all of his relatives were dead and that he wished to leave his money to the school where it would help the children.

Described as a kindly man, McLaughlin had never married but had lived alone on an 80 acre ranch near Gadsden for nearly 40 years. While a man of few words, he was by no means eccentric and was well liked in the community.

He had recently sold his ranch and had deposited the cash in the bank. The petition for probate of the will discloses that cash in the bank totals \$20,047.41 and \$268.15 cash on hand.

Named as trustees to carry out the provisions of the trust are Conrad B. Molina, John A. McGuire and the Sister Superior of the Franciscan Sisters of Charity of Manitowoc, Wisc. Ralph A. Brandt was named executor without bond.

## Predicts Gen. MacArthur Will Be Candidate

MILWAUKEE, March 6.—(UP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur will announce before April 6 Wisconsin primaries that he is willing to accept the Republican presidential nomination, his leading supporter predicted today.

Lansing Hoyt, acting national chairman of the MacArthur-for-President clubs said "We are satisfied that there will be a statement before April 6 that the general will accept the Republican nomination if it is offered to him."

Wisconsin is the first major state in which voters will express their preference for party nominees to be named by the national conventions.

## Delay Foreseen in Remodeling of Swimming Pool; Low Bidder Had No Arizona Contractor License

Added delay in construction and remodeling of Yuma's swimming pool arose yesterday when it was revealed that the United Swimming Pool company, San Gabriel, Calif., does not possess an Arizona contractor's license.

The San Gabriel company was awarded contract for construction of the pool upon their bid of \$49,665 at last Tuesday's council meeting.

## New Navy Rocket Ascends 75 Mi.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—(UP)—A new Navy rocket has reached an altitude of 75 miles and a top speed of 3,000 miles per hour—both new records for American-built rockets.

The Navy and Army said today that the rocket, named the "Aerobee," was launched successfully at the White Sands, N. M., proving ground.

The "Aerobee" fell short of the record 114 mile altitude and 3,500 miles an hour speed set by the Army in its tests with captured German V-2 rockets. But it eclipsed the record of 34 miles and 2,100 miles per hour established last year by the Army's American-built "Black Corporal."

## Yumans to Attend C. C. Parley at Brawley Tuesday

Arrangements have been made for Yuma's chamber of commerce to join chambers of the Imperial Valley in a National Affairs conference to be conducted at Brawley, Calif. Tuesday, March 9 by Jacob D. Allen, national affairs adviser of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

Allen, Washington, D. C., and a staff of prominent and well-versed speakers, are currently touring and conducting conferences throughout the western United States.

The program, directed by Allen, will include discussion of national legislation and matters of importance from the national level of chamber of commerce work.

All Yuma business men interested in attending the conference are urged to contact John Fairweather at the Yuma chamber office by Monday, as reservations will be required for attendance.

## Mohave Judge to Preside at Yuma Murder Trial

Judge J. W. Faulkner of Kingman, will replace Judge Henry C. Kelly on the bench during the trial of Ray Marvin Graves, alleged murder of Deputy Sheriff Sylvester Villa, which opens Monday morning.

Appointment of the Mohave superior court judge was made by Judge Kelly after an application was filed for change of judges Feb. 28 by the defense.

Graves, held without bond since his arrest on January 25, entered a plea of not guilty to murder charges on Feb. 19 in superior court. He is being represented by William Nabours and James B. Rolle, Jr., attorneys appointed by the court.

The trial, slated to open at 9:30 a.m., is expected to be devoted to selection of a jury during the morning hours.

## 'Island' Resident Reports Someone Stole Her Bathtub

A bathtub was among articles reported to the sheriff's office as stolen yesterday.

Sans the bathtub this morning along with missing a car battery and hand pump, was Pearl Mason Hill. The three articles were reported stolen from her home on the "Island."

A .22 caliber Harrington-Richardson fire-arm was reported stolen from the Valley Supply company yesterday evening.

Two Choices  
Attorney Wisely told the council they have two choices, (1) rescind action of accepting the bid on the basis that the bid was made unlawful within Arizona by a foreign bidder, or (2) take chances of being charged with illegal payment of public funds and let the San Gabriel company get its Arizona license.

## AMENDMENT BY SEN. BALL DRAWS FIRE

WASHINGTON, March 6.—(UP)—Two Democratic authorities on foreign affairs spoke out today in opposition to a plan to write an anti-communist military alliance into the European recovery program.

Sen. Tom Connally of Texas and Walter P. George of Georgia said such an alliance could force the U. S. into war without the approval of Congress.

The anti-Communist amendment was introduced by Sen. Joseph H. Ball, R. Minn., and has the support of several Republican senators. It would pledge this country to take the lead in setting up a veto-less "Supreme Council" to halt aggression by armed force.

George said the U. S. should have the final say on whether its soldiers are going to fight. Connally said the move, if approved, would simply give Russia a target for its propaganda barter.

The Ball amendment, which has been assailed by GOP leaders Robert A. Taft and Arthur H. Vandenberg, is expected to come up for a vote in the Senate next week.

**Developments**  
Meanwhile, with both houses of Congress in recess for the week-end, these were the developments: (Continued on Page 3)

**Unions—Chairman** Carroll D. Kearns, R., Pa., of a House labor subcommittee said that unless unions settle their own jurisdictional disputes, Congress will have to do it for them.

**Civil Rights** A group of 21 Southern Democratic senators asked the Mutual Broadcasting system for time to reply to the network's civil rights programs.

**Rubber**—The House and Senate may find themselves at odds over what to do with the nation's synthetic rubber program. The (Continued on Page 3)

## Yumans IN THE Sun

By JONES OSBORN

Last week I promised to write something about a Civic Center for Yuma and I'm just now getting around to it.

For one thing, I had to go hunting for more information.

Just made a phone call to Mesa where they are struggling with the civic center problem, and they're having troubles. But I'm getting ahead of my story . . .

First of all, we have to face the fact that Yuma is NOT growing up in a properly rounded manner.

We are growing in size. We are growing in riches. But we are NOT growing in culture.

One reason for this is lack of an auditorium big enough to hold the crowds that are needed to make good programs pay their way.

One way to get a big enough place is to build it as part of our Civic Center . . .

Making the floor level for dances, conventions, banquets . . .

And giving it a completely equipped, elevated stage for dramatic productions, speakers, musicals, etc.

What happened in Mesa?

In Mesa, they floated a \$100,000 bond issue for their "community building," and paid an architect \$5,000 out of it to draw plans.

And then, with only \$95,000 left, they found out it was going to cost them \$125,000!

So they went back and chopped off many of the nice things they had planned and will end up with nothing more than a glorified gymnasium.

Let's don't let that happen here.

Let's set our sights high enough so that we will accomplish two things:

(1) We'll get what we started out after, and

(2) It'll be big enough to accommodate Yuma's ever increasing population.

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