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Weather Table

City	High	Low
Billings	25	10
Belgrade	28	10
Brookings	32	6
Butte	26	7
Cut Bank	9	-4
Dillon	31	2
Glasgow	21	-2
Great Falls	13	3
Havre	19	-11
Helena	22	2
Kalispell	34	19
Lewistown	22	9
Livingston	33	9
Miles City	25	15
Missoula	33	13
West Yellowstone	30	12

(As reported by FAA facilities)

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Japanese Suspend Chase

Expedition To Return

LONDON (AP) — A Japanese expedition hunting the Loch Ness monster suspended the chase Tuesday after a two-month search. Net result so far: a pile of bones and some weird noises.

"We are very disappointed," a spokesman for the 16-man expedition said. "But we shall be back early next spring to try again."

The expedition arrived in Britain on Sept. 7 with the aim of somehow driving the elusive "Nessie" to the surface with miniature submarines and photographing it.

Reports of the monster's periodic appearances in the Scottish lake have baffled scientists for years and amused skeptical area residents for just as long.

Dozens of persons claim to have sighted the monster over the past 40 years. Several photographs have been produced but have proved tantalizingly inconclusive. A popular idea of the animal pictures it as a long-necked, small-headed reptile with a large hump on its back.

The second phase of the Japanese operation will use a specially built unmanned computer-operated capsule, the spokesman said. This device, now around Loch Ness's murky depths sending out electronic beeps in a bid to locate the bewildering behemoth.

The expedition spokesman said the first phase of the search cost \$250,000 but was not a waste of time and money altogether.

"The divers did hear certain queer sounds when they were down," the spokesman said. "And then there were the bones."

The bones were found in Urquhart Bay, an inlet midway along the northwest bank of the 26-mile long loch. The spokesman said the bones were unidentified but mysterious enough to give the expedition good cause to start searching again.

Gas Boost Proposed

HELENA (AP) — The Montana Power Co. has asked the Public Service Commission (PSC) to authorize a \$615,204 rate increase for homeowners receiving natural gas from the utility, the PSC said today.

The increase, if approved, would add about 90 cents to an average monthly utility bill during the winter, Louis G. Boedecker, PSC chairman said.

Montana Power said it is seeking to raise its rate for natural gas by 3.1 cents per thousand cubic feet because the price of natural gas from its suppliers in Montana has jumped 13.8 cents per thousand cubic feet.

Boedecker said the increase request is under active consideration by the three-member commission. He said a decision is expected within 10 days.

Last July, the PSC authorized Montana Power to increase rates to all but residential customers to offset increases in the cost of all natural gas supplied from Canada.

This raised commercial and industrial natural-gas rates between five and 10.5 cents per thousand cubic feet of natural gas and added \$3.5 million in revenue for the utility.

The revenue did not produce added profit to the utility, the PSC said.

L.S. Stadler, chief operating officer for the utility's oil and gas operations, said Montana Power will make absolutely no profit on the higher domestic natural-gas costs.

The application said Montana Power is willing to pay higher prices for Montana-produced gas in order to assure continuation of reliable service to residential customers and local utilities which receive gas from Montana Power. Stadler said the local utilities and homeowners should bear the cost.

In its order last July, the commission said business customers should bear the brunt of higher costs to import natural gas. The PSC had held, in effect, that the highest priority of natural gas produced in Montana should be residential use and that when the utility had to import gas from Canada it was to meet the added demands of industry.

About one year ago, the PSC made it possible for Montana Power to be granted rate hikes when the cost of purchasing natural gas increased. At that time, the commission increased Montana Power's natural gas rates by 19 per cent and its electric rates by an average of 11 per cent.

The July order recognized the provision and raised rates to business customers without holding further hearings. However, it required the utility to submit monthly statements outlining the costs of gas purchased in the United States and Canada.

Boedecker said the cost figures will be studied to determine whether the rate increase is warranted. He said the commission would not be required to conduct hearings on the request.

It was Boedecker who was out-voted in July when he sought to conduct hearings on the request.



DOCTORS FOR DILLON—received a boost in the pocketbook Friday from the Montana Education Association Chapter in Dillon. Mrs. Pearl Chandler, fund chairman receives a check for \$225 from Carolyn Scofield, Dillon Chapter president, who said, "The MEA is an educational organization which is seeking the best in education for Dillon's young people, and although we are not a service organization we felt it was such a worthwhile project that we wanted to contribute what we could. The local unit would like to thank the non-MEA members who contributed to the fund." (Sue Terrill Photo)

Appointments For Agencies

HELENA (AP) — Gov. Thomas L. Judge made appointments to six state agencies today, including the blue-ribbon commission that is plotting the course of higher education in Montana.

Judge named Margaret C. Sogard, Great Falls, to the Commission on Post-Secondary Education. Mrs. Sogard, a former Fulbright scholar, takes the place of Joyce Steffeck, Helena, who resigned.

The commission must report its recommendations to the 1975 legislature. The governor appointed Raymond M.F. Dominic, an official with the Department of Intergovernmental Relations, to the Montana Bicentennial Advisory Council.

Dr. Thomas J. Malee, Glendive, was appointed to a seven-year term on the Board of Medical Examiners. He has been engaged in the general practice of medicine in Montana for 25 years.

Vicki Dunaway, a Billings lawyer, was named to the Board of Cosmetologists. Dr. W.W. Wilkinson, Great Falls, was named to a three-year term on the Board of Podiatry Examiners.

W.N. Cocales, a Bozeman banker, was named to the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System.

Federal Land Goes to Parks

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon announced Wednesday the transfer of 21 parcels of federal land for use as parks and recreation areas in 13 states.

Nineteen of the properties, deemed unneeded or underutilized, go to state and local governments and two will be developed by federal agencies.

The land, transferred under the Legacy of Parks program, totals 1,909 acres with an estimated market value of \$3.2 million.

The properties include 42 acres at Ft. Missoula, Mont.; four acres at West Lakeshore Lookout Site, Flathead Lake, Mont.; and 208 acres Ogden, Utah, Defense Depot.

Bill Increases Social Security

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Finance Committee gave final approval today to a bill increasing Social Security benefits 11 per cent in two steps over the next seven months.

A 7 per cent boost would be effective on enactment of the legislation, with an additional 4 per cent raise taking effect next June.

The House has passed a similar bill, but in that version, the 7 per cent boost would take effect next March.

Both measures would boost Social Security taxes by raising the maximum amount of earnings subject to the payroll levy to \$13,200 in 1974, compared with \$10,800 this year.

Wrestlers Open In Livingston

Dillon's wrestling team begins its season this Saturday at Livingston as they grapple with the always tough Rangers.

Coach Dick Menti is beginning his eleventh season as Beaver boss and has 34 aspirants to the sport trying for 24 JV and Varsity spots. Menti is one of the most successful wrestling coaches in the northwest and sports a tremendous record since the sport's inception here. In the past seven seasons the Beavers have won 93 dual matches while losing only seven.

"We'll be strong in the light, lower, and middle weights again this year," said Coach Menti this morning. "We have no depth at the top weights, and because of a very weak junior class, our team depth isn't what it could be. Several boys who could be state champion caliber chose not to come out this year. Maybe we are too tough on them. I am very favorably impressed with some of our freshmen boys. We don't have many, but the ones we do have are good. The AAU and junior high programs here in Dillon are very healthy ones."

Forming the nucleus of the Beavers this year will be Lyn Taylor, two-time Montana State Champion in his class, his cousin Kevin Taylor and Kim Baker. These boys were chosen to captain the squad this year. Three who qualified for the state last year are back and include Lyn, Kim, and

Eddy Goody. Montie Snowden and Kevin Taylor are still nursing football injuries but are responding well.

The varsity match at Livingston gets going at 7:30, and if enough students sign up, a pep club bus will make the trip. Assisting Coach

Menti again this year is Rick Cadieux.

In addition to the regular season matches, home town fans will see two great tournaments, the Dillon Invitational in December and the Southern "A" Divisional in February.

Cloud Seeding Plan Rejected

HELENA (AP) — The State Board of Natural Resources rejected the advice of the state department it sets policy for and voted 4-to-2 today to allow a cloud-seeding project in northwestern Montana.

Following the vote, a spokesman for the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) told a reporter that the federal power-generating agency hopes to begin the weather-modification project by Dec. 1.

North American Weather Consultants, a California-based firm that has a contract with BPA, was granted the right to seed clouds over a portion of the South Fork of the Flathead River drainage above Hungry Horse Dam.

BPA had requested the project in an effort in an attempt to increase stream flows and electrical-generation capabilities in the drought-plagued Pacific Northwest.

The board's rejected a recommendation by the State Department of Natural Resources that the permit for the project be denied.

Gary Wicks, department director, told the policy-making board that the proposal was "not found to be for the general welfare and the public good of the state of Montana."

Wicks cited nine arguments for the department's recommendation, including:

—Indications that the adverse effects of the project on fish and wildlife outweighed the possible benefits of added energy production.

—There was no firm showing that Montana industry would receive preferential treatment in the distribution of the added electric power generated as a result of the project.

—Public opinion has largely opposed the program.

The Board of Natural Resources, which has seven members, is authorized by state law to issue permits for weather-modification projects. Riley Ostby, Wolf Point, the seventh member of the board, was absent and did not take part in the vote.

Ronald H. Wilkerson, BPA district manager at Kalispell and coordinator of the cloudseeding project, told a reporter that several formalities remain before the weather-modification project can begin.

He said BPA must file a final environmental impact statement on the project with the U.S. Department of Interior for circulation with the Council on Environmental Quality. That should be completed next week, he said.

Wilkerson said BPA has contracted with Montana State University to conduct widespread monitoring of the project area to record the effects the cloud seeding has on the environment.

Much of the one-million-acre area to be affected lies within the boundaries of the Bob Marshall Wilderness Area.

The one-year project is aimed at providing an average snowpack above Hungry Horse Dam.

Wilkerson said BPA would probably conduct a special survey of snowpack conditions in the target area prior to the start of the

cloud seeding to see how much moisture is needed.

He said technology available will enable a maximum increase of snowpack by up to 10 per cent. Wilkerson said the project could allow BPA to generate enough power to provide 15,000 homes with electricity for one year.

Wicks said the benefits of the project would amount to only a stop-gap measure. He noted BPA expects to be short massive quantities of power in the next two years.

Wicks said the cloud-seeding could produce only 5 per cent of the power needed to end the anticipated energy shortage in the Pacific Northwest.

Voting to issue the permit were Joseph W. Sabol, Bozeman, chairman of the board; David G. Drum, Billings; Dean Hanson, Gildford; and Owen E. Sowerwine, Kalispell.

Casting "no" votes were Cecil Weeding, Jordan, and Dr. Wilson F. Clark, Billings.

Sabol and Hanson said that the cloud-seeding could benefit other areas of Montana by increasing the availability of water for irrigation. Hanson said that genuine results are never achieved without taking some risk.

Weeding said he did not want to be a part of a stop-gap program that holds technology can be used to save people who have refused to conserve energy.

Clark said he was bothered most by the possible adverse effects of cloud seeding with silver iodide particles on vegetation which supports animal life.

Wicks said public opinion should be the most important consideration in deciding to reject the permit.

Wilkerson said the program will not pose a serious flood threat. He said the project will stop when it appears likely an average snowpack will be produced.

Wilkerson also said the project would be stopped if the National Weather Service forecasts a severe storm that could cause flooding.

The vote came after an hour and 15 minutes of discussion, including comments by BPA, and North American Weather Consultants.

Fifty-Year Resident Dies

Roxie Lee Featherly, 71, a resident of Beaverhead County 50 years, died Monday at her home in Dillon.

Mrs. Featherly was born July 1, 1902 in Helena and moved to the Dillon area in 1931.

She became the wife of Walter S. Featherly Jan. 10, 1925 in Dillon. They made their home on a ranch north of Dillon many years before retiring to Dillon. Mr. Featherly died in 1926.

Mrs. Featherly was a member of the Daughters of the Pioneers and the Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include sons Kenith of Dillon, George of Missoula, Walter Jr. of Anchorage and Lester Archibald of Missoula; brothers Charles Goodwin of Missoula and Lester Goodwin of Townsend, and 11 grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 from the Brundage Chapel with Rev. Keith Lokensgard officiating. Burial will be in the Mountain View Cemetery.

Rites in Butte For Elsie Kangas

Funeral services will take place Wednesday at 1:30 in Sayatovic-White's Funeral Home in Butte for Elsie V. Kangas, 56, of Whitehall who died Monday in a Butte hospital following a short illness.

Mrs. Kangas was born March 8, 1917 in Wolf Lake, Minn., where she was educated. She moved to Butte in 1936 and became the wife of Ed Kangas in 1937.

Mrs. Kangas was a member of the Lutheran faith.

Survivors include her husband, Ed Kangas, a son Joel and two daughters, Delores and Francella, all of Whitehall; one sister, Mrs. Ester Rickard of Butte and a brother, Victor Hovin, also Butte.

Rev. George L. Ploetz will officiate at the services with interment in Mountain View Cemetery.

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