Baby 1937 is Making a "Wild Youth" Start—Floods, Epidemics, Killing Freeze, Strike and War "Hang-Overs." Hope He Subsides Before the Heat Wave is Due

THE WEATHER
Highest temperature yesterday 47
Lowest temperature last night 33
Precipitation for 24 hours .76
Precip. since first of month 3.15
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1936 7.53
Deficiency since Sep. 1, 1936 10.81
Rains; warmer tonight.

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OHIO RIVER FLOOD INCREASES DISASTROUS SWEEP

GMC SPURNS BID TO STRIKE NEGOTIATIONS

Sloan, Company President, Draws Criticism From Secy. Perkins, Who Quotes Bible.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Secretary Perkins said today the General Motors corporation had "failed in its public duty" in refusing to accept her invitation to attend a strike peace conference.

"I still feel that General Motors has made a great mistake," she told reporters, adding "the American people don't expect them to sulk in their tents" because the corporation felt the sit down strike was illegal.

Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., president of the automobile concern, refused last night to attend a conference called by the labor secretary until sit-down strikers leave company plants.

John L. Lewis, chairman of the committee for industrial organization and director of strike strategy, agreed to be present. At a press conference, Miss Perkins recalled that at one time picketing was illegal and before that strikes of any kind were illegal. The legality of the sit down strike, she said, had not been determined.

Asked whether President Roosevelt "knows that you're giving General Motors hell," she replied:

"I'm not giving them hell. But the president knows nothing about what I am saying."

"Moral" Duty Cited

While she talked, Miss Perkins held a draft of a letter she said she had written—but not sent—to Sloan after she had been to church Sunday night.

At one point she quoted from it. It said in part that "there is a moral challenge involved in this strike and the circumstances surrounding it," that the situation presented "a chance to use our highest rather than our lowest qualities in solving this problem of human relationship."

The letter also said a "spirit of generosity and mutual help" had "built up this civilization" and that there were other guides than "legal concepts" in solving many problems.

The letter, from which Miss Perkins quoted only scattered portions, also contained Biblical admonitions, including "do unto others as you would they should do unto you," "agree quickly with thine adversary," "let him that is without sin among you cast the first stone," and "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

"Confidence Lost"

At one point she said she thought that the refusal of Sloan to talk with union leaders "must make it clear to the American people why the workers have lost confidence in General Motors."

She said she would continue her

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ARTILLERY BOOMS AROUND MADRID

(By the Associated Press)

An intense artillery duel between socialist and fascist gunners is under way "on all sides of Madrid," the Spanish embassy in London reported today.

Many civilian residents of the capital have been wounded in the bombardment, the embassy stated.

Heartened makers of neutrality pushed ahead today to formulate a working scheme for leaving Spain alone.

Italo-German agreement to join a general embargo of foreign volunteers to the warring peninsula paved the way for a practical plan to keep both men and guns from Spain.

The London neutrality committee was called to meet Thursday to accomplish that purpose and to let Spain's socialist government and its fascist insurgents fight it out by themselves.

This war, in its seventh month, raged on three major fronts.

The insurgents attacked for three hours, south of Madrid, seeking, apparently vainly, to cut the besieged city off from its communications to Valencia and the south.

Two insurgent armies attacked Malaga, isolated government seaport on the south Mediterranean coast.

Also engaged in siege, the government blasted fascist-held Oviedo, in the north, with field guns.

Pin B... Ruled Lottery, Afoul Of Oregon Law

PORTLAND, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Circuit Judge James W. Crawford dissolved a temporary injunction today restraining Sheriff A. C. Burk of Marion county and Attorney General Van Winkle from interfering with the operation of marble or pin ball machines in Marion county.

The plaintiffs were N. J. Arnold and J. H. Campbell, owners and operators of the machines. The case came to Multnomah county on a change of venue.

Judge Crawford ruled the games are lotteries and in violation of the state's anti-gambling laws.

He said:

"The element of chance predominates in the play of these games although there does exist a small element of skill. The dominant factor in their successful use and in the results attained is that of chance.

"The skill influences the result only in the initial and elementary stages of play, and thereafter plays little if any part in the results attained. Practice may account for an unimpressive improvement in play to a quickly attained maximum point which bears little or no relation to ultimate score, and result and thereafter chance alone controls."

His decision cited article 15, section 4, of te state constitution and section 14-801 of the 1930 Oregon code.

SPORTSMEN WILL ATTEND HEARING

Coastal River Closing Bill Attracts Half Hundred From Douglas.

More than 50 Douglas county sportsmen are expected to spend Wednesday in Salem, where a legislative committee will conduct a public hearing in connection with Senator C. W. Clark's bill which would close all coastal streams of Oregon, except to the Columbia river, to commercial fishing. The hearing will follow the afternoon adjournment, probably starting about 2:30 p. m.

At a well attended and enthusiastic special meeting of the Roseburg Rod and Gun club last night, more than 30 members signified their intention of attending the hearing. A large delegation is expected as well from the clubs of the southern part of the county, while the North Umpqua club will be represented by a number of the sportsmen of the Glide district.

The Roseburg club at its meeting last night discussed the proposed closing bill at length and voted an appropriation to aid in the expenses connected with the efforts to secure passage of the measure. A resolution was adopted thanking the legislative committee of the federated sportsmen's clubs for its work in directing the fight for the bill. Resolutions were also adopted urging the county's delegation in the state legislature to use every possible effort to secure closing of the Umpqua river to commercial fishing.

A communication from the state game commission asking if the club had any recommendations to make regarding changes in present regulations on sports fishing was received. The club held that the present season and bag limit regulations are satisfactory. A proposal to close the season on blue grouse and native pheasants, which are becoming quite scarce, was approved by the club.

MAYOR ROSSI CALLS PARLEY ON STRIKE

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 26 —(AP) — Mayor Rossi announced that both workers and employers representatives agreed to appear at his office late today and explain what is holding up a settlement of the prolonged maritime strike.

If it appears the situation has reached an impasse, Mayor Rossi declared the mayors' group probably would ask the strikers and employers to submit the deadlock to an arbitration board named by President Roosevelt.

ELKTON MEN FACE TIRE THEFT COUNT

Willis Corder, 20, and Ralph Burns, 31, both of Elkton, were taken into custody late yesterday on a complaint in the justice court charging petty larceny, according to a report from the office of Sheriff Percy Webb. The men are accused, the sheriff said, of the theft of tires. Arraignment in the justice court is expected later today.

MILK CONTROL REPEAL FACES SENATE VOTE

Measure's Disposal May Occur Today; Pension Proposals Due In House Hopper.

By CLAYTON V. BERNHARD

SALEM, Jan. 26 — (AP)—Special orders of business — the milk control board repeal measure and the lieutenant governor provision — headlined the activities of the Oregon legislature today as the two houses entered into the greatest activity witnessed since the assembly convened January 11.

Advanced upon the schedule for immediate consideration was the milk control board repeal set for late afternoon disposal in the senate. The senate agricultural committee, following public hearings, voted against the proposal to abolish the board which recently raised milk prices in the Portland and other milk sheds.

Sponsors of the repeal measure asked the bill be brought out for debate. Senator McCornack of Eugene, chairman of that committee, declared that amendments to the present law may be brought in and would be acceptable, but consideration of the repeal act was first upon the program.

The other special order was set for tomorrow afternoon when the house joint resolution to place the matter of creating the office of lieutenant governor on the ballot at the next general election will be debated. Upon motion of Representative Bull of La Grande the issue was put over until that time it had been scheduled for disposal

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SCOUT COUNCIL OF ROSEBURG FORMED

Organization of the Boy Scout council for the Roseburg district was completed at a meeting held last night at the chamber of commerce offices.

Dr. E. J. Wainscott was elected chairman, with Harris Ellsworth, vice-chairman; B. A. Mellis, chairman of organization and training; Paul Geddes chairman of Scout advancement, and E. A. Britton, chairman of activities and civic service.

A district commission is to be elected at a later date.

Rev. S. Raynor Smith, representing the Methodist Episcopal church, and Dr. L. A. Dillard, commander of Umpqua post of the American Legion, made applications for permission to sponsor Scout troops. The authorization was given and the two troops will be organized as quickly as the membership can be enrolled and other requirements met.

Rulon W. Doman, field executive, was elected secretary for the district. He explained duties of the respective department chairmen and officers of the council. The council members discussed matters pertaining to summer camp, Anniversary week, leadership training and related subjects. The next district meeting will be held on February 22.

MOTHER, BABE DIE IN FLOOD REGION

KENNETT, Mo., Jan. 26.—(AP)—Rescuers working in flood-bound Dunklin county, reported today they found a woman and her newborn infant frozen to death on the roof of a water-surrounded farm house.

It appeared the baby was born during a sleet storm Friday night and that both mother and child had died of exposure.

S. P. STATION HOUSE AT DRAIN ROBBED

The Southern Pacific company station house at Drain was robbed last night, according to a report received by Sheriff Percy Webb. The details of the robbery, and the amount of loot taken, were not learned. Special officers of the railroad company are reported to be investigating the case.

UNION SCRIBE FACES DRUNK DRIVER COUNT

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 26.—(AP)—Arvid Mattson, executive secretary of the Columbia River Fishermen's Protective union for many years, posted $200 bail after being arrested on a drunken driving charge.

NORTHEAST OREGON FACES FLOOD PERIL

Rising Temperature Melts Deep Snows; Highway Travel Halts, Road Plows Busy.

(By the Associated Press)

Flood fears were held today over eastern Washington and Oregon after rapidly rising temperatures began to melt deep snows, while flood dangers in the western parts of the states were reported slight.

Snow began falling heavily before daybreak at Seattle.

Many sections of eastern Washington and northeastern Oregon, including the Walla Walla area, were isolated from all highway traffic, but railroads continued to operate.

High winds which swept the northwest blew snow over virtually all Inland Empire county roads, isolating many rural residents. Snow plows were stalled attempting to clear roads into Walla Walla.

State police rescued passengers and mail from a Pendleton-bound bus between Athena and Weston, Ore. The bus was stalled in a deep snow drift.

The Inland Empire highway was impassable between Walla Walla and Dixie, but a detour was maintained over the only county road left open in Walla Walla county.

Columbia Ice-Jammed

Temperatures rose from the sub-zero mark over eastern Washington to as high as 40 in some sections yesterday, bringing fears that a sudden chinook wind would cause floods. Moderate weather was forecast for western Washington.

An ice jam spun jammed the Columbia river between the Wilbur-Keller ferry, enabling persons to walk across the stream.

Spokane firemen commandeered two tank trucks to replace frozen hydrants. Many snowplows were marooned in rural Spokane county.

EXTORTION AIMED AT CLARK GABLE

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 26 — (AP) — A 47-year-old woman with gray ing hair, Mrs. Violet Wells Norton, was arraigned today on charges that she tried to extort money from Clark Gable by representing that he is the father of her 13-year-old daughter.

U. S. Commissioner David H. Head set bail at $2,500. He asked Mrs. Norton if she could raise it.

"I've only got three dollars between me and starvation," she replied, and was remanded to the county jail.

Counsel for Mrs. Norton, Joseph Fainer, asked that his client be permitted to tell her story to a federal grand jury tomorrow. She told him, Fainer said, that she would withdraw her allegations if she could see Gable and assure herself he is not the father of her child.

Gable's first wife, Josephine Dillon, declared that Mrs. Norton's story "is very silly."

"The whole story is very silly," said Miss Dillon, a dramatic coach and voice teacher. "I married Clark in December, 1934, but I knew him in 1923 in Portland when he was a student of one of my voice classes from July of that year until July or August of 1924.

"I know he has never been in England or I would have heard of it."

FORMER ROSEBURG RESIDENT PASSES

Mrs. Della R. Stone, 99, died at the home of her son in Glendale, Calif., Saturday, January 23, according to word received here today. Mrs. Stone was well known in Roseburg, having lived here for a few years. She was the mother of H. J. Stone, former resident of Roseburg, and was the grandmother of Mrs. F. C. Frear of this city. Mrs. Frear left Saturday for Glendale upon receipt of the notice of Mrs. Stone's death.

GETS FIRST AID CHECK, THEN DIES

PRINEVILLE, Jan. 26 —(AP)— Mrs. Hattie Radloff, 79, waited four months for the government to establish the validity of her claim for old age assistance. The day after her first check arrived, she died.

Rampaging Ohio River Sweeps Into Large Cities

Upper picture shows the flooded residential section of Louisville, Ky., where martial law has been established. Two-thirds of the city's 330,000 population is being evacuated. Lower picture shows a residential section of Evansville, Indiana, where hundreds of the city's 102,000 inhabitants started an exodus today as the Ohio river, already 18 feet above flood stage, continued to rise. (Air views by the International Illustrated News Service.)

KILLER OF 4 DIES IN GAS CHAMBER

CARSON CITY, Nev. Jan. 26.—Luther Jones, 32-year-old ex-convict who murdered four men near Elko, Nev., in a $40 holdup last October 16, paid with his life in the state prison's lethal gas chamber today.

The former Indiana and Montana convict who embraced religion while in the Nevada penitentiary, appeared calm as he was led into the chamber, muttering prayers. The chemical pellets were dropped into the bucket of acid under the chair where Jones was seated and a minute and a half later he slumped forward unconscious.

Approximately 40 witnesses were present.

Jones was arrested shortly after the bullet riddled bodies of Heitman, 42, Douglas county commissioner; Walter Godecke, 29, both of Carson City, Manuel Arrascada, 51, Elko county, all ranchers, and Johnny Elias, Elko recluse, were found.

HOUSE CAT ATTACKS 8-YEAR-OLD GIRL

NORTH BEND, Ore., Jan. 26.—(AP)—A house cat with which she was sleeping suddenly turned vicious and scratched 8-year-old Joy Davis severely about the face, frightened her into unconsciousness. Parents tore the cat from the girl and killed it.

HOOP GAME HERE TO BE BROADCAST

Facilities were set up today by Station KRNR for a remote control broadcast from the senior high school gymnasium of tonight's basketball game between the Senior high Indians and University High school of Eugene. The play-by-play description of the game by Marshall Pengra, KRNR sportscaster, will be sponsored by Carl's Tavern. The game is scheduled to start at 8 p. m.

GLENDALE YOUTH INJURED IN WRECK

GLENDALE, Jan. 26 — Jim Craddock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Craddock of Glendale, received severe cuts over his eye and on the back of his head when the automobile he was driving skidded on the Pacific highway north of Grants Pass Saturday night and turned end over end. Glen Kafer and Dick Hayes, also riding in the car, were unhurt. An authoritative report of the wreck said it occurred when the Craddock-driven car attempted to pass another traveling in the same direction. The injured youth is now under hospital care. The car was badly damaged.

MILD EARTH SHOCK FELT AT HELENA

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 26.—(AP)—A mild earthquake was felt in Helena today, but the weather bureau said it caused no damage. The quake lasted two to three seconds and was the seventeenth light shock felt this month.

EPIDEMIC OF "FLU" BELIEVED ON WANE

PORTLAND, Jan. 26 — (AP)—Oregon health authorities looked over the list of influenza cases in the state today and hoped there was not too much truth in the old assertion that figures don't lie.

A report compiled by the state board of health showed 2,324 persons ill with influenza and 149 with pneumonia. There were only 825 cases of influenza and 118 of pneumonia the previous week.

Despite the rapid rise, authorities believe the wave is declining. Warm rains and sunshine in western Oregon and a moderation of severe weather conditions in the eastern section of the state have done much to eliminate sickness, they said.

Many of the cases reported last week came at the peak of the disease and since then the situation has eased considerably.

MRS. WEMME FREED OF BRIBE CHARGE

PORTLAND, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Mrs. Anna Franz Wemme stood acquitted of a charge of offering a bribe today after telling a federal court jury the $100 bill she was accused of handing Deputy U. S. Attorney Manley Strayer actually was meant for her own attorney for services rendered.

The incident occurred during proceedings in connection with the collection of a judgment obtained against the woman's husband.

ONE MILLION ACRES UNDER MUDDY TIDE

Loss in 11 States May Exceed 300 Million; Death Toll Now Set at 132.

Whole Towns Show Only Roof Tops; "Step on It," Roosevelt's Order on Aid Plans.

(By the Associated Press)

The angry yellow tide of the Ohio river swelled to record-breaking heights today on its turbulent rush to the Mississippi as the death toll rose hourly and a "super-flood" was predicted.

Haggard, fear-stricken refugees by the thousands fled from the devastated flood zone, embracing 11 midwest states from Pittsburgh, Pa., down the debris-littered river valley to Memphis, Tenn.

Eddying in muddy, slow-rising torrents, the water spread along an 1800-mile front. The death list was unofficially placed at 132, with 550,000 driven from their homes and thousands of others marooned in precarious straits.

With property damage estimated at more than $10,000,000 in Cincinnati alone, officials predicted that the total loss for the whole 11-state flood area would be far in excess of $300,000,000.

And on every side, from relief authorities and army engineers, came the warning:

"The worst is yet to come."

Record Exodus on

Wholesale evacuations of flood-sieged towns in Tennessee, western Kentucky, southeastern Missouri, Arkansas and Mississippi signalled the greatest mass flood exodus in history.

From Pittsburgh in the north, where anxious crowds watched the flood relentlessly spread over the edge of the billion-dollar business district, to the crest of the deluge sweeping into the Mississippi river beyond Cairo, Ill., an panorama of watery desolation extended mile on mile.

In the lower Mississippi valley, where 600,000 were made homeless in 1927, authorities awaited the big test of the great system of dikes and levees built along a 300-mile stretch of the Mississippi after the 1927 disaster.

"A super flood is on its way," came the grim warning from Lieut. Col. Eugene Reynold, district chief of U. S. army engineers, at Memphis, Tenn.

Reynold predicted flood stages along the Mississippi at least 10 feet higher than records set in the tragedies of 1913 and 1927.

Roosevelt Urges Speed

President Roosevelt, anxiously watching the progress of the tidal sweep through eleven states, sent out the crisp command to legisla-

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Vet Leads Off In Local Gifts For Flood Aid

Douglas county's first donation for Red Cross relief came today from a veteran at the facility here. The ex-service man receives only $6 per month in compensation, but from that meager sum he sent two $1 bills. One of the bills was Canadian, so he included 10 cents to cover the exchange.

The Red Cross quota for Roseburg and Douglas county is just as much as people can give, Mrs. Arthur Clark, chapter chairman, said today. The first call was for a quota of $250 and this was followed by a telegram asking that the quota be doubled.

With water still rising and the disaster reaching unprecedented proportions, Mrs. Clark was advised last night that the Red Cross desperately needs all possible contributions and the quota is unlimited. Millions of dollars are necessary, it was stated, to provide for the hundreds of thousands who are homeless, to aid in rescue work, prevent epidemics and provide for rehabilitation.

Mrs. Clark urges all residents of Douglas county to respond to the Red Cross appeal. Cash donations may be left at the following places: Douglas National bank, Roseburg branch of the U. S. National bank, chamber of commerce office, Roseburg News-Review, the office of Dr. H. C. Church, and W. F. Harris at the Douglas Abstract company.