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FOUR PERISH IN CALIFORNIA FLOODS

Slides Boost Damage Over Wide Region

Hundreds of Families Evacuated From Napa; Highways Are Blocked

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Huge mud slides and floods, caused by torrents of rain falling on northern California, brought death to four persons and caused heavy property damage in a score of communities yesterday.

The pouring rain washed away hillsides in the San Francisco bay area. Tons of mud swept down slopes, burying a woman and a girl and crushing houses.

Mrs. Dora Kammer, 62, San Francisco, was killed by a landslide which destroyed her home in the Ingleside district in the southern part of the city.

Muriel Swantel, 17, Fairfax, Marin county, was buried under a landslide which crushed her house.

George Coster, 76, Healdsburg, Sonoma county, drowned in a flooded street.

John Runyon, 44, North Sacramento, drowned near Chico, Butte county.

Rescues 2, Loses Auto Several near-miraculous escapes were described in the bay area.

One last minute rescue was at the home of Mrs. Robert Taylor, San Francisco, whose home began to slide, trapping her and her 13-month-old baby daughter, Maryann.

"I was in the hall," Mrs. Taylor said, "with Maryann in a back bedroom, when there was a rumbling roar and plaster started falling. The house began to move. It was terrible. I ran for the baby but the door had jammed and I couldn't open it."

Frank White, who was driving past, heard the roar and Mrs. Taylor.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS LEAVING San Francisco. The rain has stopped. The sun isn't exactly shining and it isn't exactly cloudy. If you are familiar with the bay region, you know the condition. The air has a sort of silvery glow.

It is a delightful morning. The grass is young and green. The acacia trees are blooming. Out along the Bayshore, on the hills just beyond South San Francisco, the wild blue iris are just beginning to come out. The cows graze contentedly.

Every prospect is a prospect of peace.

SUDDENLY, along the rails off to the left of the highway, a train roars around a curve. It is a short, stubby train, made up of flat cars. The flat cars are loaded with field artillery.

OFF to the left is the San Francisco airport. A transport plane is just dropping in. Its wheels touch the ground gently. Soon it will come to a stop and people will pour out of it. Just as usual.

But wait. What are those earth mounds scattered over the field? About twice the height of a man's head, U-shaped, with one end open.

They are barriers for the protection of aircraft. The earthen walls are designed to stop bomb splinters, so that a direct hit must be scored on a plane in order to destroy it.

TRAFFIC here on the Bayshore is quiet. Strangely quiet. People seem to be in no hurry. Cars move at oddly moderate speeds.

It must be an illusion. You pass a car drawn up at the

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License Renewals Urged on Oregon Sportsmen to Assure Ample Funds For Carrying On Wildlife Program

To assure continuance of the state's wildlife program on its existing broad, scientific basis, sportsmen assembled at the annual public meeting of the Roseburg Rod and Gun club at Knights of Pythias hall here last night were urged not to be dissuaded by wartime conditions from renewing their hunting and fishing licenses for the current year.

"Before the Pearl harbor raid, the game commission prepared a 1942 budget of \$800,000, which it was sure of carrying," said Mr. Wire. "But immediately after the raid and the consequent war declaration, the commission foresaw financial uncertainty for its program and pigeon-holed the budget. This doesn't mean abandonment of the wildlife program, but it does compel the commission to proceed slowly on a step-by-step basis according to such revenue as it will receive during the year."

That's why sportsmen are being urged to contribute their full share of financial support, as in the past, if the commission is to be able to carry on to the fullest extent.

Mr. Rice admonished the audience not to be deceived by propaganda to the effect that fishing and hunting would be abolished in Oregon for the duration of the war. "But even if there is some unavoidable curtailment of such privileges," he said, "sportsmen should buy their hunting and fishing licenses anyway to enable the wildlife program to proceed without interruption."

"When the war is over," said Mr. Rice, "Oregon game and fish conditions and recreational opportunities generally should be found in just as good a condition at least as they are now."

Both speakers sharply criticized the "Roman holiday" type of so-called sportsmen who by their lack of regard for private property rights engender the ill-will of farmers and cast an unjust stigma upon all sportsmen.

Pointing out the major role of farmers in game propagation, they urged all sportsmen to show their appreciation of that fact by efforts to banish the ill-feeling that now exists. They were advised to try to add farmers to club membership and enlist their cooperation in game and fish programs.

Supervisor Wire announced that the commission had granted the recent request of the Roseburg Rod and Gun club for closure after the trout season of small tributaries of the North and South Umpqua rivers.

Assistant Supervisor Charles A. Lockwood reviewed fish propagation work in the state during 1941 and explained various phases of the methods employed. He illustrated this work with movie films.

The business session was followed by a Dutch lunch.

Daylight Saving Will Prevail In Roseburg Routine

Preparations were reported complete here today to put Roseburg on a war-time daylight savings basis, starting next Monday. Schools will open on regular clock time, an hour ahead of the actual time, City Superintendent W. M. Campbell reported today.

Banks, stores and offices also will follow the clock time, thus conforming to the nation-wide one-hour advance.

There is some talk among merchants at the present time that a number of retail stores will eventually drop their opening time back one hour, but closing at the clock hour in the evening, thus cutting an hour off the working daytime schedule. Merchants report that since the rationing went into effect there has been very little activity in many lines of retail selling during the early morning.

People who formerly drove downtown frequently to make purchases, now are waiting until later in the day and walk to the business area, thus concentrating the bulk of trading in the late morning and early afternoon. The shift to daylight saving time is expected to still further lessen early morning shopping, so that stores probably can open an hour later without discommodating patrons.

Oregon will move its clocks ahead at 2 a. m. Monday, not 11 p. m. Sunday, as previously announced.

Governor Sprague cleared up no end of confusion in the state late yesterday when he altered his proclamation, to conform with that in other states and time belts. His earlier proclamation fixed 11 p. m. Sunday as the hour of change on the misconception that the entire country was to change over at 2 a. m. Eastern Standard Time. It was explained that each time belt is to change at 2 a. m. Monday, its own standard time. So at 2 a. m. Monday it will be 3 a. m., etc., for the duration.

F. M. Curtis, Edenbower, Dies Following Fall Fred M. Curtis, 85, well known resident of Edenbower, died suddenly at his home Friday. His death came unexpectedly, although he was suffering from shock, which resulted from a fractured hip sustained in a fall at his home Wednesday.

Born Jan. 2, 1857, in New York state, he had made his home in Douglas county since 1919. His widow, Ella S. Curtis, survives.

Funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. Perry Smith at the Roseburg Undertaking company chapel at 2 p. m. Monday. The body will be taken to Portland for cremation.

Air Force Of Million Set For U. S. Army

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—(AP)—The war department announced today that the army air force would be expanded to a million officers and men this year, and "double that number later on."

As a part of the expansion plan, a number of cadets at the military academy at West Point will be graduated as pilots and thus save a year for air training which is now required after graduation.

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One Killed, Three Hurt When Trains Crash

BLASDELL, N. Y., Feb. 7.—(AP)—One man was killed and at least three others injured last night when the Pennsylvania railroad's Pittsburgh Flyer crashed into a freight train.

The flyer's locomotive and five of its six cars were derailed, along with several freight cars. Wreckage was strewn along the tracks blocking traffic on the main line.

General Superintendent F. D. Davis identified the dead man as J. W. Mast, Oil City, Pa., the flyer's fireman. The engineer, John D. Hahn, also of Oil City, was "unaccounted for."

Blasdel is a few miles south of Buffalo.

Five-Week Strike at Doernbecher Plant Ends

PORTLAND, Feb. 7.—(AP)—The Doernbecher Manufacturing company reopened today, ending a five-week strike of 1600 CIO furniture workers.

The workers accepted a proposal for arbitration of points still in dispute and agreed to ratify agreements already made. Details were not disclosed.

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins

A LAMB WITH TWO HEADS, born in a flock of Corriedales owned by Mr. and Mrs. Eric Trozelle of Melrose.

"It lived only for a few minutes," Mrs. Trozelle informed me. "There must have been something radically wrong with it, aside from its obvious oddity."

I've heard of two-faced people, but unfortunately they always seem to survive. Two faced lambs, while rare, have been noted occasionally heretofore in the news. The two-faced people cause a lot more harm during their stay in this vale of tribulation than do the double-headed lambs.

Mrs. Trozelle told me that she and her husband are going to perform a postmortem on this lamb, in order to discover if they can "what it's all about." I hope they do find out, but doubt it.

They can be thankful that the lamb died. With two faces (and two mouths) it certainly would have been tempted to eat twice as much as is usual; and unless it had two stomachs this would have led it into certain difficulty. With the price of hay being what it now is, double rationing couldn't be popular with anyone; Secretary Wickard would faint at the thought of it's taking twice the amount of feed to provide a given (or standard) leg of lamb.

Yes, I reckon it's just as well that nature thus took care of her own.

Rationing Of Sugar Put Up To Teachers

Consumers to Register At Schools in Plan for Neighboring Cooperation

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Fear of what the neighbors might think or say is expected to prove a powerful deterrent to sugar hoarding under the stamp rationing plan which will start in a few weeks with registration of consumers in their neighborhood school houses.

The announcement by Price Administrator Leon Henderson that school teachers would be his agents in handling the applications of consumers for stamp books—one for every adult and child in the country—placed the sugar rationing plan, like that for tires and tubes, on a neighborhood basis.

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Hitler Counters With Victory Claim; Germany Fears British Invasion

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(By the Associated Press) Russia's armies today were reported to have trapped the German hold-out garrison at Rzhev, 100 miles west of Moscow, while both Moscow and Berlin chronicled heavy new losses along the winter-bound front.

Soviet dispatches said the red armies had reached points which Hitler planned as the jumping-off place for his spring offensive and declared that the Russians were keeping their drive at top pitch.

A British radio broadcast said "heavy fighting is taking place immediately east and west of Rzhev," and declared the Russians had completely encircled the city.

Rzhev is a key German defense anchor guarding the north flank of the Nazi retreat from Moscow.

A bulletin from Adolf Hitler's field headquarters asserted that strong forces of two Soviet divisions had been annihilated on the central (Moscow) front and that 18,000 Russian soldiers had been killed in the past two weeks.

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