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The Weather

Occasional rain tonight and Thursday; colder tonight.

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Railroad Traffic Forced To Halt North, South of Roseburg; Dillard Bridge Washed Out

Military Training Appeal Renewed by President

Congress Gets Message On State of Union

Truman Also Asks Price Controls' Continuance To Prop Farm Industry

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Once again President Truman has made it clear that he intends to go right down to the wire with his support of a universal military training program.

Today, in his message to congress on the state of the union, the president reiterated his belief in a program of military training. He said that a favorable congressional decision at an early date is of world importance.

The president emphasized that this country is giving, and will continue to give, full support to the United Nations. But, he added, as long as there remains serious opposition to the ideals of a peaceful world, we must maintain strong armed forces.

Mr. Truman's continued belief in compulsory military training does not appear to have had any immediate effect on those who are opposed to any such program. The chairman of the House rules committee, Leo Allen of Illinois, is firmly against the training bill, which his group must clear before it can go to the full House.

President Truman told Congress that the nation's farm program is sound.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

A DISPATCH from Washington tells us:

"Questions bearing vitally on the future of the United States and most of the world confront the 80th congress, which meets tomorrow for its final session."

True enough. The headlines make that plain.

THE dispatch goes on:

"A complicating factor is that this is a general election year. Democrats want to regain the control of congress they lost to the GOP in 1946. The Republicans hope to put their presidential nominee in the White House for the first time since Franklin D. Roosevelt started his first term in 1933."

THAT is also true enough.

What it amounts to is this: From now until the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November ST A T E S M A N S H I P (what is best for our country) must play second fiddle to POLITICS (what is best for the politicians).

THE odd part of it is that in this hour the bulk of the plain people WANT STATESMANSHIP.

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"Exorbitant" Living Costs Due to Blunders of Truman, Roosevelt, Says Gov. Dewey

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 7.—(AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey blamed President Truman today for the "exorbitant" cost of living and submitted to the New York legislature a program to check inflation in the state, highlighted by a pledge of no new taxes.

Dollar devaluation, the increase in debt and other policies of President Roosevelt in the 1930's also contributed "to the perilous situation in which our country finds itself," Dewey asserted in his annual message to the legislature.

"Such a situation as we have today in the nation," the governor insisted, "could have come about only as the cumulative result of a history of errors over many years."

He also proposed continuation of the state's standby rent control law and the commercial rent laws for one year.

Dewey, an undeclared candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, said "the danger of runaway price inflation resulting from wartime pressures was clear at the end of hostilities."

L. J. Fullerton New President Of Roseburg C. of C.

Louis J. Fullerton, head of the Fullerton Beverage Co., was elected president of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce at a meeting of the board of directors last night, to serve during the coming year.

Fullerton succeeds Kenneth Ford, president of the Roseburg Lumber Co., who will remain on the chamber's board as immediate past president, after serving four years as a director.

The new president was operator of the Fullerton Candy Co. for many years until he sold the business last year. As operator of the beverage company, Fullerton is local bottler and distributor for nationally advertised soft drinks.

Other new officers of the Chamber include John D. Todd, who was chosen vice president, and Phil Metchan, who was elected treasurer.

Retiring President Kenneth Ford expressed his appreciation to members of the board of directors, and to members of various committees for their "excellent cooperation" during 1947.

The new president was appointed to serve as a director until Dec. 31, 1948, serving out the unexpired term of R. H. Franks, who has resigned.

Howard Ott, M. M. Nelson, and Earl Flegel were appointed to assist Harold J. Hickerson, secretary-manager, in the preparation of the chamber's 1948 budget. The secretary's annual activity report was accepted. Hickerson was authorized to print and mail the report to the chamber's membership.

American Labor Party Backs Henry Wallace

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Leaders of the American Labor Party in New York have endorsed the presidential candidacy of Henry Wallace. The state executive committee endorsement preceded what is expected to be a stormy session behind closed doors. The American Labor Party is a minor party in New York state only. It polled almost half a million votes for President Roosevelt in 1944.

Representatives of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and United Auto Workers Union immediately walked out of the meeting and announced their resignation from all party posts. Both C.I.O. unions have opposed Wallace policies.

Reemployment Rights of Vets to be Re-Planned

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 7.—(AP)—Three state and federal agencies and county service officers will inaugurate a new plan next Saturday to guarantee the reemployment rights of Oregon veterans. Taking part in the plan will be the State Department of Veterans Affairs, the Federal Reemployment Rights Division and the State Unemployment Compensation Commission.

"However, instead of controls being maintained until peacetime production could get started," he said, "the entire structure of war time inflation control was undermined by executive order on Oct. 30, 1945, relaxing wage controls."

"This fatal action," he continued, "together with bad enforcement generally, destroyed the effectiveness of price controls by the summer of 1946. This was launched the wage-price spiral which soon wrecked the last vestiges of inflation control and brought about the present exorbitant scale of living costs."

Fifteen Die in Airliner Crash; 9 Others Hurt

SAVANNAH, Ga., Jan. 7.—(AP)—Fifteen persons were killed today when a twin-engine coastal airlines passenger plane crashed in thick marshland eight miles southeast of Savannah. Nine other persons were injured.

A reporter for the Savannah Evening Press, Frank Bell, reported from the scene that the pilot and co-pilot of the aircraft were among the dead. The other casualties were Puerto Ricans en route to their homeland on a flight from Newark, New Jersey. Bell said the survivors all appeared to be in serious condition.

The DC-3 type plane went down about three miles from the Wilmington Island airport and was practically demolished. Earlier, the Civil Aeronautics association said it had received word that all but the wing tips of the plane were smashed and the craft burned after falling.

At Hartford, Conn., it was announced that the fallen plane formerly was owned by the Globe Freight Lines of Hartford—a company which dissolved last summer. The aircraft apparently had been converted to a passenger plane.

In Miami, a coastal airlines pilot said he believed that the line's chief pilot, Alvino Antonelli, was at the controls. The passenger list was not immediately available.

Roseburg Postal Receipts Upped

Postal receipts for December, 1947, amounted to \$20,618.33, an increase of \$5,350.62, or over the same period a year ago. Postmaster L. L. Wimberly reported.

The outgoing cancellations rose from 405,240 in December, 1946, to 470,078 in December, 1947, an increase of 15%, the report continued.

The gross postal receipts for the calendar year, 1947, were \$20,334.52, compared with \$100,769.19 during 1946. This is an increase of \$20,065.33, or 19.5%.

News-Review Contains With Service Handicaps

Flood conditions and power failures have made publication of the News-Review a difficult task.

Due to power interruption Tuesday, work was at a standstill in the News-Review mechanical department until early 11 a.m. Metal pots on typesetting machines are electrically heated, and almost an hour was required to melt metal after emergency service was set up. Despite this delay, however, the paper was put on the press within an hour of the usual deadline, due to the fact that our mechanical staff surrendered lunch hour until the paper was made up.

Today's edition is edited from the radio news wire instead of our usual Associated Press leased wire. Wire service on the press wire failed early this morning and had not been restored at the time today's edition was put on the press.

Jews Toss Bomb Into Jaffa Gate; Toll Heavy

JERUSALEM, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Jews in a makeshift armored car tossed a bomb today into the Jaffa gate to the walled old city of Jerusalem. Casualties are said to be heavy although the exact number is still undetermined. Private sources in Jerusalem say the target was an Arab crowd. Some shooting followed immediately and a column of smoke several hundred feet high rose above the gate. The attack car sped away with the occupants throwing another bomb at a street corner. This one killed an Arab policeman and a Jew.

Reedsport Streets Awash; Merchants Remove Goods

REEDSPORT — (Special)—Flood waters overflowed the banks of the Umpqua river in the streets of Reedsport this morning. Merchants, however, had taken the precautions of removing goods from the floor and sandbagging doors and entrances against the water.



RED CROSS AIDS FLOOD VICTIMS—The Douglas County Chapter of the American Red Cross was rushing supplies into Myrtle Creek today to aid more than 40 families forced by floods in that area to evacuate their homes. Pictured above are scenes during the early stages of the flood as the tent-trailer village at Myrtle Creek was evacuated. A bulldozer was used to pull trailers to high ground. Families were being housed and fed in The Christian Church at Myrtle Creek, the above pictures being made and furnished by the Rev. C. E. Henry, pastor. Fred Southwick, disaster chairman of the county Red Cross chapter, sent bedding into the flood area last night, and accompanied by V. V. Harpham, chapter chairman, and Paul Jenkins, News-Review photographer, went into the area today with additional supplies. Joe Ledgerwood, Myrtle Creek, has been named by Southwick to act as purchasing chairman in furnishing additional Red Cross disaster assistance to the evacuated families.

HUNDREDS OF PERSONS FLEE HOMES TO ESCAPE WESTERN OREGON FLOODS

Break in Copco Line at Days Creek Repaired

Power service was restored by the California Oregon Power Co. Tuesday afternoon, about 10 hours after the main transmission line, Line 12, between Prospect and Roseburg, was broken near the Worthington place at Days Creek.

The break occurred when a slide toppled a snag across the power line, snapping the wires. A repair crew, headed by Clint Archibald, former Copco manager at Roseburg, now division construction superintendent, made permanent repairs and restored service at about 4:30 P. M.

The break occurred about 6 A. M. and from 10 A. M. until repairs were made, Roseburg's emergency circuit was supplied with power from Line 20, between Roseburg and Coos Bay. Soon after Line 12 was restored to service, Line 20 was broken near Coos Bay, apparently by a tree toppled by high winds. Winds of gale force were reported over from Coos Bay Tuesday.

Temporary interruptions of service were reported by Copco in Myrtle Creek, Canyonville and Riddle last night and early today, but lines were quickly restored by emergency crews.

Myrtle Creek Out Of Flood Turmoil

Myrtle Creek, hardest hit among Douglas county communities by flood conditions, was reported recovering rapidly today. George Patterson, editor of the Myrtle Creek Mail, reported that schools had reopened, that families left homeless by the flood, had been absorbed into Myrtle Creek homes, and that some of the mills had resumed operations.

With the highway closed by damage to the bridge south of Dillard, Myrtle Creek people were traveling to Roseburg over the old Roberts Mountain route. The North Myrtle Creek road remains open despite a slide causing one-way traffic for a portion of the distance. All roads up Coos Creek, however, were closed.

As the city obtains its winter water supply from springs, domestic water was not affected by the storm.

Willamette Area, Southern Oregon Battle Torrents

(By the Associated Press.) After six straight days of heavy rainfall, the downpour seems to be easing up today in Western Oregon. But it is not expected to have any immediate effect on critical flood conditions in the Willamette valley and Southern Oregon which already have made it necessary to evacuate thousands of persons from their homes.

The Willamette flood crest is moving northward after leaving thousands homeless in the upper valley. Hardest hit was the Glenwood area, where two thousand persons were evacuated last night under the direction of Red Cross authorities. The flood victims were cared for in schools, fire halls and lodge rooms of the area near Eugene.

Several families were evacuated today from the Jefferson and Buena Vista areas south of Salem as the Willamette river spilled over into the low-lying regions.

Little damage from the flood is expected in the Salem district unless the river should rise considerably higher than expected. But creeks in the Salem area are veritable rivers today and have flooded hundreds of basements. Many sewers have clogged, leaving roads covered with water. Some bridge washouts have been reported in the city.

Meanwhile at Eugene the debris-laden floodwaters of the river have poured through homes and farm buildings on the low ground. But the weather bureau says the crest has passed.

At Reedsport, water is breaking over the banks of the Umpqua river and flowing into the streets. Merchants are removing goods from the first floor level and are sandbagging doors and all entrances against the water.

At Hood River, state police say the Columbia river highway is open east as far as Mosier, with one-way traffic at Mosier tunnel entrance because of rock slides. The slides were partially cleared by state highway maintenance crews this morning.

Another slide blocks the highway at Lafourville Falls. The peak of the flood is not expected to pass here until tomorrow.

Three Persons Drown In Lower Rogue River

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Jan. 7. (AP)—Siskiyou Forest officials here have received word that three persons drowned in the lower Rogue river near Agness about 5 o'clock Tuesday night.

The dead are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lackey and Mrs. Ross Cooper. The Lackeys were caretakers of a summer lodge, and Mrs. Cooper was their guest.

Siskiyou Fire Control Officer Rex Winslow said that the Agness station radioed news of the drownings. The three were said to have been swept away in a stalled power tram.

Canyonville Told To Boil Water

Residents of Canyonville were warned today to boil all drinking water, as flooding of the city's water pumping and chlorination station has made it necessary to fill the mains with gravity flow water direct from the stream. Printed notices were broadcast throughout the city and prominently posted warning water users that the supply might be contaminated and all water for domestic use should be boiled.

Several families were reported isolated on the Woods creek road, where two culvert bridges were flooded. Four families were forced to evacuate their homes on low ground. Schools were closed because of flood conditions.

Underpinings at the Canyonville Mill Company's boiler plant were reported weakened by flood, and the mill was closed until the repairs can be made.

NOISY NAGS ANNOY
WOODSVILLE, N. H., Jan. 7.—(AP)—Here's a fine legal point that must be decided in court. The question is whether horses can be allowed to stomp during the night in their stalls. A Woodsville railroad engineer, George Lyons, says that his neighbor's horses stomp so loudly in a barn next to his place that he can't sleep. And Lyons wants the court to do something about it.

The Pacific Highway south of Eugene is closed because of high water, the Umpqua Highway is closed by a slide one mile west of Scottsburg, and the Coos Bay Highway is closed by high water between Myrtle Point and Coquille, according to latest reports from the State Highway Department.

The highway department added that a detour to Eugene may be arranged by about 1 P. M. today.

The Oregon Coast Highway south of Coquille is also closed due to high water, and traffic to the south is closed by the washout of the bridge at Dillard.

Legion District Conference Slated

Plans for the American Legion annual district conference, to be held in Roseburg Friday, Jan. 16, were announced at the bi-weekly meeting of the Legion Post last night at the Armory.

The conference is for the purpose of discussing problems and policies of the Legion and acquainting the membership with actions taken at the National Convention held in New York.

The program will consist of a dinner at the Umpqua Hotel at 6:30 p.m., addresses by State Commander Jack S. Morris of Canyonville and Mr. Ruth Coyner of Bend, state president of the Legion Auxiliary.

Other business considered at the meeting was the acquisition of ground on which to build a Veterans' Memorial building. A 90-day option has been secured on ground with a 40-foot frontage on Kane St., near Cass St., adjoining land now owned by the Legion.

Douglas Fir Employers, Sawmill Union to Meet

SEATTLE, Jan. 7.—(AP)—In a move which Douglas fir logging and lumber industry employers said was unprecedented, an industry-wide meeting with AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union was set yesterday for tomorrow at Portland.

Walter A. Durham, secretary-manager of the lumbermen's industrial relations committee, said the decision to have a common meeting for Puget Sound, Oregon and Willamette valley areas followed two meetings with the Puget Sound council of the union.

Durham said that at the Puget Sound meetings no wage offers were made in answer to the union's 30-cent pay increase demand, pending arrangement for the meeting of all interested areas.

The present hourly minimum pay is \$1.325, Durham said.

James Fleming Named Portland Police Chief

PORTLAND, Jan. 7.—(AP)—James Fleming, 52, inspector of police, yesterday was named chief of police by Mayor Earl Riley, succeeding L. V. Jenkins, who resigned.

Fleming has been in the police bureau since 1919.

Coinciding with announcement of the appointment was receipt of a report by August Vollmer, Berkeley, Calif., recommending change in the police department as a result of a study made here.

The report calls for a change in the general organization to provide for three sub-chiefs, directly responsible to the chief, replacing some 16 department heads. The mayor indicated that he would order the changes made.

Jenkins, who resigned because of ill health, will be continued as sub-chief of inspection, Riley said.

Major General Meyers Denies Perjury Charge

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Retired Major General Bennett E. Meyers faced a federal judge in Washington this morning and pleaded innocent to a charge of lying to the Senate War Investigating Committee. Meyers also denied guilt on another charge of inducing a wartime business associate to commit perjury.

Federal Judge Pine set Meyers' trial for February 16, and the court gave Meyers' counsel 10 days in which to file motions attacking the indictment. The retired general was the next to highest purchasing officer for the Air Force during the war.

Employment Lost by Work Stoppages Shown

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(AP)—The Bureau of Labor statistics has estimated that in 1947, 35 million man-days of employment were lost through work stoppages. The figure is the third highest in history, but well below the peak of 116 million man-days of lost time in 1946.

Most of the lost time in 1947 was caused by three big strikes—the telephone strike in April and May, the East Coast shipyard strike last summer, and the coal miners strike.

Bridge at Dillard Wrecked; Olalla Resident Drowns

Traffic over the Pacific Highway to the south was halted early this morning, as the rain-swollen waters of the South Umpqua River pounded away at the center pier of the steel and concrete bridge four miles south of Dillard.

There were no reports available from the State Highway Department this morning. It was believed, however, that the center pier had been loosened either by undermining currents in the river or by a log jam. State police reported the bridge "went out" at 1 o'clock this morning.

The roadway of the bridge was reportedly sagging several feet in the center, but other reports of damage to the span were meager.

Olalla Man Drowns
At least one drowning was reported in the flood. Deputy Sheriff Dick Baker said that neighbors are searching for the body of Norlan D. Wilson, 24, Upper Olalla Road, who fell into Olalla Creek, 20 miles west of Roseburg, as he was at tending to feed the stream on horseback yesterday morning.

Wilson's horse was drowned and its body was found a few hundred yards downstream from the point where the horse and its rider were swept away. Wilson was reported by two of his brothers today to have been taking his wife to a Roseburg hospital. He attempted to ford the stream when he could not drive his automobile across.

In addition to neighbors, sheriff's and coroner's deputies and the State Police are in the searching party.

Besides the widow, Viola, surviving relatives include Wilson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilson, and four brothers and one sister, Leo, Warren, Bob, Donald, and Eula, all of Myrtle Creek.

Sutherland and Oakland Schools Able to Reopen

Sutherland and Oakland schools were closed Tuesday because of power failures. Electric service to the two communities, which was interrupted about 6 a. m., was restored about 7 p. m. Sutherland mills were closed due to high water, and it was necessary in a few instances to raise motors and other machinery to protect equipment from water damage.

Water was high in Sutherland streets, but store buildings were not flooded, as has happened occasionally in the past.

Lovity Fact Rant

By L. F. Melanson

All those opposing a flood control project for the Umpqua Valley will signify by saying "I". Why all the silence?