

Battle Against Handicaps Of Winter Related At Forum By H. C. Wells, Dist. Copco Head

A story of destruction and hardship, caused by high winds, rain and heavy snows, was related yesterday to the Chamber of Commerce noon forum luncheon audience by H. C. "Doc" Wells, district manager for California Oregon Power company.

Wells said local citizens are often lulled by the information that Roseburg's wind velocity is practically nil and that it snows here "seldom."

"Other areas in which we operate are not so fortunate," Wells said.

He related troubles of the coastal area, where a 90-mile wind blew steel doors off a concrete power building near Coos Bay, collapsed mill construction and inflicted more damage in the Coquille area.

"We never guessed we would have all four of our power lines flat on the ground at the same time," Wells declared, "and at the same time have help nullified from the Northwest power pool, hit by burned-out generators at Bonneville and other troubles."

He said all this damage inflicted by the weather coincided with the "greatest power demands of all time" in the state, especially in the Portland area.

Power troubles in the Umpqua district (including Roseburg) were relatively minor, but "we underrated the power of the weather," he said. According to Wells, lines were broken or otherwise put out of working order by trees catapulting off mountain sides—in areas where the usual right-of-way widths seemed sufficient.

Wells said snow depths ranging over seven feet within a few miles of Roseburg caused more damage and hampered repairmen, nearly frozen from cold and dampness.

Plans For Future Told
"We are doubling precautions and taking steps to overcome difficulties in the future caused by weather such as we have just witnessed," Wells said.

He said transformers which were on order 29 months arrived 30 days ago for Days Creek and that some installation had been done, only to find that parts of the switching apparatus were missing. "When these are installed, we will have service from Tiller to Roseburg—service which we could have provided during the recent outages if the equipment had been complete," he said.

An access road to install a Days Creek-Glendale line (125,000 KV) was actually under construction, only to be halted by heavy snows. He said another line from Toketes south to Ft. Klamath is contemplated, and there is a possibility that a double circuit line from Days Creek to Dixonville may also be constructed.

All this construction, when completed, will provide a re-routing scheme making possible power to Roseburg during almost any emergency, Wells said.

The most recent power difficulty, which Wells termed "a big financial loss," also struck just prior to installation of three transformers which were on the site. He said the damage has now been repaired and that almost all power users in that area are now being served. Installation of the additional transformers increases the efficiency of the Sutherlin plant by 250 percent, he declared.

Wells cited figures in an attempt to prove that construction of a power-providing steam plant in this area would not be justified. He said that after the plant was installed, the cost of fuel per unit would amount to more than

Northwest In Grip Of Another Fright Wave

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after a four-day respite. With its return, the toll of storm-caused deaths since the recent Friday the 13th blizzard soared to 21. Three persons were killed in British Columbia and a fourth in Spokane.

Traffic, just back to normal after last week's paralysis, was started by snow and slides in the Canadian province and by water-covered highways in Oregon. Boulders loosened by rains and snows tumbled onto highways, causing at least two crashes in Oregon.

A near blizzard dropped six inches of snow in Vancouver, B. C. Northern Washington reported from one to three inches white to the south the flakes melted almost as fast as they fell.

British Columbia victims included two trainmen trapped in a locomotive cab when it was swept into Seton Lake, 150 miles northeast of Vancouver, by a mountain avalanche during a blizzard. Three other cars were derailed. The trainmen were identified as Alec L. Munro, 42, the engineer, and fireman Harry P. Seymour, 27, both of Squamish, B. C.

Eight-year-old Antoinette Pasquale was killed at Cranbrook when ice slid from a schoolhouse roof.

In Spokane, 20-year-old Burdette E. Elder was injured fatally when his car struck a truck which officers said was skidding on an icy highway.

A Florida couple were injured seriously east of Baker when their car hit a truck while avoiding another storm-loosened rock.

Snow and rock slides blocked the Columbia river highway 10 miles east of Cascade Locks, Ore. On the Washington side of the river, the Evergreen highway still was blocked at Stevenson.

Blizzard, Heavy Rains Sweeping Midwest States

By The Associated Press
Winter hammered a wet, cold punch across the northern half of the country today.

Blizzard conditions prevailed over Minnesota and sections of the Dakotas and Montana. Temperatures tumbled and strong winds whipped snow into huge drifts. Some highways were blocked.

Colder weather was forecast as the storm moved south and eastward into the central states and was expected to hit as far south as the Oklahoma-Texas Parhandle. The mercury was 22 below zero at Great Falls, Mont., and 12 at Minot, N. D., early today.

The heaviest snowfall was in Minnesota. Snow fell in upper Michigan and Northern Wisconsin westward through Minnesota, the Dakotas, Montana, Wyoming, and parts of Northern Colorado.

A rain belt extended over Indiana and Illinois. Freezing rain was reported over most of Iowa, southern Wisconsin and southern Michigan. Glazed highways made driving hazardous.

U. S. Highway 10, the main east-west artery in North Dakota, was blocked by the drifting and blowing snow.

Winds reached a velocity of 56 miles per hour in the Rapid City, S. D., area last night as the storm howled into the tri-state region of Minnesota and the Dakotas.

Meanwhile, flood conditions in the Midwest improved and the threat of new serious floods in the lower Mississippi Valley eased.

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the cost of a kilowatt hour now selling to mills.
He concluded his talk by praising the work of his fellow worker, Bill Stinson, district superintendent, who Wells called "a real goin' dog."

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Chrysler Facing Threat Of Strike

DETROIT, Jan. 24 — (AP) — The automobile industry's high-geared 1950 production drive ran up against a possible snag today—a threatened Chrysler strike.

Tomorrow at 10 a. m., 89,000 Chrysler workers are to walk out. However, negotiators strove for a 16th consecutive day today to compromise the dispute.

Yesterday the CIO United Auto workers, in a surprise maneuver, offered to abandon their \$100 monthly pension demand in exchange for a straight wage boost.

The \$100 pension has been the Union's No. 1 objective of its 19-49-50 bargaining program.

Chrysler gave no sign that it was willing to agree to the new proposal. The union proposed a flat 10 cents an hour increase, its "rock-bottom" offer.

President Walter Reuther, now heading union negotiations, said that Chrysler "has got to accept or we strike."

Congress Inclined To Write Own Tax Program

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gram: a crackdown on tax dodgers of the middle-income brackets who do not report all their taxable income.

Congress Has Own Ideas
1. The tax bill Congress finally whips together may slash excises well beyond Mr. Truman's request. It could possibly amount to \$1,000,000,000 to \$1,500,000,000. The president said he couldn't sign any bill reducing excises unless it provided for replacing the lost revenue.

2. A concerted drive will be made to plug the tax loopholes by which the President said many groups find legal ways to escape the tax burden on taxation.

He mentioned press laws which he said give special advantages to oil well and mine owners, charitable and educational organizations engaged in business, and life insurance companies. Some lawmakers are doubtful, however, that the plugs will be as big as the excise cuts.

3. The Senate may not approve this House bill containing the \$1,000,000,000 increase in taxes on large corporations, estates and gifts, that Mr. Truman wants. Some increases may be passed by the House, but a top Democrat said informally he does not believe the senate will accept them.

4. Congress probably will join the administration in a drive against tax dodgers, giving the Internal Revenue bureau about 3,000 additional agents to check on personal income statements.

Democrats Differ
Some Democrats applauded the tax message. They included House leader McCormack of Massachusetts and Rep. Forand of Rhode Island, a member of the House ways and means committee. But ways and means a Chairman Doughton (D-MC) and Chairman George (D-GA) of the Senate finance committee would not comment on its contents.

Doughton did say that he thought Congress should make up elsewhere what it lost in excise cuts. George already has said he likes the idea of reducing excises in separate legislation.

Economy talking lawmakers took a dim view of the call for tax increases. Senator Byrd (D-VA) insisted that the President should put emphasis on economy instead of higher taxes.

Senator Wheeler (R-Neb), GOP senate floor leader, said the President is trying to raise taxes "to finance spendthrift socialism."

GOP Leader Wants Action
GOP House leader Martin demanded that Congress ignore the call for a broad tax overhaul and instead "repeal the wartime excise taxes immediately. He said business is suffering because buyers are holding off in expectation of tax decreases.

As for Mr. Truman's threat of a veto unless he gets what he says the country's financial position demands, Martin said Congress should not allow "one man to legislate taxes."

Rep. Leonard W. Hall (R-NY) called the message "an insult to Congress" and said Mr. Truman "has set himself up as a dictator."

Pointing to a statement by the President that "we must continue to practice rigid economy," Rep. Brown (R-Ohio) called this a laugh and asked: "continue what rigid economy?"

A Democrat, Senator O'Connor of Maryland, said he looked with

disfavor on the tax increase proposals affecting businesses and certain phases of the estate tax boost recommendation.

Auto-Train Collision Kills Glide Resident

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Platka, Roseburg; two sons, Edgar Van Horn, Canyonville; Millard R. Van Horn, Roseburg; three brothers, Joe Van Horn, Grants Pass; O. P. Van Horn, Roseburg; J. D. Van Horn, Myrtle Creek; and two sisters, Mrs. Everette Johnson, Roseburg, and Mrs. Chessie Scouting, Shreveport, Louisiana.

Funeral services will be announced by the Roseburg Funeral home upon arrival of relatives.

ERROR CORRECTED
An item appearing in the Jan. 19 issue of the News-Review, telling of the dividend declared by the Roseburg National Farm Loan association, termed the association "a 10 percent cooperative farm lending institution."

The correct figure should have been 100 percent.

CHERMAN CONFIRMED
WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Admiral Forrest P. Sherman today was confirmed by the Senate as chief of naval operations.

It was a voice vote. Sherman succeeds Admiral

Butter Content Label On Grade A Milk Proposed

EUGENE, Jan. 24 — (AP)—The Oregon Dairymen's association convention will vote today on a proposal for statewide labeling of butter content on all grade A milk.

The dairy products promotion committee resolution was aimed at clarifying what Chairman John I. Gale of Canby said was a situation for which the dairymen were being blamed. He said some Oregon markets are getting 3.2 percent butterfat milk, but the premium price is based on 3.5 percent milk.

Gale said the distributors were pocketing the extra profit and that the dairymen and the consumers were suffering. He added it was involved in the problem of public relations with consumers.

Snow-Trapped Family Goal Of Rescue Effort

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piloted by George Felt, who was accompanied by Deputy Sheriff "Red" Eckhardt. Another attempt will be made to fly over the area today, weather permitting, said Byrd.

The efforts of the volunteers may be seriously handicapped, since fresh snow was falling heavily in the Dutchman mountain area, due south of Camas Valley.

Oran, Ormand and Lowell Standley spent a day trying to open a road into Elk Valley with a bulldozer, but were only able to get within about seven miles. It is believed that the road may be again partially closed from fresh snow.

When the sheriff's office was notified, a call for all available snow shoes and skis met with very satisfactory results. The equipment was taken to Carnas Valley last night, and the rescue party was formed to start out early today.

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11 Million In Soviet Slavery, Charge Of CIO

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 — (AP)—The Congress of Industrial Organizations charged today that more than 11,000,000 persons are being worked to death in Soviet slave labor camps.

A statement by James B. Carey, CIO secretary-treasurer, prepared for the Senate foreign relations committee, said in part:

"Both Hitler and Stalin organized the greatest machinery for literally squeezing the blood out of human beings for two purposes: first to get human energy without pay and secondly, to kill, through overwork, the undesirable people."

"The population of slave labor camps in Germany reached almost eleven million. . . . The number of inmates from that Baltic nations in the Siberian slave labor camps, including the salt mines, is certainly higher."

Carey urged American ratification of the United Nations genocide convention and expressed "the hope that all nations of the world will follow soon the American lead."

The Senate committee is holding hearings on the United Nations proposal to outlaw genocide, which U. N. has defined as "a denial of the right of existence of entire human groups as homicide is the denial of the right to live of individual human beings."

The U. N. action was prompted by the slaughter of Jews by Germany in World War II.

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The Weather

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