

TERRIFIC RAINS FLOOD LOS ANGELES AREA

6,000 Facing Evacuation From Homes

Mud Closes Highways, Cars Stalled, Schools Shut In General Chaos

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Two thousand families were ordered evacuated Friday as a night of deluging rain poured floods into flatlands south of here.

The sheriff's substation at Norwalk announced that the Coast Guard, moving 10 miles inland from the Pacific, would undertake to move the 6,000 or more persons from the path of rising waters.

The emergency centers in the communities of Norwalk, Artesia and Hawaiian Gardens, southeast of here. The Coast Guard moved up from its bases at Long Beach and San Pedro with boats and amphibious equipment of all types.

Another critical situation in the San Fernando Valley, north of Los Angeles proper, apparently was well in hand, although some 200 families had been taken from their homes in the Reseda area.

Roads Blocked, Cars Trapped

As welcome sunshine broke through the clouds shortly after dawn, the picture through much of Southern California was one of rushing torrents, mud-closed highways and stalled cars.

By 8 a. m., the storm had brought 4.17 inches of rain in Los Angeles in 18 hours. Higher amounts fell on foothill communities which ring the city and despite flood control channels and spreading basins, the immense volume of water was ripping out roads and cutting into canyon banks as it rushed toward the Pacific.

Churches and schools—which in most sections were closed to classes for the day—were pressed into service as evacuation centers.

For the second time this week horse racing at Santa Anita Park was interrupted, because of rain-swollen creeks around Arcadia.

Snows Also Falling

Heavy snows were falling in the mountains, with the main route from here to San Francisco, U.S. 99, closed between San Fernando and Bakersfield by nearly two feet of snow.

The Weather Bureau said the worst of the current storm has passed, but that another—now moving down the Pacific Coast—is due here by Saturday night. It forecasts intermittent rain, occasionally heavy, through Wednesday.

The entire state has been plagued by the worst storms since the turn of the century this week.

Virtually all main railroad and highway routes across the Sierra have been closed and there is general transportation chaos.

WHO DOES WHAT By Paul Jenkins



CECIL DOTY, clerk in the Outdoor Store at Jackson and Washington streets, displays a stack of glass photographic plates he and Jerry Harkin, store manager, discovered in the basement, which houses the old vaults (or what is left of them) of the Land Bank when that institution occupied the building. The plates are negatives of township maps of Douglas County, prepared by Frank E. Alley, whose abstract office also was in the building at the turn of the last century. Presumably the photography was done by him, too, as his daughter, Mrs. Fred Perry, at present employed at the Commercial Abstract company, recalls that her father was an excellent photographer. The building, now owned by A. J. Hochradel of Roseburg, occupies the site of Ziegler's old Metropolitan Hotel which burned sometime in the Seventies, claiming the life of the owner.

OAKLAND KICK ANSWERED

River Route Selection To Link Sutherlin, Lone Rock Given Explanation By County Court

The "River Route" connection from Lone Rock to Wilbur and Sutherlin "will better serve all interests in the area affected," the county court said Thursday in answer to a protest by an Oakland group.

Text of the brief answer by the court to the Oakland Development Club's resolution opposing the choice, is as follows:

"It is still the opinion of the court that the economy of the county is best served by carefully evaluating all factors, present and future, when making a determination involving the expenditure of county funds in the amount of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"The court believes that was done in its consideration of a proposed North Umpqua - Sutherlin road.

"The best engineering advice available supports the court's decision. The route selected, we believe, will better serve all interests in the area affected."

In its resolution, the Oakland group had asked the court to reconsider its decision and had supported the "Short Route" connection between Lone Rock and Nonpareil.

To Address Public Meeting

County Commissioner Lynn Beckley and Engineer Wallace Heccher will explain the county's position at a public meeting to be held by the Oakland club Feb. 4.

At that time the county officials will attempt to bring out all factors leading to the court's decision, Beckley said.

Last Dec. 27, the court announced its decision in favor of the River Route to Wilbur with Cooper Creek, and it added that construction should be started "as fast as funds can be made available without damaging our road program."

Town Asks Damages For Water Main Break

Driving a caterpillar over city water mains caused damage of \$24,511. The Town of Myrtle Creek contends in a suit filed Thursday against Verner Lawten and William A. Worth.

The complaint, filed in Circuit Court, alleges that Lawten, working for Worth, drove a caterpillar over some water lines last July 11. In addition to the repair bill, the town alleges it had to pay \$90 for extra electricity to operate an auxiliary water source.

A total of \$304.51 is asked.

DRIVER ACCUSED

Ronald William King, 34, Roseburg, was returned to the county jail Thursday to face a charge of driving with suspended operator's license, the sheriff's office reported. He was arrested in Salem.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

As a dramatic incident of this "worst storm in 30 years," as the big press services have been calling it, the Southern Pacific's crack streamliner City of San Francisco, last word in modern ground transportation, is trapped in the snow in the high Sierra.

Art Hoppe, reporter, and Kenneth McLaughlin, cameraman, of the San Francisco Chronicle staff, have just reached the marooned train after a trek on skis. Hoppe reports:

"The train is intact. Its passengers are on short rations, but they're bundled up against the cold, their morale is high and they are not complaining about the prospect of another night before rescue.

"The engine is buried in the snow, and the cars stand like some permanent strung-out settlement of buried cabins. A single dark tunnel in the snow marks the entrance to the baggage car and as we entered a heavy, sour odor of stale breath, heating fumes and cold food hit us.

"It was cold in most of the cars (Continued on Page 4)

The Weather

Occasional rain today. Showers tonight and Saturday. Warmer tonight.

Highest temp. for any Jan. — 77
Lowest temp. for any Jan. — 46
Highest temp. last 24 hours — 48
Lowest temp. last 24 hours — 29
Precip. last 24 hours — 0
Precip. from Jan. 1 — 3.27
Precip. from Sept. 1 — 23.78
Excess — 6.91

Sunset today, 5:06 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 7:40 a.m.

Fine, Jail Term Fixed For Indecent Exposure

William Loran Bostwick, 35, 1225 Pine St., was fined \$100 and sentenced to 30 days in jail by District Judge A. J. Geddes Thursday after a jury found him guilty of indecent exposure.

Bostwick was arrested Jan. 7 by Roseburg police and had asked for a jury trial.

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Soda Springs Power Dam Nears Finish

Unforeseen Obstacles Overcome At Copco's North Umpqua Unit

The California Oregon Power company's troublesome Soda Springs Dam is at last nearing the completion stage. The dam will be finished and the power generator put into operation early in May, according to present calculations.

The farthest downstream installation on Copco's extensive hydroelectric development on the North Umpqua River, the Soda Springs Dam has been one of the most difficult construction jobs so far undertaken. Engineers found it almost impossible to locate adequate footings for the structure. Even after construction was started, faults in rock structure forced many expensive and delaying changes in design.

Foundations now have been poured, however, and the superstructure is being added. Despite freezing temperatures, concrete is being poured daily, aggregate and water being warmed before mixing. Steel for the gates was received Thursday. The penstock has been built to the powerhouse, downstream from the damsite. Powerhouse foundations have been poured and generating equipment is being installed.

Good Progress At Fish Creek

The Fish Creek unit also is making good progress. Powerhouse installation will be completed within another 30 days, according to present calculations.

Preliminary surveys have been made and work will start on two units on Clearwater River as soon as snow melts.

Temperatures in the region have been as low as nine degrees above zero. Tokete Village has about 18 inches of snow, while snow depths on the desert above the river canyon range up to several feet. All roads are covered with snow and ice.

During the coming spring and summer it is proposed to start work on a transmission line paralleling the existing line between Tokete and Roseburg.

West Coast Air Line Merger Not To Be Protested

WASHINGTON (AP) — The proposed merger of West Coast and Empire Air Lines will not be protested by United and Western Air Lines unless competing operations are set up, spokesmen said Thursday.

The two lines' attorneys appeared at a pre-hearing conference before Civil Aeronautics Board Examiner William Cusick. The issues to be considered at a hearing on the merger proposal March 10 were discussed.

Under the plan, West Coast would buy out all of Empire's stockholders. But the sale is contingent upon the CAB's approving requests by the two lines for an extension of their present routes to permit a hookup of the systems.

United's attorneys said, Cusick told a reporter later, that there would be no objection to the merger if the extension of service is made by way of Pendleton, Ore., and Portland, but not via Seattle.

Ike's, Taft's Backers Tilt At Meeting

Lodge Boosts General, Saying GOP Victory Needs Democratic Aid

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Senator Dwight D. Eisenhower to the Republicans Friday as the one presidential candidate "who could bring the world durable peace."

Lodge took sharp—if indirect—issue with Taft supporters who said the party would be risking its political future if it nominates a "glamour candidate" in Chicago next July. Lodge is National Chairman of the GOP Eisenhower-For-President Committee.

David S. Ingalls, campaign manager for Ohio's Sen. Robert A. Taft, said the party should not "select a good looking mortician, to preside over its death as a political organization."

He urged the GOP National Committee, in a speech Thursday night, to aid in the nomination of a "militant Republican," such as Taft.

This obvious barb at Eisenhower drew from Lodge the declaration in a prepared address:

"The American people believe in Dwight Eisenhower because they see in him a leader—and a leader who can do the most to bring about a durable peace."

Former Gov. Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota put in his bid for the nomination at a committee dinner Friday night.

Democratic Aid Needed

Lodge told National Committee members the Republicans can't win in November unless they attract some Democratic votes. He said Eisenhower would do that.

Lodge has predicted the general, commander of North Atlantic Treaty Organization forces in Europe, will be able to take off his uniform and campaign before the July convention.

Eisenhower said recently he is a Republican and would accept the party's nomination but won't join in pre-convention campaigning.

Critics Are Answered

The Massachusetts senator replied to critics' assertions that Eisenhower is in no position to attack administration foreign policies by saying: "If the general's advice had been followed at Potsdam, 'China could have been saved.'"

He said Eisenhower advised against attempts to bring the Russians into the Pacific war. The concessions made to the Russians in Asia to obtain their entry into the Pacific fighting were made at Yalta, which preceded the Potsdam conference.

Myrtle Creek Sells Bond Issue To Construct Tri-City School; High School Expansion Planned

The Myrtle Creek School Board has accepted the bid of the Douglas County State Bank for the \$190,000 bond issue for construction of a grade school at Tri-City. A. H. Helgeson, chairman, announced the interest rate was 2.6891 per cent.

Construction of the new 200-pupil elementary school will begin as soon as steel quotas are available, he said.

M. C. Deller, Myrtle Creek district superintendent, said arrangements were completed Thursday for adequate sewage disposal, one of the problems faced at the site of the contemplated school.

The problem is caused by heavy clay in the area. The clay won't absorb water and has caused acute sanitation problems throughout the county.

The district's solution to the problem, Deller said, is through installation of a septic tank, filter bed and chlorination treatment before the material drains to ditches and eventually into the South Umpqua. Estimated cost of the project is between \$5,000 and \$6,000.

Expansion Planned

Other action by the school board included the first step toward eventual expansion to a 500 - student high school at Myrtle Creek.

The board proposed purchase of two new plots of ground adjacent to the present high school property for eventual construction of football and track fields, parking area, and a gymnasium. This would bring total high school acreage to 29.

Deller said the high school, which now has 267 students, is expected to expand to the 500 mark in about four years. This is based on present elementary school enrollment—now ranging between 100 - 140 for each class, he said.

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Two Convicted At Canyonville Of Excess Loads

The first jury trials in the county on highway overload charges since the new overweight law was made effective, ended Thursday in convictions of the two defendants.

In separate cases, juries in Canyonville Justice of Peace Nina Pietzold's court found Everett Haumesser Dillard, guilty of a 10,310-pound overload and Earl Eynart, Myrtle Creek, guilty of a 6,300-pound overload.

Both men were cited at jump scales north of Canyonville.

Both were fined by Mrs. Pietzold at the regular rate of five cents per pound provided for in the new law for overloads in excess of 5,000 pounds.

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Zone Supervisor Inspects North Umpqua Forest

Personal inspection was given the North Umpqua forest road access problem Thursday by J. Herbert Stone, regional supervisor for the North Pacific region, embracing Washington and Oregon.

Accompanied by Bob Auinger, heide, supervisor of the Umpqua National Forest, Stone was taken about the North Umpqua road to Tokete, where he was shown Copco's hydroelectric installations.

Stone, together with W. H. Lynch of the Bureau of Public Roads, and R. H. Baldoock, state highway engineer, will allocate funds for forest highway development in Oregon.

His inspection trip Thursday afforded him opportunity for first hand study of the need for road construction east of Steamboat to permit timber removal.

The regional supervisor, who came to the Pacific Northwest six months ago after serving as supervisor of the forest region in eleven southern states, is spending the week at Umpqua National Forest headquarters acquainting himself with local problems.

He spoke Wednesday at a Chamber of Commerce sponsored dinner meeting on the subject of access roads and management of national forests.

General Motors Gets Nod To Up Prices Of Autos

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government Friday upped wholesale prices on General Motors Corp. automobiles ranging from about \$50 on Chevrolets to \$103 on Cadillacs. The increase is on wholesale prices at the factory.

The Office of Price Stabilization authorized the increases under the Caphart Amendment to the Economic Control Law.

This amendment enables manufacturers to increase prices in proportion to increased expenses. General Motors in its application pointed to higher costs of labor, material and overheads before last July 28.

OPS said it has no information as to whether GM plans to put the new prices into effect. Before doing so, the auto corporation must file with OPS a list of proposed new dollar-and-cents wholesale ceilings and suggested new factory retail price lists.

The estimated dollar increase at the factory wholesale level is for the best selling model of each line of cars. For Pontiacs the increase would be about \$78, for Oldsmobiles \$94 and for Buicks \$67.

OPS also approved a hike of about \$23 for the General Motors Suburban line.

OPS said this model uses a truck chassis and a station wagon body.

Trio Held Here On Theft Charge

Three men wanted in California on stolen car charges were captured at Sutherlin Thursday—through the unwitting aid of one of them who tried to hide when a state patrolman drove by.

Being held in the county jail for California authorities are Aubrey J. Benley, 29, Idria, Calif.; William Thomas Tadlock, 29, La Grand, Calif.; and a 17-year-old Merced, Calif. youth, State Police reported. All have waived extradition.

They are accused of the theft of a car at Idria and the burglary of a warehouse.

Officers said capture came as a result of the 17-year-old youth sliding down on the seat of the allegedly stolen car parked at the time as the officer drove by. The officer stopped to investigate and became suspicious at the youth's refusal to answer questions.

Investigation revealed that he along with Tadlock and Benley, who were apprehended later, were wanted on the California charges.

Two are ex-convicts. Benley was on parole from San Quentin, where he served time on an armed robbery charge, and Tadlock served two years in Oklahoma State Penitentiary for burglary, State Police said.

Protest Against Filling Vatican Post Slated

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American Council of Christian Churches Friday scheduled a mass meeting in Washington Thursday to protest the naming of a United States ambassador to the Vatican.

The council claims a total membership of nearly two million Protestants in some 5,000 congregations. Some 4,000 persons are expected for the meeting.

The Rev. Doss M. Scott, pastor of the National Tabernacle in Washington, and supervisor of plans for the protest meeting, said naming of an envoy to the Vatican would be "unconstitutional discrimination and favoritism — not to one religion above all others."

President Truman had nominated Gen. Mark W. Clark as ambassador to the Vatican, but Clark withdrew as a candidate for the proposed post after a rash of protests from Protestants throughout the country. Catholics generally favored the idea.

Mr. Truman indicated, however, he would appoint someone else to the post.

X-RAY UNIT SCHEDULE

The mobile chest X-ray units will observe the following schedule Saturday:

Love's Pontiac Garage, Reedsport, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Nichols Jewelry Store, Reedsport, 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.; Umpqua Drug Store, Reedsport, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Rand Theater, Sutherlin, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Thomas Hotel, Oakland, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sutherlin Post Office, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Accused Federal Attorney Freed

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — Whether suspended U.S. Attorney Harvey L. Carey, acquitted on bribe-asking charges, will be allowed to resume his duties remains a question that only U.S. Attorney General J. Howard McGrath can answer.

Carey, accused of soliciting a \$50,000 bribe from Texas Oilman Lewis Hart, was acquitted Thursday night by a federal district court jury after seven hours of deliberation.

McGrath suspended Carey from office in December, 1950, after an investigation by the Justice Department.

Carey was indicted by a federal grand jury in March on charges he asked a \$50,000 bribe from Hart to "settle" 30 perjury counts pending against Hart and four of his employes.

Carey denied that he suggested a bribe. He testified that he "strung Hart along in hopes of catching a bribe" and to see if the Federal Petroleum Board was involved.

Community Hospital Records 500th Baby

Leorea Dale Walter became the 500th baby to be born at Douglas Community Hospital.

The new arrival, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Walter of Sutherlin, put in his appearance Wednesday, Jan. 16. He weighed eight pounds three ounces.

While the Walter baby was the 500th, there have been only 495 deliveries. This was brought about by the fact four sets of twins have been born since the hospital was opened last February.

Cows' Sore Feet Not Mental Anguish Base

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — Damages for mental suffering cannot be claimed because your cows have sore feet, District Judge Harold H. Davies ruled Friday.

Glenn and Ada Page charged their neighbor, W. H. Lane, built a "spite" fence along his property, causing them to drive their dairy herd over a longer route to pasture, resulting in loss of milk production, sore feet for the cows and mental anguish for the owners.

Judge Davies threw out the mental anguish charge on which they asked \$15,000 damages.

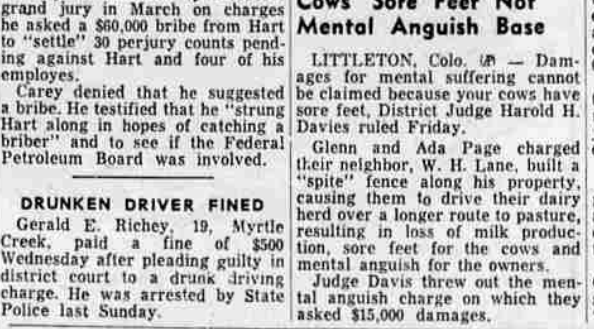
Air Battle Is Brief; No Progress In Truce

SEOUL, Korea (AP) — Jet planes fought over Northwest Korea Friday for the fourth successive day. U. S. Sabre jets screening thunderjet strikes against Red rail lines and supplies fought briefly with elements of a formation of 120 Communist jets.

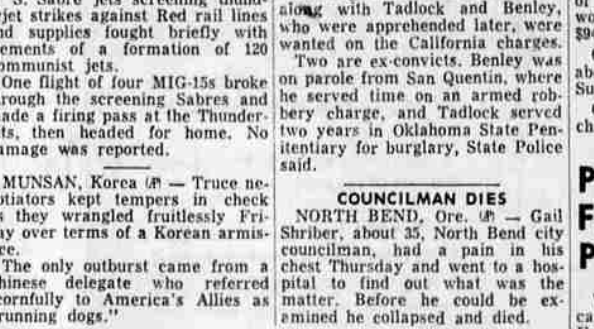
One flight of four MIG-15s broke through the screening Sabres and made a firing pass at the Thunderjets, then headed for home. No damage was reported.

MUNSAN, Korea (AP) — Truce negotiators kept tempers in check as they wrangled fruitlessly Friday over terms of a Korean armistice.

The only outburst came from a Chinese delegate who referred scornfully to America's Allies as "running dogs."



THE FEROCITY is gone from the nine cougars and two bobcats, represented by the pelts on the pickup truck, and the man responsible for their undoing is N. T. Combs, holding the hound at left. Combs, 1545 Post St., Roseburg, finds that it can also be a lucrative sideline. Thursday he was awarded bounties totaling \$320 when he turned up at the county clerk's



office with evidence that he'd shot five cougars and four bobcats. Some of those pictured, he killed in the Olalla district and others up the North Umpqua. The hounds that aided in the take are Redbones and Black and Tans. Seated on the truck is A. L. Kittelson and at right is Roy Lee. (Picture by Paul Jenkins)

Levity Fact Rant
By L. F. Reizenstein

It is unlikely that any present-day Roseburg residents will be on hand for the city's second centennial observance, 100 years hence, but in all probability Ye Olde Towne Hall will still be on the job to smile benignly on the celebrants.