

Thousands Flee Homes; Coast Death Toll Now 22

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three miles to the south shortly after midnight.

City officials estimated that at 5:30 a.m., 75 per cent of Yuba City was covered with water knee deep. Associated press correspondent Brian Duff reported the water "rising so fast you had to run to keep ahead of it."

Duff said Army amphibious vehicles raced to all parts of the city in an effort to rescue countless scores trapped before they could flee the rapidly rising water.

Yuba City's mayor Glenn Gauche estimated 90 per cent of Yuba City's some 7,000 inhabitants plus hundreds of evacuees from the sister city of Marysville just across the river managed to escape.

Marysville, evacuated Friday when the levees that completely encircle the city threatened to give way, appeared to be saved by the levee break south of Yuba. Duff said the river was dropping along the Marysville levees.

Duff, one of the last persons out of Yuba City, said the frightened residents "literally streamed out in cars bumper to bumper."

They fled to the small town of Colusa, a few miles to the west. Duff said the flood came so rapidly there wasn't time to organize any formal rescue operation.

At Colusa, the state highway patrol appealed to the red cross for 4,000 blankets and 2,000 coats.

White House Announces Resignations Of Two

WASHINGTON 48—The White House Saturday announced the resignations of James A. McConnell as assistant secretary of agriculture and A. Jackson Goodwin Jr. as a member of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

McConnell, who owns a farm near Mansfield, Pa., also resigned as a member of the board of directors of the Commodity Credit Corp.

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fers of aid from the American Red Cross and from federal agencies.

Secretary of Agriculture Benson said that food supplies, including surplus farm products would be made available to badly stricken areas.

Ellsworth Bunker, president of the Red Cross, said that all the organization's resources for emergency care would be made available—including long term assistance in rebuilding and repairing homes, medical assistance, and providing household and other necessary items lost in the flood.

The Small Business Administration also was standing by.

Generally flood waters were receding in most areas as rainfall slowed and temperatures lowered decreasing the mountain snowmelt. Vast areas of ground, particularly in southwestern Oregon, still remained under varying depths of water.

New flood troubles were appearing in northwestern Oregon, however. The flooding Columbia was backing up the Willamette River at Portland and the Tualatin spilled over its banks flooding the little farming community of the same name. A number of persons evacuated their homes there as the waters rose.

Meanwhile the Willamette at Portland and the lower Columbia at Vancouver were rising swiftly. The Willamette was expected to crest at 23 feet in the harbor Sunday morning—5 feet above flood stage—but only low-lying docks and installations will be affected.

A flood crest of 21 or 21½ feet was forecast for Vancouver Sunday morning.

A substantial rise in the middle Columbia River was blamed for the unexpectedly high crests.

There was no estimate of damage in Oregon, but it was expected to run into the millions.

Army Engineers said the Willamette Valley would have suffered much more heavily had it not been for the dams of the Willamette Valley flood control project. They estimated tentatively that the dams prevented at least nine million dollars in damage.

The situation continued to improve throughout the state Saturday as near-freezing weather checked the mountain snow runoff. More cold weather was in the offing for the weekend.

The Southern Pacific announced it would resume passenger service between Portland and San Francisco with special trains leaving both points at 4 p. m. Saturday. They were scheduled for arrival both places at 2 p. m. Sunday.

The train will go over the old Siskiyou Route between Eugene and Medford. The line was restored Friday with repair of a washed out bridge at Merlin.

The SP's mainline, between Eugene and Klamath Falls, still was blocked by a slide which derailed several cars Thursday near Cruzite, 75 miles south of Eugene. Crews were making progress in clearing it but L. R. Smith, superintendent of the railroad's Portland division, said it will be "several days" before service is restored.

Donald J. Russell, Southern Pacific's president, who went to the slide area when the emergency arose, was to have returned to San Francisco Saturday.

U. S. Highways 99 and 97, the main routes between the Oregon and California borders, were open to travel.

TO PRESENT "MESSIAH"
At 2 p. m. Sunday, KBES TV, Medford, will present Omnibus from the CBS network. Featured will be Handel's "Messiah," formed by the Symphony of the Air and the Schola cantata choral group. Soloists will be William Warfield, Gloria Lane and Adele Addison.



SWEPESTAKES WINNER in the annual Junior Chamber of Commerce home lighting contest was the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George Hensell, 1431 SE Cobb St. It was judged by a Jaycee committee which toured the Roseburg area Friday evening. (Picture by Gene Powell, Master Studio.)

Louisa Parker Services Scheduled For Today

Funeral services for Louisa Grace Parker, 82, were held Saturday afternoon in The Chapel of the Roses at 3 p. m. The Rev. Joe Knox officiated.

Mrs. Parker died Tuesday in Myrtle Point and was born Dec. 1, 1873 in Watseka, Ill. She was a former resident of Roseburg.

Surviving are her husband, F. M. Parker, Powers; two daughters, Mrs. Hazel Wilson, Gresham; Mrs. Lucille Young, Portland; five sons; Delbert Curtis, Wheeler; Jay Curtis, Bandon; Charles Kay and Victor Curtis, all of Portland; four brothers and four sisters; 26 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Interment followed in the Wilbur Cemetery.

Waters Dropping Fast; Areas Still Digging Out

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highway is closed south of Crescent City. The route from Ashland to Klamath Falls is open but icy.

Highway 38 is open to one-way traffic. Highway 42 is open to Myrtle Point. Convoy traffic is available between Myrtle Point and Coquille. Highway 101 south of Coquille is closed.

Utilities in the county were still working on damage, but the situation continued under control. Harold Backen, manager of Douglas Electric Cooperative, said he thought all lines were now working in the northern part of the county. Copeco and Pacific Telephone were working to restore and maintain service.

Future weather appeared to be working in favor of a return to normal. The forecast for today and Sunday is showers and cool. Light showers and snow were forecast for the higher elevations. No immediate recurrence of flood danger was expected.

Christians Together In Thought For Christmas

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at Walter Reed Hospital, where the lady was born Wednesday. But the mother planned to have Christmas dinner with the family Sunday.

Across the Atlantic, Queen Elizabeth II was with her family at Sandringham, the 7,000-acre estate in Norfolk where the British royal family has been gathering for Christmas since the days of the Queen's great-grandfather, Edward VII. The queen will make her customary broadcast to the Commonwealth and empire Christmas Day.

Pope Pius XII, making his 17th consecutive Christmas Eve appeal for peace, in a broadcast called for international agreement simultaneously renouncing experiments with atomic weapons and their use, and controlling all armaments. He also urged that colonial peoples not be denied their freedom. His message will be carried from Vatican City in 25 languages in the next five days.

The annual Christmas midnight mass also will be broadcast from the Vatican.

The Pope has a brightly lit Christmas tree, a gift from Germany, in his apartment. He receives the tree each year from a friend of the days when the pontiff was apostolic nuncio in Berlin and Munich during World War I.

Two American church leaders—one Protestant and the other Roman Catholic—took the Christmas message to American military forces far from home. Francis Cardinal Spellman, archbishop of New York, was in South Korea with U. S. Navy Secretary Charles Thomas. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake of Philadelphia, president of the National Council of Churches, was spending the Christmas weekend at the Air Force base at Thule, Greenland, on the edge of the polar icecap.

On the European continent, almost every U. S. military unit gave holiday parties or help to thousands of orphans, needy children, and refugees. The Army estimated 70,000 children were entertained at pre-Christmas festivities in Germany alone.

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Similar parties were planned by the Americans in France, Italy, and elsewhere.

Former Pastor Reports Special Radio Program

The Rev. H. P. Scence, former pastor of the Roseburg First Baptist Church, reports a program called "Christian Celebrity Time" will start Sunday morning at 10:15 on station KRNR.

The Rev. Mr. Scence is director of the program which originates in Hermiston. The program will be broadcast regularly on Sundays over the station. The first two broadcasts are with Roy Rogers and Dale Evans from their home in Encino, Calif.

The series of programs contains interviews with some 200 of the world's best-known living Christians.

Some of the other people are: Stuart Hamblin, Redd Harper, Connie Haines, Lum and Abner, Henry Armstrong, Donn Moomaw, Wes Santee, Bob Richards and Glenna Cunningham.

RECORDS SONGS

The Girls Chorus and the Mixed Chorus from the Glendale High School, accompanied by their instructor, Bob Carter, went by school bus to the Grants Pass radio station recently, where they recorded several Christmas songs to be released on the air Saturday afternoon between 3:15 and 3:30.

Sheriff's Dept. Probes Burglary

The Douglas County Sheriff's Dept. still is investigating the Tuesday burglary of the Yoncalla Road and Gun Club in which \$150 in cash, four cases of trap-load shotgun shells and a shotgun were stolen, according to Sheriff Ira C. Byrd.

The burglary was discovered by John Weber, president of the club. A window was broken for the burglar to gain entrance to the building.

The sheriff's office also is investigating the theft of a purse containing between \$80 and \$100 from a Myrtle Creek woman at the City Drive In Market on Wednesday. Mrs. Glen Osborn said she laid the purse down for a moment, and it was stolen while she had her back turned.

Another burglary occurred on Thursday at the W. J. Stafford residence on Highway 235 about 5½ miles north of Drain, Byrd said.

Three presents were stolen from under a Christmas tree. An electric razor and about \$2.50 in pennies also were taken while the Staffords were away from home. A door was broken in for the burglar to gain entrance.

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south side of the river.

The flood, however, took out the bridge. Earlier in the day, he walked downstream to cross the river. After returning, the men reportedly were trying to fix up a method for Hall to cross the river near his home.

California Oregon Power Co. men, working nearby, and neighbors shot a line across the water after they saw the rubber raft had capsized. Hall managed to pull himself in to shore from some debris he had grabbed, it was reported.

Connor clung to a branch for about an hour before he slipped into the water, according to Canyonville correspondent Virginia Procter. He was inaccessible from the shore, and efforts to get a rope to him failed.

Connor was to have been installed Friday night as senior warden at South Umpqua Lodge 72, AF & AM. The lodge, went ahead with installation of other officers, and held a short memorial observance for Connor.

Connor's wife, Betty Anne, and daughters, Judy, 15, and Mary, 8, and son, Mike, 12, are among the survivors. Connor was engaged in the logging business.

Sheriff Byrd said search for the body will continue, but dragging is impossible because of the raging torrent and debris. Friends and police searched last night also.

FIGHT BRINGS ARREST

Two men posted \$25 bail bonds Saturday following their arrest at the Pastime Tavern, city police said. Officers said Danile Donahue, 29, of 2432 NE Stephens St., and Harold Van Kewer, 34, of 419 NE Winchester St., were fighting on the tavern floor when police were summoned about 1:30 a.m.

Glendale Church Sets Service Sunday Evening

The Free Methodist Church will hold services in Glendale, beginning Sunday Christmas at 7:30 p.m. The meetings will be held in the chapel of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and school.

Beginning Sunday, Jan. 1, services will be held each Sunday with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., morning worship at 11 a.m., and evangelistic service at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited.

The services will be held as a mission under the Free Methodist Church of Grants Pass. The Rev. G. W. Forrester, pastor, has been in the ministry for 39½ years, 12 years in pastorates and the remainder as a traveling evangelist. He is from Colville, Wash.

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