

FLOODS OF 1927 TAKE 457 LIVES

Raging Waters Inundate
20,000 Square Miles, the
Government Reports

WASHINGTON (AP)—An area larger than the combined states of Massachusetts, New Jersey, Delaware and Rhode Island, has been under water in the floods of 1927.

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Of the 21,000 square miles of land flooded by the swelling of rivers and the breaking of levees, 1,000 square miles was in New England and the rest in the Mississippi valley. Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, Oklahoma, Mississippi and Louisiana felt the deluge in the latter region. Vermont, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut, and parts of Maine and Rhode Island were affected by the New England flood, which came in November, five months after the central and southern floods had passed their crest.

The Mississippi valley floods began in the last two weeks of 1926 and lasted well into June of 1927. Torrential rains swelled streams until every effort to keep them in their banks was futile, but in most cases the rivers rose slowly, making evacuation possible on a scale which greatly reduced loss of life.

At the head of water moved down the Mississippi from the Ohio and Missouri rivers and tributaries, thousands of men in scores of localities bulwarked natural or artificial barriers to hold back the deluge. At La Grange, Ark., at Beardstown, Ill., and in many another community these efforts are epic, even though they failed in the end to stem the tide.

Louisiana bore the brunt of the Mississippi flood, and territory was inundated that had not been under water for 40 years. So great was the menace of the flood to the city of New Orleans that an artificial levee was made to relieve the pressure.

Christmas of 1925 in Nashville, Tenn., found more than 20 blocks under water. Arkansas City, Ark., was deluged three in spring and summer.

In New England no more damaging inundation ever was felt. The death toll in Vermont and adjacent states was 212, almost an even number, the list of 245 dead in the Mississippi valley floods, and property damage was assessed at upward of \$50,000,000.

Three state capitals were flooded—Montpelier, Vt.; Concord, N. H.; and Hartford, Conn. The little Winooki river of Vermont became a torrent overnight, and the dead in its valley alone were counted at 75.

Loss of livestock in both regions amounted to thousands of head. Intangible losses due to consequent stagnation of business added to the total, and in the central south and the middle west at least 6,000 square miles of farm lands were so washed by flood waters that they could not be tilled in the summer.

The Red Cross received for Mississippi Valley relief more than \$15,000,000, of which it had expended in late October some \$12,500,000. Although it was called upon for less assistance in New England it appropriated \$75,000 for immediate relief there, received \$25,000 in voluntary contributions, and found its relief work supplemented by the Vermont and Massachusetts societies of New York, which sent \$65,000 and \$25,000 respectively into their own states.

CHEER UP, FOLKS, SHERIDAN IS ONLY 3 WEEKS AWAY



COVE PERSONALS

COVE. (Special)—Miss Alice Stacey has been compelled to leave her school work because of eye trouble.

Royal Boeckgren, a freshman in the Cove High school, went to Portland with his parents for the Thanksgiving vacation.

Miss Helen Salling, a senior in the Union High school, visited the Cove High school Monday. She was a guest of Miss Edith Johnson.

The shop class of the high school is always busy. Among other activities the members have made booties and got everything ready for the bazaar sponsored by the Women's club on Tuesday, Nov. 22.

Miss Alice Marguaret, county nurse, visited the Cove schools Tuesday, Nov. 22.

The girls of the Cove High school are now practicing basketball every evening after school with Mrs. Fletcher as coach. They have the use of the French hall for their activities.

The boys will start to play basketball soon.

The football game between North Powder and Cove on Thanksgiving day was a real winner for Cove. Cove scored a touchdown in the first quarter and also one in the last. Bristol and Dean Puckett starring. The final score was 13 to 2 in favor of Cove. The Cove swimming pool, through the kindness of the manager, Mrs. Sauter, has been turned over for the boys' use after the games.

The girls of the domestic science class are giving the boys a "feed" Nov. 23.

School closed Wednesday afternoon and everyone enjoyed a two-day vacation.

The high school chorus has new music and is getting ready for a concert in the near future.

The pupils took the six weeks exams last week.

The junior and senior English class debate took place Thursday. The subject was "Resolved That The Bannock Law is an Undesirable Piece of Legislation". The negative side won. The judges were

and respectively into their own states.

the Rev. William Bradner and Grover Duffy.

The high school chorus realized \$45.50 from its minstrel show. After paying expenses the club gave \$10 to the athletic association and had \$35 left to buy music.

The science class paid a visit to Mr. Antles' place Monday to look at his collection of minerals. While there Mr. Antles gave the students a most interesting talk on minerals.

The four-act play put on by the primary grades Wednesday afternoon depicted the Pilgrims leaving Holland and landing in America and leading up to their first Thanksgiving day with the Puritans and Indians assembled for the feast. The acting was fine and the costumes were appropriate and colorful, displaying much talent by both the pupils and their teachers.

An evangelistic meeting began yesterday at the Baptist church and will continue for three weeks.

Thomas Williams, who is now a resident of Glenview, Cal., arrived Friday to spend a month here among his relatives and friends. His wife and small daughter, Betty, arrived ten days ago.

Glen Roberts, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Roberts, left on Friday for Pendleton.

COVE. (Special)—The streams are overflowing, the roads are impassable to cars and the work in the fields has ceased.

T. B. Johnson and family spent Thanksgiving day with his daughter, Mrs. Adolph Pechler, of Laid Canyon.

Warner Beem and sister, Miss Gladys, came home from their work at Imbler for the weekend.

J. B. Tallent is quite ill and is taking treatments daily in La Grande.

Claude Burford is doing the

work on the Tallent farm during Mr. Tallent's illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Nell Knight and little daughters had Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Mrs. Mary Chambers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hartley and son and Carl Baker were guests at the George Baker home Thanksgiving day.

Howard Gasset and wife were business visitors in La Grande Thursday.

A. L. Becker and family spent the weekend at Mrs. Becker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Troy, at Pleasant Valley.

Mrs. E. B. Johnson and mother, Mrs. Sarah Thompson, are spending a week with relatives in La Grande.

IMBLER PERSONALS

IMBLER. (Special)—The children all enjoyed their two days holiday at Thanksgiving time and eagerly again took up their work Monday. Most of the teachers spent Thanksgiving out of town.

H. C. Gowers and family returned last Sunday to their home in Pine Valley after spending several days at the home of Ralph McKinnis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Arnoldus and children and Mrs. Mary Elmer were guests Thanksgiving day of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hale.

T. B. Johnson and family spent Thanksgiving day with his daughter, Mrs. Adolph Pechler, of Laid Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Fuller and two children, of Moro, motored over to have Thanksgiving dinner with Mrs. Fuller's father, A. Page. They returned home Sunday.

C. M. Hale has been busy the last week sawing wood for different families in the Dry Creek

More Details On New Ford Model Are Given Today

Four-wheel brakes, standard selective gear transmission, extraordinary acceleration, a speed of 60 miles an hour and more, a practically vibrationless engine, and unusual beauty in lines and color are among the outstanding features of the new Ford cars, the first of which will be shown in many parts of the country next Friday. The generator, oiling system, steering gear and rear axle are of the new Ford design, it is announced. And its 40-horse power engine has been so designed that it runs 20 to 30 miles an hour on a gallon of gasoline. It is said.

This car, which is to succeed the famous Model T line will be shown on Friday by Ford dealers in many of the larger cities of the country. In La Grande photographs and descriptive charts of the new cars will be on display at the Perkins Motor company show rooms, where the public will be given the complete story of the new Ford car. Later various models of the new Ford line will be on display here.

So far the new cars have been examined only by those who will have charge of the first showings and demonstrations. Salesmen and demonstrators are studying charts and diagrams which will be used in explaining the various details of design, appearance and performance.

For months factory models of the new car have been undergoing severe performance tests in and around Detroit. One of these factory models recently made a road run of 120 miles in 124 minutes. This run, it is said, was made on an ordinary paved highway near Detroit.

W. C. Perkins, the local dealer, in commenting on the forthcoming show, said that his first view of the new Ford had substantiated Henry Ford's statement that "there is nothing quite like it in quality and price."

Mr. Ford's statement had prepared us for a surprise," said Mr. Perkins, "but the new Ford car is better than we had hoped for. It is certain to make history in the automotive industry, just as its predecessor, the famous Model T, has made history for twenty years. We are proud of the new car, and feel certain that its appearance and performance will attract unprecedented attention among automobile owners."

neighborhood.

Mrs. W. A. Elmer returned to her home near Lostine last Sunday after spending several days here visiting relatives and friends.

Frank Graham loaded three cars of cattle for the Portland market last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hardy and children, Grover and Vera, went to Lostine last Thursday where they spent the day with Mrs. Hardy's sister, Mrs. George Vane, and family.

J. E. Woods was among the La Grande visitors last Friday.

Mrs. John McKinnis, who has a

farm north of town, has moved to La Grande where she expects to spend the winter.

Mr. Hamilton, the district superintendent, held services in the Methodist church Sunday evening. About the usual number was in attendance.

J. A. Arnoldus, who has lived near Lostine for several years, has moved his family to the C. H. Arnoldus farm near Summerville where they expect to make their home in the future.

Miss Ruth Littell, the postmistress, spent Thanksgiving at Herndon with her sister, Mrs. Mary McKinnis.

Miss Ivy Lanman was shopping in La Grande last Saturday.

Among the many guests, entered Thanksgiving day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ruth McKinnis were Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Arnoldus, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bull

and daughter, Melva, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Bay and small son and Ellen and Stanley Arnoldus.

George Hardy is now staying in La Grande where he is employed by the Grande Round Meat company.

Sailing alone in a 35-foot craft from the Azores, Islands, Captain Thomas Drake recently reached Plymouth, England, after a voyage of six thousand miles. Drake built his boat after the design of a Norwegian pilot boat, fitting it with an auxiliary motor; but the entire distance was accomplished by sail. The best day's run was 140 miles.

Oregon's honey production amounts to more than 400 tons annually and grades the highest in the United States, members of the Oregon State Bee Keepers' association were told at a meeting held in Hermiston last week.

India produces more than 20 per cent of the world's supply of sheet mica, a substance which has come to almost indispensable in certain types of electrical equipment. With the advent of radio the demand for mica has greatly increased, and the United States is becoming more and more dependent upon foreign countries for its supply.

A headline says: "California Girl Runs 26 Miles." But the story doesn't tell whether the man got away.

WAR VET WANTS DIVORCE
SPOKANE—Enoch A. Sears, 34, who "fit" for General Grant, wants only peace and quiet now, so he is seeking a divorce from his bride of a year "a wonderful woman" of 59 years. The reason is that he is too old to become accustomed to a mother-in-law who is 79.

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RUTH REMUS TESTIFIES



Ruth Remus, step-daughter of George Remus, Cincinnati bootlegger on trial for the murder of his wife, is shown here as she appeared in court waiting to testify for the prosecution. The girl was with her mother when Remus shot her.

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