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Flood Waters Are Released From Dams To Provide Storage Space in Reservoirs

The level of Dorena lake rose to within a foot of the top of the spillway of the dam during the recent flood of Oct 28-31 when parts of Eugene, Glenwood, and Springfield were under water.

This information was contained in a letter received by the Sentinel recently from Col. D. S.

Burns, district engineer, corps of engineers, U. S. Army.

During the peak of the flood period the amount of water released through the dam was approximately 3,200 cubic feet per second, Burns said. Water entering the reservoir was several times that amount, however, and a large volume of the floodwater was stored, substantially reducing the downstream stages.

By the time the flood receded, the pool had reached a point less than a foot from the spillway crest.

"Had the reservoir release been cut off completely," Col. Burns stated, "the pool would have risen higher and water would have gone over the spillway. This condition was avoided by releasing a normal discharge which, as far as is known, was within banks and non-damaging along the Row river below Dorena Dam."

During the major flood season, which lasts from the middle of November to the end of January, both Cottage Grove and Dorena reservoirs are maintained at minimum pool except when they are being regulated for flood control.

acre-feet at Cottage Grove reservoir, 3,000 acre-feet is considered minimum pool, leaving 30,000 feet in which to store flood waters. At Dorena reservoir the capacity is 77,500 acre-feet, with 7,000 as minimum pool. Thus there remains 70,500 acre-feet for flood waters.

"Following a flood," Col. Burns continued "the stored floodwaters are evacuated as rapidly as downstream conditions permit consistent with the basic requirement that flows be maintained within banks. Purpose of this evacuation is to prepare the reservoir for possible additional floods because as is well known a series of storms occasionally passes over the Willamette Valley at relatively close intervals."

Both historical and recent floods have been studied to develop the most effective regulation procedures, Col. Burns' letter said. Studies are being continued, and modifications may be made from time to time in the existing schedules to refine reservoir regulation techniques.

Of the total storage of 33,000

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ADDRESSING the National Press Club in Washington, England's Prime Minister Clement Attlee declares that "Britain never will appease the Communists." He lashed out at critics of Gen. MacArthur praising his "resolute leadership." Attlee added that he and President Truman were reaching a complete understanding. (International)

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Chief Nordstrom Advises Motorists To Drive Carefully

The best way of being sure to spend Christmas at home this year is to drive carefully between now and the holidays, Chief of Police Chester A. Nordstrom advised Cottage Grove motorists yesterday.

Everybody is busier just before Christmas, and as a rule, the roads are more dangerous, Chief Nordstrom pointed out.

"Sleet, ice, snow, rain, all present extra hazards when driving, and we should take extra precautions to avoid costly accidents and injuries," he said.

Two out of three winter accidents occur on snow or ice, according to studies in typical snowbelt states, the National Safety Council has discovered. The winter accident death rate is 24 to 53 per cent above the summer figure in snowbelt states.

"What to do about it? Drive according to conditions and have winter safety equipment ready," Chief Nordstrom said. "Tire chains are needed at times to counteract severe snow and ice conditions. Use your anti-skid chains when needed, and avoid an accidental missing link in your family circle at Christmas.

"And to insure good visibility, be sure your windshield wiper blades, defroster, and headlights are in good condition."

Careless or negligent driving is not only hazardous, Chief Nordstrom observed. It's also against the law. He said that every accident will be thoroughly investigated to determine the cause, and that drivers guilty of law violations will be prosecuted.

Dairy Installs New Rotary Can Washer

Installation of a Creamery Package rotary can washer of the latest design has recently been made by the Grove Maid Dairy at the plant in Cottage Grove.

With a potential of being able to wash three cans a minute, the new washer has four stages of operation—pre-rinse, caustic wash, hot water rinse, and hot air drying. Thus cans are returned to the milk producers in a sterile condition.

STOCKMEN SLATE GRANTS PASS MEETING

Taxes, pasture improvement and freight rates will be discussed at the Western Oregon Livestock association's annual meeting at Grants Pass January 15 to 17.

President Lorin T. Woody of Grants Pass reports that the first day will be devoted to committee sessions with speakers, discussions and business meetings filling the remainder of the time.

Stockmen of 14 western Oregon counties are invited to attend the conference. This regional group is affiliated with the county livestock associations.

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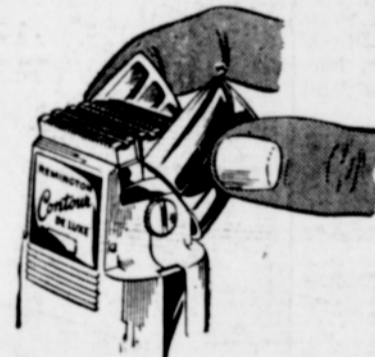
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