

Corvallis Team Earns Oregon Championship

Unruly Rivers Roar Threats; Toll Mounting

167 Dead, 221,500 are Homeless, Property Loss Staggering

Rain Adds to Menace in New England; Lower Levels Flooding

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The unruly rivers roared fresh threats at people and property last night.

Behind them, in the 13 states through which they course, were 167 dead.

Behind them, too, were 221,500 homeless men, women and children. Even that figure was admittedly conservative.

The property damage was at least \$270,000,000. There was little doubt but that it would rise much higher. If the loss to wage earners and to retailers is considered, together with the eventual cost of relief and rehabilitation, the money cost may exceed a billion dollars.

Pennsylvania Is State Hardest Hit

The state which suffered most during the week of unprecedented flood—Pennsylvania—appeared last night to be past the worst. The waters of the Monongahela and Allegheny which converge at Pittsburgh to form the Ohio, were falling. They were still above flood stage, but the rivers which had overflowed Pittsburgh earlier in the week were receding. Rehabilitation was definitely begun.

But downstream points became more and more alarmed. Flood stage of the Ohio river at Cincinnati is 52 feet. The river was 51.7 feet yesterday morning, and rising. It is expected to reach a crest of 59 feet tomorrow.

Still further downstream at Evansville, Ind., the Ohio was slightly more than one foot under flood stage of 35 feet.

It will probably be a week before the flood is felt at Cairo. Engineers predicted last night that by the time the waters reached Cairo and the Mississippi they would send the river about six feet above flood stage.

More Rain Adds to New England Menace

New England continued its weary struggle against the flood, with more rain adding to the menace. "Rain tonight," said the Boston weather bureau, "would have some further adverse effect... and will somewhat delay the rate of subsidence of the high flood levels."

The Connecticut river was leveling off. Officials in the Connecticut valley were hopeful that they had seen the worst. They believed that even new rains would have negligible effect.

The Merrimack, which carried much misery and damage on its flood crest during the week, was receding, but slowly.

Epidemics menaced. There was scarlet fever at Southbridge, Mass., and at Amherst. All of the cities worst hit by the waters were alert to the menace to health. Unusual precautions were being taken everywhere. The Red Cross and the

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Suspect Training School Fugitives

State and city officers were checking early today to ascertain if there were any connection between the escape of two boys from the state training school and the subsequent theft of an automobile at Woodburn, of gasoline from a service station to the south and the holdup of a man at Albany at midnight.

James Fairley, 18, and Summer Woods, 16, fled from the training school for boys, near Woodburn, at about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Late in the evening LaVerne Otjen, Woodburn, told state police his automobile, a coach bearing Oregon license 113-575, had been taken. The operator of the Mustang service station, on the Pacific highway between Salem and Woodburn, told officers two youths in apparently the same car, had ordered five gallons of gasoline and driven away without paying for it.

The Albany man, whose name was not learned by Salem police, said nothing was taken from him by the pair who held him up.

Stivers Resigns

PORTLAND, Ore., March 21.—(AP)—Vernon "Skip" Stivers, coach at Benson Tech, announced his resignation tonight soon after his team captured fifth place in the state high school basketball tournament at Salem.

Mayor Will Run For Reelection



VARNUM E. KUHN

Four Bids Appear For Reservoir Job

No Local Contractors to Make Offer, Forecast; Scan Figures Monday

Four offers are in prospect at the opening of bids by the city council at 7:30 o'clock Monday night for the excavation of the new Fairmount hill reservoir site. No local contractors had taken out copies of the plans and specifications as far as was known at the water department offices here.

All of the prospective bidders are Portland firms, as follows: Malcolm and Bell, United Contracting company, Harold Blake, and Kern and Kibbe.

The task of removing enough dirt and soft stone to make way for construction of a 10,000,000 gallon reservoir will take from 60 to 90 days to finish, Cuyler Van Patten, manager of the water department, said yesterday. The water commission has estimated cost of the excavation, amounting to approximately 37,400 cubic yards, at around \$30,000. The water department will have a maximum of \$46,303 in water bond funds at its disposal.

The council Monday night is expected to refer the bids to the water commission for recommendation. The commission will select the bid it considers most favorable and submit it to the council's water construction committee.

Second Big Blast Heard, Bonneville

BONNEVILLE, Ore., March 21.—(AP)—Another two-man dynamite blast echoed in the Columbia river canyon late today as the south wall of the Bonneville cofferdam was opened to a width of 70 feet. Another crib of the north cofferdam also was shattered.

The blast comprised the second step to tear out temporary structures and allow water to flow from the south end of the main spillway dam. The action was taken to relieve water pressure and allow construction work on the north shore.

Engineers said work will be speeded on the cofferdam for the north portion of the main spillway dam before high water, expected to reach its peak in June, United States engineers supervised the blast.

Contractors said examination of the dam since the first dynamiting a week ago showed no damage to the dam proper, resulted and that leaks, discovered in the inspection tunnel, did not result from the blast. The leaks are under control, it was announced today.

Nanny Wood Honeyman to Seek Place in Congress

PORTLAND, March 21.—(AP)—Federal, state and city and party officers drew several announcements of candidacies here today: Mrs. Nanny Wood Honeyman, Multnomah state representative, said she will seek the democratic nomination for the United States congress—the post now held by W. A. Ekwall, republican. Mrs. Honeyman is vice-chairman at large of the democratic state central committee and a member of the national finances committee of the party.

Ralph E. Williams, republican national committeeman from Oregon, formally announced his candidacy for reelection. He said he reconsidered his previous decision not to be a candidate when a draft movement was started. He is now in Cleveland arranging for the national convention.

Corbett Won't Seek Presidency Again

Henry L. Corbett, president of the state senate, said he will seek reelection to the upper house on the republican ticket but will not be a candidate to lead the senate again.

William L. Dickson, democratic representative from Multnomah county, announced he will campaign for reelection to the senate.

Ellis W. Barnes, Multnomah state representative, said he will seek nomination for the office

Mayor, Three Aldermen Say They Will Run

Brazier Small, Goodman and Armpriest Join Kuhn in Decision

Completion of Jobs He Started are Cited by City's Chief

Mayor V. E. Kuhn and at least three present Salem councilmen will file for reelection early this week, they announced last night.

The three aldermen are Brazier C. Small, fourth ward; Ross Goodman, fifth ward, and Carl B. Armpriest, sixth ward.

Donald A. Young is considered certain to file for a return to the council from the seventh ward and Alderman Van Wieder, first ward, has not yet decided against a try at that position.

The next nine days will see the city ballot set up for the May 15 election. Nominations must be completed by one week from tomorrow.

Programs Not Yet Completed, Reason

"I want to see a number of programs already started completed and feel under the circumstances it's no time for me to drop out," Mayor Kuhn said in explaining his candidacy.

The mayor stressed the water system improvement and city financing programs as reasons for his running for reelection and added, "Inasmuch as the police department is under fire, I'm desirous to see that tangle straightened out."

Alderman Walter Fuhrer, police committee chairman, may accept renomination from the second ward, friends said yesterday, although he once declared he would quit council work at the expiration of his term next December. The other three council-

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Sweetbread Topic In Recipe Contest

Cash Prizes Offered For Best; More Oatmeal Methods Listed

Recipes for cooking sweetbread will win cash prizes at The Statesman Round Table this week. For the guest dinner, a deliciously prepared entree is the foundation upon which the menu is built.

Sweetbreads are a delicacy that grace the most discriminating boards.

The contest ends Thursday at noon.

Pocatello Champ In Idaho Tourney

POCATELLO, Idaho, March 21.—(AP)—Pocatello high school's Indians, battling neck and neck down the stretch in their third game of the state high school basketball tournament, stopped a determined and dangerous Blackfoot rally late in the final period and won the Idaho championship here tonight, 22-18.

In a preliminary game, the Twin Falls Bruins easily beat the Boise Braves 41-14 for the consolation title.

Burk Definitely In Race, Asserts

Sheriff A. C. Burk yesterday made an emphatic denial that he had ever contemplated withdrawing from the race for reelection.

"I have filed for renomination on the democratic ticket and have secured the support of the democratic organizations in the county," Burk said. "Of course, I am not going to withdraw. Reports that I am not going to make the race are propaganda and are not authorized by me."

Burk won the sheriff's office when he was unopposed at the primaries four years ago and when he defeated Oscar Bower, incumbent, in the fall general election.

Romps Over Franklin in Brilliant Final

B Champs Gain Third Spot in Main Tourney

Bellfountain Five Takes Home Many Trophies; Beats Mac 29-17

Wallace, Kessler Score Heavily to Put Game on Ice With Ease

Bellfountain, the town that has a water tank and a basketball team, can thank its basketball team for an array of trophies that will grace the trophy case of its tiny high school for years to come.

Winning the state B team championship in the second day of the tournament, the scrappy little ball-handlers from a remote

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Landon Campaign Making Progress

Despite Vocal Attacks by Borah Group; Kansan Himself Inactive

WASHINGTON, March 21.—(AP)—The movement to nominate Governor Landon of Kansas for president progressed measurably this week in the face of antagonism among supporters of Senator Borah of Idaho.

Although the principals gave no hint of sharing the sentiment, hostility between some elements of their followers aroused conjecture about where it might lead and what effect, if any, it might have on the possibility of a "dark horse" republican nomination.

By winning the 21 Oklahoma votes in convention and the prospect of gaining the 32 from New Jersey, Landon's head-start in actual delegate strength was lengthened. He leads at the time in spite of being less personally active than either Borah or Col. Frank Knox of Illinois. His organization is being enlarged steadily in Missouri and elsewhere.

To Pick Up Many Uninstructed Votes

Landon also has become mentioned more as likely to be a principal beneficiary when uninstructed and "favorite son" delegations face actualities at Cleveland.

The practice of sending such delegations, instead of giving the

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Action on Police Status Expected

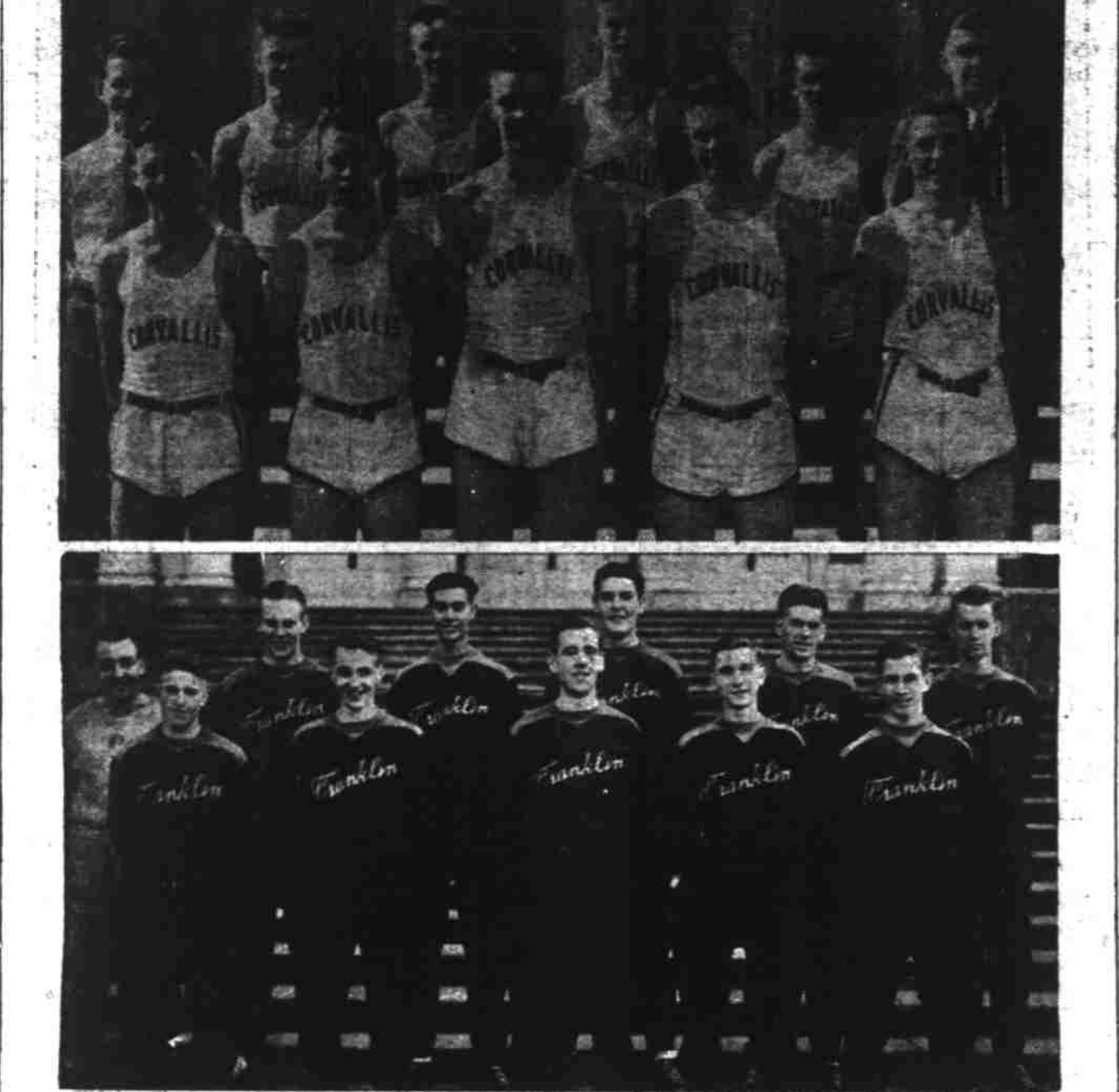
The city council police committee probably will meet this week to consider the situation created in the police department by the indictment of Chief Frank A. Min-ton and Sergeant Orey G. Coffey.

Mayor V. E. Kuhn said yesterday. A scheduled meeting last week was called off because of conflicting engagements and the mayor was out of the city Thursday and Friday.

Possible action by the committee is temporary suspension of the officers until their cases are heard in circuit court. The committee may, however, decide no action should be taken until the cases have been tried. City civil service regulations make no provision for action in such cases.

City Attorney Paul R. Hendricks has ruled that the officers are entitled to their "day in court" before their employment status is altered.

OREGON CHAMPION AND RUNNER-UP



Above, the boys who took home the Oregon basketball championship to Corvallis last night for the first time in history. Front row, from left, Crockett, Kruger, Warren, Blackledge, Pflugrad. Back row, Manager Kniff, Grisvold, Abraham, Rounds, Hearing, Coach James "Mush" Torson. Below, the Franklin high team which lost in the finals and wound up in second place. Front row, from left, Hugg, K. Nunn, K. Nunn, K. Nunn, Town, Meek. Back row, Coach "Clappie" King, Kennitzer, V. Nunn, Kenkamp, McKewen, Williams, Murch.

Borah Will Stick With Party, Says

Only Candidate Actually in Race Who Hasn't Bolted, Claims

CHICAGO, March 21.—(AP)—U. S. Senator William E. Borah, candidate for the republican presidential nomination, said tonight he would not bolt the party if he lost the race.

Although introducing himself to the farm belt as the Moses of republicanism, the Idaho senator declared he had "no plan or purpose" of throwing his support to the democrats if his party refuses his leadership.

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Three Injured in Highway Smashup

Three motorists were injured and two automobiles virtually demolished in a sideswipe collision on the Pacific highway in the Labish bottoms at 12:30 yesterday morning. The only Salem man involved, B. M. Durland, 330 North 19th street, was charged with reckless driving in a complaint signed by Kingsy Wong, Seattle Chinese and owner of the new sedan with which Durland's light coupe collided.

Wong, Ben Merkow, Milwaukee, Wis., Wong's driver, and Homer Young, riding with them and Durland all were given first aid at Salem General hospital and then released. They suffered chiefly cuts and bruises. Merkow also received leg and arm injuries.

Special Tests Planned Of Concrete Footings

Special tests of concrete in footings for the new senior high school building will be taken this week following the return to Salem Monday of E. C. Bushnell, city building inspector. It was expected yesterday. The contract plan to test samples of concrete removed from the footings condemned by Bushnell to uphold their contention the material meets city code specifications.

Reflection on War Mothers Is Questioned

MOSCOW, Idaho, March 21.—(AP)—E. S. Rawls, Lewiston, past state American Legion commander, declared here today that college girls who join organizations which in any way reflect on the Gold Star mothers "show questionable taste."

Commenting on the rapid spread of the "Veterans of Future Wars" movement, he said, "It is the students' own business." But he criticized the coeds who in any way reflected upon the mothers because "certainly there was nothing mercenary about the mothers who gave their

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Andersons Remain In County Bastile

John, Harold and Robert Anderson, brothers charged with grand larceny of sheep, remained in the county jail last night awaiting arraignment. Late in the afternoon they were charged with this week. They also faced similar charges in Polk county.

Harold Anderson yesterday took 24 hours in which to plead to another charge, a violation of the state motor transportation act, as did John Anderson, charged with failing to transfer title to an automobile within 10 days. Their bail on these charges was set at \$100 each.

The trio was arrested late last week by state police and a department of agriculture operative on charges of having stolen 171 sheep since December 30 in Marion, Polk, Benton and Linn counties.

247 Employed Upon Major Public Building Jobs Here

Warm, dry weather last week stirred interest on the public structures in Salem's public building program into swift action to catch up time lost by unfavorable earlier conditions. Two hundred forty seven laborers pushed the projects ahead rapidly to a point in most instances at which the operations took on real interest for citizen observers.

The last of six big steel trusses were set on tall steel columns to support the roof over the new gymnasium wing being added to the east end of the Leslie junior high school building. Late in the week, bricklayers began troweling up the walls between these columns while the concrete workers poured walls to the ground level on the auditorium wing to the

New Proposal by Hitler Expected

Von Ribbentrop's Journey Back to Berlin Cited as Significant

BERLIN, March 21.—(AP)—Political authorities said tonight they felt positive Reichsfuehrer Hitler was preparing new counter-proposals with which to answer the Locarno powers' suggestions for settling the Rhineland controversy.

As evidence of this belief, they pointed to the airplane trip back from London by Joachim von Ribbentrop, Hitler's special ambassador and diplomatic expert.

It was through Von Ribbentrop that Great Britain, France, Belgium, and Italy made their suggestion that the Franco-Soviet military alliance be submitted to the Hague court and that, in the interim, an international military force be placed in the Rhineland to watch the German troops newly assigned there.

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Break Ground For Canby Flax Plant

Another new flax plant is scheduled for construction in the Willamette valley. Governor Martin turned the first shovel of dirt yesterday afternoon for the start of a new retting mill about two and a half miles south of Canby. A number of state flax men participated in the dedication program.

The plant is to be built by a group of growers who approved the project for the new mill last Wednesday. Approximately 80 growers gave approval for the new mill and authorized the filing of incorporation papers.

West and first steel columns to hold up the balcony were set in place.

Dormitory at School For Blind Progresses

Nearset to completion, the lower walls of the new blind school dormitory - hospital - recreation building began to take on a finished appearance as face brick was applied to the inner concrete walls. The domered roof was ready for shingling as the week closed.

Forms for the basement walls of the new grade school, at University and Mission streets, will be ready for the concrete crew this week. Standing water, which had delayed this project, dried out last week and permitted completion.

The Weather

Fair today and Monday, frost at night; Max. Temp. Saturday 51, Min. 34, river 1.8 feet, partly cloudy, westerly winds.

Spartan Quint Ranked Among All-Time Best

Pflugrad Outstanding in 34-20 Victory Which Captures Trophy

Fast-Passing Attack of Torson's Crew Wins Crowd's Plaudits

Final Standings

Oregon state high school basketball championship, Corvallis. Second place, Franklin. Third place, Bellfountain. Fourth place, Astoria. Fifth place, Benson. Sixth place, McLoughlin. Seventh place, Tillamook. Eighth place, Salem.

Saturday's Scores

Corvallis 34, Franklin 20. Bellfountain 29, McLoughlin 17. Astoria 43, Tillamook 36. Benson 31, Salem 28.

Special Awards

Outstanding player, KXL trophy, Merle Kruger, Corvallis. Outstanding sportsman, Harrison Wallace, Bellfountain. Most valuable player to his team, Ted Sarpola, Astoria.

By PAUL HAUSER
Like a finely organized piece of precision machinery made from triple-tested steel, Corvallis high's passing, flashing, dazzling basketball team cut through an outclassed Franklin high quint last night as it had sliced its way through every team that opposed it to take the state high school basketball championship by a 34 to 20 count.

It was the first time in the 17 years of the tournament that a Corvallis team had won its way into the finals and then in invincible fashion decisively made itself the new wearer of the state hoop crown.

From the time the count was 2 to 2 in the first minutes of a game that convinced over 2600 cheering spectators that Corvallis is tops in high school basketball, Coach "Mush" Torson's razzle-dazzle Spartans were never behind. With Captain Roy Pflugrad, one of the best floormen the tournament has ever seen, whipping the ball into the hands of Earl Warren, all-state center, and Bill Blackledge, towering guard, for swift, sure baskets, and with Sarge Merle Kruger potting the long ones, Corvallis swept over

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Immediate Peril Of War Is Ended

LONDON, March 21.—(AP)—With the next move in European developments up to Reichsfuehrer Hitler, officials of the League of Nations said tonight the threat of immediate peril has been removed from Europe.

They declared the league's possibilities as a new, stronger power for peace had been increased by the recent developments which included Germany's remilitarization of the Rhineland and the league council's subsequent decision that Germany had violated both the Versailles and Locarno treaties.

Official British quarters said it now is up to Hitler to make counter-proposals to the virtual ultimatum given him by Great Britain, France, Belgium and Italy.

Those four nations which, with Germany, are the signatories of the Locarno pact, made a series of propositions to Germany under which they believe the peace front, bent by treaty violations, may be realigned.

Saito Champ in Northwest Meet

CAMAS, Wash., March 21.—(AP)—Benson high of Portland won the northwest high school wrestling meet here tonight by taking five first places in the final events.

Lincoln high of Portland took two firsts each and Salem took one. Results included: 112 pounds: Saito, Salem, won a decision from Jack Wallace, Benson. 135 pounds: Nielson, Benson, won a decision from Dilley, Salem.