

Crisis Is Past In California

Death Toll 5; Meridian Is Latest Town to Suffer Torrent

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The woman's husband, saved by another motorist, had sent the rescue party out to search for his family.

The breaking of the levees at Meridian took the pressure off the river at Colusa, nearby, where the situation was becoming critical.

Tonight the Sacramento river and its tributaries were dropping slowly but steadily. Other dikes were higher than the flood danger mark and appeared to be holding safely.

Most Roads Opened, SF Resumes Service

Most major highways in the flood area have been reopened, as swollen streams receded. Highway 99E was open today all the way between Sacramento and the Oregon line, although some water flowed over it between Chico and Red Bluff. Highway 99W was unobstructed.

The Southern Pacific said it would resume service by bus around the remaining slides and washouts.

Gov. Culbert L. Olson said the legislature might be recalled into special session to take emergency action on flood relief, depending on the need and other factors.

Unofficial estimates of damage in the Colusa-Sutter area were in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000. All roads leading to Colusa and Meridian were under two to four feet of water.

The Red Cross director at Meridian appealed to the coast guard in San Francisco for aid, and two power boats were trucked into the flooded waters area.

Farmers in the Natomas and Elkhorn districts, about 15 miles from Sacramento, were ordered to report for levee patrol today after water began seeping through the levee. A break would submerge thousands of acres of fertile farms.

PORTLAND, March 1—(AP)—Gales battered Oregon's coast today as February's rains, lapsing briefly yesterday, continued into March. The wind reached a velocity of 60 miles an hour at the mouth of the Columbia river and 40 miles at Tillamook. Small craft warnings were displayed along the Oregon coast, giving way to somewhat storm warnings from the mouth of the Columbia north.

Nearly two inches of rain fell at Tillamook although the precipitation was light in most other sections of the state. Eastern Oregon generally was dry.

Minor slides were cleared from the coast highway, including one between Barlow and Watson. The middle and lower Willamette river rose slightly today, but the federal weather bureau said it would fall at all stations except in the Portland harbor by Saturday night. Both the Willamette at Portland and the Columbia will continue to rise somewhat for the next two days.

Western Oregon will get rain Saturday, the weather bureau predicted, with rain or snow in the eastern portion and snow over the Cascade mountains. Fresh to strong southerly winds will continue off the coast.

Serenades Mark Frosh Glee Sing

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The winning songs are presented by the losers.

Judges for the event are: Rendition, Tinkham Gilbert, Mrs. W. L. Utter and Tommy Hoxie; words, Dr. E. C. Richards, Martha Jane Hotel and Ada Ross; music, Prof. T. S. Roberts, Dean Melvin Geist and Mrs. Kenneth S. Rich. Wesley McWain of Salem is freshman glee manager.

Schedule of Taft Speeches Listed

Radio programs in which Senator Robert Taft, republican presidential candidate, will participate are pointed out by Oliver B. Huston of Salem, a fellow-alumnus of Taft at Yale university.

The first of these programs is at 11 a. m. today, Salem time, a discussion of "Foreign Policies in the 1940 Election," over the NBC network; the second is Monday night at 7:30 over the NBC network, Senator Taft's debate with Senator Schwelienbach of Washington; a third will be Wednesday night at 7:15 over KOIN and the Columbia network on the subject "Government by Law or Government by Bureaucracy."

Reading Ability Varies From 9 to 19 Years in Tests Given at Leslie

Statistics completed yesterday concerning a reading test given to all Leslie junior high school students during the first semester showed a range of reading abilities from that of a 19-year-old to that of a 9-year-old.

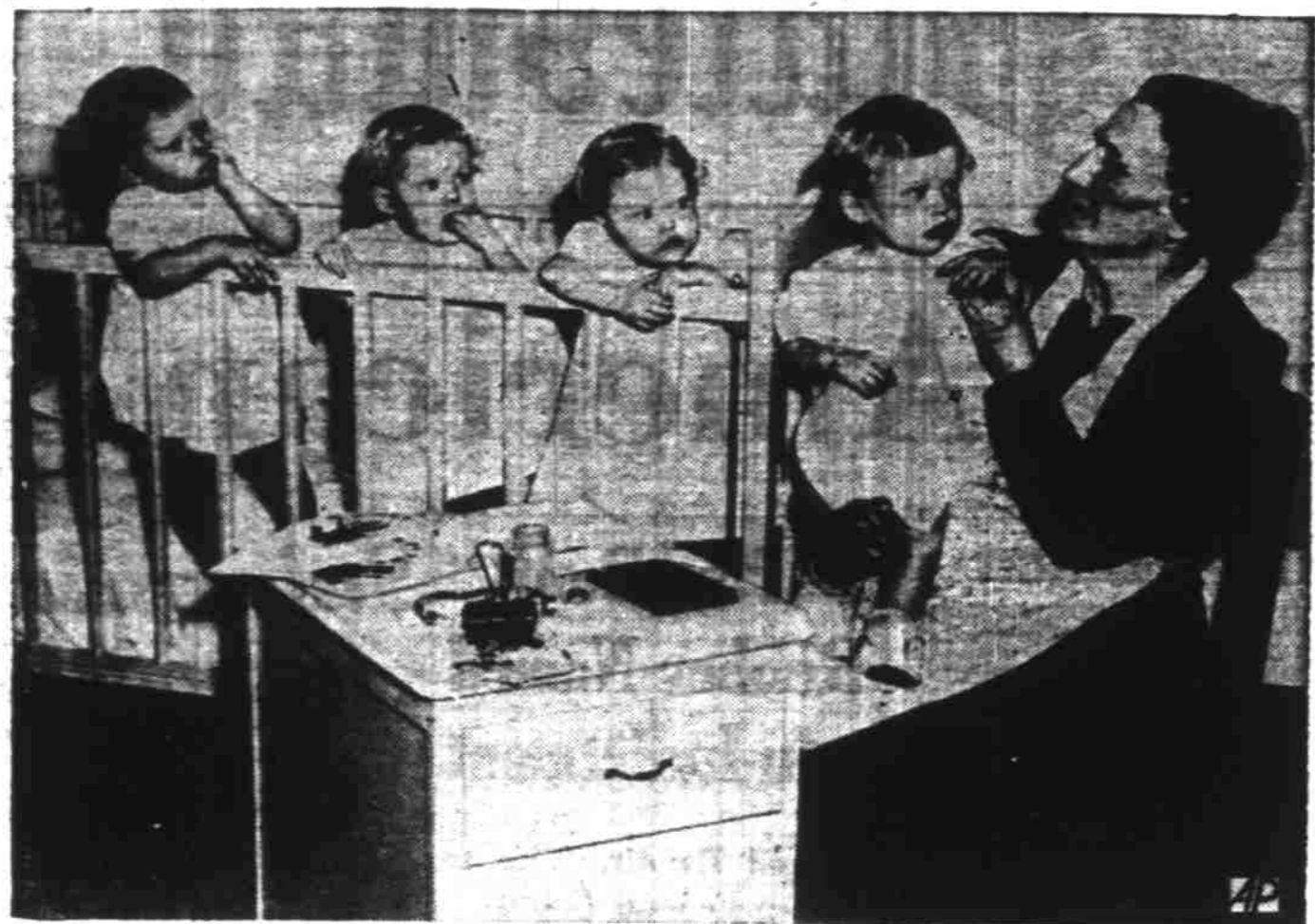
The seventh grade had 47 students with better than average ability, 12 at their grade level and 47 below. The eighth grade had 68 above grade level, 14 at normal level and 87 below. In the ninth grade 64 were above, 30 at their grade level and 80 below.

Suspended Sentence Is Given Father of Youth Who Drove Death Car

PORTLAND, March 1—(AP)—Arthur Wright, Portland, was given a six-month suspended jail sentence today for permitting his 15-year-old son, Arthur L. Wright, to drive an automobile without an operator's permit.

Young Wright was exonerated as a coroner's inquest after his car struck and killed Oscar Shelton, 76, on February 19.

Badgett Quadruplets Submit to Fingerprinting



The Badgett quads, youngest in the nation, are shown at Galveston, Texas, as they submitted to fingerprinting by Dr. Iva Cox Gardner of Baylor university to determine whether they are identical or fraternal quads. Joan appeared bored while Geraldine, Jeanette and Joyce paid close attention.

Teachers to Take Up Reading Tests

Series of Meetings Planned in County; Committee Lists Schedule

Marion county teachers will hold a series of local meetings to discuss the results of reading tests held in grades from the fourth through the ninth recently in almost all county schools as a means of improving instruction methods in that subject.

In a letter sent yesterday to teachers, County Superintendent Agnes C. Booth and members of her reading committee said:

"These tests have involved much work and expense to give and if we do not follow up these results, the test is valueless."

Each teacher is to be responsible for the presentation of one reading case from her school at the local meetings. Such cases are to include information on the background, physical condition and evidences of deficiency of the subject.

Local meetings will be held at Jefferson on March 5; Woodburn, March 7; Mill city, March 12; Sublimity, March 14; Mt. Angel, March 19; and Salem Heights, March 20. The Salem city schools will arrange a separate remedial program based on the results of the tests.

In addition to Mrs. Booth, the reading committee comprises Milton Grallapp, Grace Sehon, Margaret Barquist, Marie Zorn, Margilda Gillies, Ira Durling and Jack Kennedy.

Battle Over FCA Headed by Demos

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FCA followed what its officers contended was strict banking procedure. Black said recently that in the future the agency would take "a broad social view" and exercise leniency in cases where farmer borrowers were deemed to have a chance of eventually meeting their obligations.

"Most of the friction has come from an attempt to mix oil and water," Senator Gillette said. "Farm groups protest that the secretary wants to mix rural relief with a credit reservoir, or public relief funds with private investments."

The farm credit administration was set up to provide loans for farmers on a cooperative basis from treasury-backed bonds sold to the public. Farmers who borrow from land banks and credit associations must take part of their loans in stock and so now have several hundred million dollars invested in agencies under the FCA.

Jimmy's Wife to Press Complaint

Mrs. Betsy Cushing Roosevelt, wife of James Roosevelt, the president's son, is shown as she arrived in Los Angeles to testify in her cross-complaint for divorce. With her is her brother, Henry E. Cushing, and her New York attorney, Basil O'Connor (left).

24 Schools Registered for Speech Tournery at Willamette March 8, 9

The sixth annual high school speech tournament to be held on the Willamette university campus has been set for March 8 and 9. Twenty four high schools have signed up to enter the contest, which will include for the first time a division in debate. Other divisions are oratory, extemporaneous, serious and humorous interpretations.

A trophy will be given the winning school in each division and medals will be awarded first and second place individual winners. The tournament will be divided into junior and senior divisions until the final rounds, when the two will be merged.

Dr. Herbert E. Rahe is director of forensics at Willamette. Registration will start at 8:30 Friday morning and final speeches will be made Saturday afternoon.

Registered so far are Amity, Beaverton, Canby, Chiloquin, Corvallis, Dallas, Franklin, Gresham, Hillsboro, Independence, Lapine, Marshfield, McMinnville, Medford, Molalla, Oregon City, Parkdale, Pendleton, Parkrose, Roseburg, Salem, Sheridan, Taft and West Linn high schools.

Divorcee's Right To Secrecy Cited

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that millions of Americans make no objections to disclosing their income when they fill out income tax blanks.

But Tobey was unimpressed. Stormily, he announced he was taking the issue to the country. "I have just begun to fight," he shouted. "I have talked to the people and I am going to talk to them again. Before God, I am."

Fear that the census might become "notoriously political" unless demands for elimination of the income questions were satisfied was expressed by Senator Maloney (D-Conn.)

Late Sports

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blood flowing from it handicapped him all the way. Armstrong's left eye was closed nearly tight from the fourth round on.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 1—(AP)—Maurice Stremich of Commerce high school scored 29 points to night, increasing the Portland Interscholastic cage league season scoring record to 223. Commerce defeated Edison, 60-18.

Stremich broke the old record last week. Other results: Broadway 50, Washington 29 (3 overtime periods); Jefferson 41, Lincoln 32; Roosevelt 40, Franklin 24.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 1—(AP)—Rubenstein's Oregonians of Eugene had a close call in the Oregon AAU basketball semi-finals tonight but scraped out a 53-51 victory over Signal Oil of Portland. Johansen got 16 points.

The Multnomah club quintet defeated the Sherman Packers in the other semi-final, 61 to 43. In the B division, McKee's Bakers, Springfield, defeated Equipment Sales of Corvallis, 31-20, and CIO of Portland walloped the Seapooone Packers, 63-38, to reach the finals.

OREGON CITY, Ore., March 1—(AP)—Oregon City high captured the district four basketball championship tonight for the second consecutive year, with a 26-16 win over Columbia Prep of Portland. The victory carried it to a place in the state prep tournament.

High School Basketball Cottage Grove 21, Eugene 20. Springfield 22, Junction City 18. University High (Eugene) 42, St. Mary's (Eugene) 28. Medford 29, Ashland 18.

EUGENE, Ore., March 1—(AP)—Lowell and Coburg high schools qualified for the ID high school tournament tonight by reaching the finals of the Lane county B tournament. Lowell eliminated the state "B" titleholder, Oakridge, 20-22, and Coburg shaded Thurston, 35-34.

SACRAMENTO, March 1—(AP)—Tomboy Romero of Sacramento won a technical knockout over Hal Hoshino, Seattle, here tonight in Memorial Auditorium before 3000 persons. Romero weighed 132 1/4 pounds, Hoshino 128.

MIWAUKIE, March 1—(AP)—Sammy Angott of Louisville, rated No. 2 challenger by the NBA in the lightweight division, scored a clear-cut decision over Quentin "Baby Face" Breeser, Manhattan, Kas., in a slow 10-round windup on the Finnish retail boxing card tonight.

St. Paul Bank Robber Named

Alleged Bandit, Wife to Face Federal Counts First, Says Page

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yesterday that Fred Miller, Clackamas county district attorney, had agreed to turn her over to federal marshal should Marion county take that step with respect to her husband.

The local district attorney declared that the charge against Jones would be held in this county, and not dropped pending the outcome of the federal arraignment. There is no charge against Mrs. Jones in Marion county, Jefferson Farmer

Also indicted in addition to the Jones indictment, the grand jury also returned an indictment against William F. Weddie, charging him with assault while being armed with a dangerous weapon on Albert Costello last January 19.

The district attorney's office reported that trial date would be set for Weddie as soon as possible. Bail of \$1000 has been posted by the defendant since the date of the alleged assault.

Another true bill charged Pearl Crosby with uttering a forged bank check for \$37.50 to L. R. Reeves. Bail was set at \$500.

A not true bill existed against Lowell Lacey of a charge of receiving stolen property.

The jury was ordered to reconvene next Wednesday.

W. M. Smith Dies; Funeral Is Today

Christian Science services for Walter M. Smith, formerly a leader in education in Oregon, who died Friday at the age of 64 years, will be held today at 3 p. m. from the Clough-Barrick chapel. Burial will be at Belcrest Memorial park.

Mr. Smith was born in Marion county and spent 45 years in educational work within the county and state, as teacher, county superintendent and assistant state superintendent. His residence at the time of his death was at 1485 Center street.

He was a member of Pacific Lodge No. 50, AF & AM, and was the Worthy Patron of Chadwick chapter No. 37, Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors are the widow, Mrs. Estella Smith; daughter, Mrs. Margaret Stretet; sister, Mrs. Alva Hubbs, all of Salem, and grandchildren Miriam, Elaine and Donald, all of Helena, Mont., and Robert Stretet of Salem.

California Relief Fund Ordered, FR

ABOARD ROOSEVELT TRAIN EN ROUTE TO WASHINGTON, March 1—(AP)—President Roosevelt tonight signed an authorization for John Carmody, federal works administrator, to use \$130,000 for work relief for persons in need because of floods in northern California.

He also signed a resolution appropriating an additional \$1,500,000 for expenditure before June 30 in paying claims resulting from the death or disability of persons employed on emergency relief projects. The \$3,200,000 originally appropriated for the purpose for the current fiscal year was insufficient.

The authorization and resolution were flown from Washington to Pensacola, Fla., where Mr. Roosevelt concluded a 15-day cruise today and boarded a special train for the capital.

Beckman Entitled To Bonneville Job Say Party Chiefs

PORTLAND, March 1—(AP)—Appointment of John J. Beckman, Portland attorney, as Bonneville's new general counsel was demanded today by state democratic leaders.

Howard Latourette, Oregon democratic national committee chairman, and Frank Tierney, state chairman, telegraphed James Farley that Beckman's service to the party entitled him to primary consideration.

Herbert S. Marks, former Tennessee valley authority assistant general counsel, resigned the post yesterday, effective April 1. Beckman is chairman of the Multnomah county democratic central committee.

Strike Vote Is Taken

SEATTLE, March 1—(AP)—International Woodworkers of America (CIO) are taking a strike vote in all Weyerhaeuser logging camps which supply the company's Longview mill. President Harold Pritchett said here tonight. He said the union contends four men were discharged for union activities.

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News Behind Today's News

WASHINGTON, March 1—Henry Wallace, the heavy sugar daddy in the new deal, has left a trail of his favorite commodity across the floor of the senate. It dribbled from an inside hole in his pocket while he was lobbying there for the Hull reciprocal trade program.

Now it may be too much to say that the secretary of agriculture cut the hole in his pocket deliberately to catch the eyes and noses of the western beet sugar senators, center of the Hull opposition. It would certainly be too much for anyone to charge there was a deal in which Mr. Wallace's sugar activities helped persuade the western opposition not to filibuster the vital Hull program—or that he picked up a few voters thereby. But he certainly sweetened the kitty, his definitely cast a candy red herring across the trail upon which the opposition was pursuing Mr. Hull.

HERE'S HOW: On the very day the house renewed the Hull program for three years and delivered it to the mercies of a wrathful senate opposition, Mr. Wallace decided the foreign import quotas on sugar needed revising. He had proclaimed such figures only two months before.

At that time he had computed American consumption at 6,700,000 tons and arranged quotas for the year on that basis. But on February 23 he decided he had been hasty and rearranging his estimates so as to cut down foreign importations by 93,872 tons, thereby causing rejoicing in the domestic beet sugar belt which will profit from the rearrangement through expected increased prices and greater allocations.

The timing was unusual. Last year Mr. Wallace made a revision of the previous December estimates but not until July. His haste this year is ascribed, within his department, to the fact that his experts hurriedly composed the December estimates in order to meet a January 1 deadline and were faulty in their figuring.

Everyone involved seems satisfied now, particularly Mr. Hull.

A group of the biggest and best bankers of New York stepped into town this week in the raiment of the invisible man. They arranged and held a meeting with the top fiscal officials of the administration, headed by Treasury Secretary Morgenthau and Chairman Eccles of the federal reserve board.

Not only their presence but the subject matter of their consultation has remained invisible even to the secondary officials in the treasury and FRB. It is understood to have concerned the amount of government bonds held by the nation's banks and the increasing percentage of federal housing administration foreclosures.

The bankers apparently would like to have the government cooperate in passing on to public investors some of the government securities they now hold. Also they wanted to interest the government in losses they are suffering in connection with FHA. Government now guarantees 80 to 90 per cent of FHA loans, but after foreclosure the banks have found themselves unable to resell seized

properties at a satisfactory price. There were 753 foreclosures last year, a small number, but it was twice as many as in the entire previous 3-year history of FEA. Naturally the number is increasing.

The subjects may remain invisible indefinitely as government officials took them under advisement.

State department is moving quickly to tighten up on our tin, rubber and copper leaks to Germany through Russia. Shortly after the latest British protest was received, a state department official requested the New York commodities exchange to include in its form contracts a provision requiring each sale to be approved by the war materials board.

New York commodityists are holding back fearing such a restraint of trade would make them liable under the anti-trust law.

SAMPLES: An anti-Roosevelt democrat who observed Paul McNutt's four-speech tour in Oklahoma has reported back to his colleagues here that the deflated heir apparent is the best new deal speaker now on the stump. It is probably too late now. . . . These 300 American ships being sold abroad are bring only about \$50 per ton, where as the price got up to \$350-375 per ton in the last war. US maritime commission thinks they are good deals nevertheless, as they are mostly old bottoms and may cause renovation of the American merchant marine. . . . Charles Edison has really supplanted President Roosevelt as boss of the navy. He has taken hold boldly despite the grumbling of admirals and is reorganizing and modernizing the entire administrative setup from ships to shore stations. . . . Just to show the world what young blood can do, Chief Justice Hughes personally wrote three of the 12 decisions delivered two days after he observed his tenth anniversary as chief justice at 77. . . . It seems ironical that the only places in the world where real fighting is going on are countries in which the state department says no state of war exists.

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Holdup Men Take 3 Diamond Rings

MIAMI, Fla., March 1—(AP)—Two robbers, masked and armed, held up a party of New Jersey winter visitors today and, in a wild 10-block automobile ride, took from them three diamond rings valued at \$7000.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Martin and Mrs. Lawrence Kaine of Spring Lake, N. J., returning with their chauffeur from the races at Hialeah, reported their car was forced to the curb on a busy suburban street.

Two young men, wearing handkerchief masks, jumped in the back seat with the two women. Took their rings and \$60 in cash. Martin, in the front, saved his diamond ring by keeping his hands crossed.

Tax Points Given To Realty Board

Consider Laws Before Sale Is Made, Commission Agent Advises

Complications of the state and federal income tax laws as they affect owners of and dealers in real estate were discussed by James Dutton, auditor for the state tax commission, at the Salem Realty board luncheon Friday noon. Although he cleared up a number of technical points, the speaker advised brokers to consult an auditor in preparing income tax returns in order to take such advantage of the law as they legally may.

The tax laws should be considered before a sale is concluded, Dutton pointed out, for if it is desirable to pay the tax on an installment basis the down payment may not exceed 30 per cent of the purchase price. Realtors should also keep advised concerning a case in the supreme court involving deductibility of property taxes levied before, but payable after, the property is purchased.

Federal law, Dutton pointed out, differentiates between short term and long term profits on real estate whereas the Oregon law does not. Depreciation of improvements is deductible on income property but not on the taxpayer's own home.

Marion Wins in Safety Contest

Marion, Jackson, Wasco and Gilliam counties were declared winners in the four divisions of the 1939 counties' traffic safety contest, sponsored by Secretary of State Earl Snell, as a part of his state-wide traffic safety campaign, he announced yesterday.

Top place winners in the four divisions were: Division 1, Marion first; City of Portland, second; Benton, third.

Division 2, Jackson first; Hood River, second; Tillamook, third. Division 3, Wasco, first; Umatilla, second; Union, third. Division 4, Gilliam, first; Grant, second; Jefferson, third.

Counties were segregated in accordance with population density and rankings were based on the relative improvement in their traffic accident record for each month of 1939 compared to the corresponding month of 1938.

Brand, Wimberly Seek Reelection

Two candidates for circuit judge of the second judicial district filed for reelection in the state department here yesterday. Judge James T. Brand, Marshfield, filed for position No. 2, while Judge Carl Wimberly, Roseburg, filed for position No. 3.

The district comprises Benton, Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane and Lincoln counties.

Orval J. Millard, Grants Pass, has filed for the republican nomination for district attorney of Josephine county.



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