

West Oregon Rivers Swell

Worst Flood Since 1927 Hits Eugene; Reservoir Filled

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 31.—(AP) A new flood crest started Thursday night on the upper reaches of the swollen Willamette river which swirled over lowlands in the Eugene area Thursday, causing damage estimated at \$5,000,000.

The Portland weather bureau warned that new and serious floods were indicated in the low-lying country along the upper and middle river Friday and Saturday.

Three feet of water stood in the business and residential sections of West Springfield, across the Willamette from Eugene, Thursday night and hundreds of residents had been evacuated. Other communities in the rich Eugene farming area also were inundated as the river mounted to 16.7 feet Thursday, then receded to 15.8 at 7:45 Thursday night. Flood stage at Eugene is 12 feet.

It was the worst flood at Eugene since 1927 when the river rose to 17 feet and the official report of Col. E.-C. Robbins of the US engineers put the damage at \$4,161,000.

The present flood damage was thought to have topped the 1927 figure because the area covered is comparable and property values are higher now.

Adding to the flood danger was the filling of the Fern Ridge reservoir late Thursday, army engineers at Eugene reported. The flow into the reservoir Wednesday reached almost 10,000 cubic feet.

With the reservoir now full and flood gates open, all the runoff will go into the Long Tom river which empties into the Willamette below Eugene. Floods were forecast in the Monroe area from this source which would add to flood stages from Corvallis downriver.

E. L. Wells, chief of the Portland weather bureau, announced this flood forecast after 8 p. m. Thursday night:

City	Crest
Eugene	18.5 feet
Harrisburg	18.5 "
Corvallis	29.5 "
Albany	29.5 "
Salem	27.0 "
Jefferson	21.5 "

Jefferson is on the Santiam river, a Willamette tributary.

Wells also predicted, subject to revision, a crest of 18.5 feet at Portland in which event, he said, cargoes along the lower docks would have to be removed.

Slides interrupted mainline Southern Pacific railroad traffic over the Cascades near Oakridge above Eugene earlier Thursday and while tracks were being cleared for northbound traffic southbound trains were routed from Eugene to California via Ashland. Train service between Eugene and Marshfield on the coast was interrupted by flood conditions near Myrtle Point.

Rivers also ran high in southern Oregon.

All streams in Douglas county were reported at flood stage Thursday. Several families were evacuated from the Sutherlin valley, and water stood over floors of some Sutherlin stores.

The Rogue river was 19.03 feet above the summer low Thursday, the highest mark recorded at the Grants Pass pit station since its installation in 1931.

British Ships Meet Enemy

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1942 joined British naval units in the northern waters as they stood guard against a dash by the Germans out to sea, but the admiralty communique Thursday night specifically said that "his majesty's ships" contacted the enemy.

To meet the combined British and American forces in those waters, the Germans were said to have the Tirpitz, the cruiser Admiral Hipper and other lesser craft.

Liberty Ships To Be Faster

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(AP) A new Liberty ship—bigger, faster and less vulnerable to submarine attacks—will be produced next year.

Rear Adm. Emory S. Land, announcing the new design in a New Year's statement Thursday night, said the vessel will have a slightly greater length, more beam and carrying capacity. Increased horsepower, together with a better hull design, will result in higher speed. The details were not disclosed.

Land, war shipping administrator and chairman of the maritime commission, reported the new Liberty ships will emphasize the speed feature, "which will be increased sufficiently to render the ships less vulnerable to submarine attack during the war and at the same time increase and improve their competitive value commercially when peace is restored."

ON the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

To Howard Whitman, writing in this week's Saturday Evening Post, "Calendar Lady" may refer to Elizabeth Achelis, calendar reform sponsor. And I can see how anyone who would let his picture be taken with a snake charmer and a send a snake (picture not shown) to the Post, when he admits having two charming daughters, might make such a mistake.

To most of America a calendar lady or calendar girl is a beautiful creature whose face or figure, or both, may well grace that bit of paper that hangs above the desk, the kitchen table, the hot air register or assembly line through a full 12-month period. If she's successful in her career among the persons on my own news beat her picture is likely to remain long after the calendar it graced has been trimmed off or is at least merely a useless portion of the wall decoration.

Time was when I thought this type of artistry peculiar to Americans—and I must admit that the choicest bits of calendar art I have viewed were in the officers' cabins of small American coastwise lumber schooners. In peaceful days prior to September, 1939, when I used to visit them, cabins and salons of German, French, Japanese, Yugoslavian and Norwegian as well as English freighters also boasted calendar girls.

Twenty years hence the 1943 calendar put out by my favorite beverage company may be strange as to the uniforms worn by its pretty girls, but their rosy, sincere and smiling faces will still be charming. And some museum may welcome the uniforms as shown there, historic, you know.

The army nurse, the girl in industry (in white tailored coveralls), a WAAC in khaki, the woman of the land army suitably clad in blue formfit overalls, white shirt, straw hat and gloves, two girls from the American Women's Volunteer service in the blue tailleur of the sky tracer and the grey smock of the canteen worker are there—except for the fact that all of them (I'll wager even the one in gloves) wear the same shade of nail polish.

Men in Uniform Lead Greeting Of New Year

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Divine, Episcopal Bishop William T. Manning led churchgoers in devotions. Watch night services were held in other churches throughout the city.

Estimates on the size of the crowd in the Times Square district at midnight ranged as high as 500,000. The cheering, laughing people were jammed together on a "great dim way" this year, for the spectacular signs along Broadway were dark and street lights were darkened in conformity with war regulations.

At 12:34 a. m., watchers along the waterfront saw a "V for Victory" signal flash from the Statue of Liberty's upraised torch.

To handle the motley, shrieking, war-conscious crowd in Times Square, the city had 2100 policemen and 1000 city patrol corps members on duty in and around the area. And just to play safe, 500 air raid wardens and 350 regular and auxiliary firemen were on hand.

Off the Square and elsewhere in the city toasts were raised—to victory—with equal gusto at two-bit bars and gill-edge night clubs where the tariff was \$30 a couple.

Hotel dining rooms, night clubs, restaurants and theatres were crowded, but if the service men wanted to pass up these the night was a finale for one of the most widely known night spots, the Rainbow room, 65 floors up in Rockefeller Center. It closes at dawn for the duration.

There was one important group who took no part in the most-of-the-night revels. They were war workers who report for duty as usual Friday despite the holiday.

LONDON, Friday, Jan. 1.—(AP) A throng as polyglot as London has ever known sang and cheered and toasted the New Year in.

Hundreds of thousands of persons, packing the west end streets of the darkened capital, and blocking all traffic from St. Paul's to Hyde Park corner, voiced a mighty roar as Big Ben chimed midnight. Then they started singing—Tipperary and Auld Lang Syne were the favorites—and blowing horns and making noise with anything at hand.

Japs Gain in China

LONDON, Friday, Jan. 1.—(AP) Reuters quoted a Chinese communique Friday as saying that the Japanese have taken another city on the border of Hupeh and Anhwei, the scene of recent heavy fighting.

Dance Saturday Night!
Veteran's Hall
640 Hood St.

Floods Block Most Roads

North-South Travel Halted; Valley Roads Closed

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Chains were declared imperative.

Late Thursday afternoon the Independence-Granger road was open between Camp Adair and Albany, but impassable north of the cantonment.

The state highway engineer warned motorists not to attempt trips anywhere in western Oregon at this time without first obtaining road information from either the highway department or the Oregon State Motor association.

Other road condition reports: Dallas-Kings Valley, and Kings Valley secondary highways in Polk county, closed by high water.

Bellevue-Amity secondary, Yamhill county, closed by high water.

Springfield-Creswell and Junction City-Eugene secondary highways, closed by high water.

Oregon coast highway, closed by high water between Coquille and Bandon; Bandon-Myrtle Creek road also closed.

Elkton-Sutherlin road, closed by slides.

Umpqua and Coos Bay-Roseburg highways closed by slides.

Red Cross Alerted by River Rise

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With 3.6 inches recorded on Saturday alone.

Not in use was the Perrydale-Dallas road, flooded near the point where it branches from the Salt Creek highway.

Motorists were instructed by Marion County Engineer N. C. Hubbs to travel all county roads "with trepidation," driving only when necessary. For safety of travelers, all transportation should be slow, he said, while for the good of roadbeds there should be as little as possible.

Possibility that some families might be evacuated in rowboats was foreseen by McSherry. The Roberts area on the river south of Salem was to be among the first checked today.

Minto's island and the Old River area south of Salem were largely under water, with numerous buildings surrounded Thursday night, although a considerable rise would be required, it was said, to maroon families there or cause loss of buildings.

In the bottom lands already some tenants had temporarily abandoned residences because of transportation difficulties, but many others remained, traveling back and forth in rowboats.

Walter Gerth, West Salem merchant, who has been through every Willamette flood since that of 1890, predicted Thursday that little damage would be caused, except possibly to lowland farm improvements, unless water goes above 27 feet. When it rises above 25 feet it will cross the Salem-Dallas highway near the Wallace road intersection in West Salem, he said, adding "and that alone would not bother us very much."

On the Willamette river Thursday, tugboatman Adrian Kemp had rounded up most of a 250-lb hardwood raft that had broken away from him at the dump between Court and Chemska streets.

At Stayton the river had risen considerably, although flood stage was not reported. Henry Baynager, who lives at the Highbanks bend, declared that 15 feet of soil had been eroded from that bend in November's high waters, and farm lands along the river were believed in danger from higher waters expected today.

Sprague Asks Credit Cards

Gov. Charles A. Sprague Thursday sent a telegram to Harold Ickes, federal petroleum coordinator, urging that the recent order abolishing the use of credit cards at service stations, insofar as state purchases are concerned, be rescinded.

The governor informed Ickes that the present system was the

simplest, most economical and freest of fraud. He added that the requisition books proposed would be more expensive, wasteful of state employees' time and demand a lot of additional book-keeping.

The telegram further advised Ickes that the state of Oregon has its general contract for petroleum supplies at reduced prices which are not available to individual purchasers.

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Serenade

ROY ROGERS

George "Buddy" HAYES

and Lyle HENRIK

Andy Dandy Cartoon

Serial and News

Food Stamp Plan To Be Suspended

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(AP) The government's food stamp program, a subsidy system under which \$245,000,000 worth of food was distributed to low-income persons, was ordered suspended Thursday by the agriculture department, effective March 1. It will probably remain suspended until after the war.

The action was taken, Secretary of Agriculture Wickard explained, because the situation which brought the plan into operation in 1939—that of unmarketable food surpluses on the one hand, and large numbers of unemployed persons on the other—no longer exists.

Wickard announced at the same time that the department's program of providing foods for community school lunches and child day care centers will be continued.

Air Attacks May Signal Tunisia Fray

By The Associated Press

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The unrelenting force of United States bomber and fighter assaults on Tunisian ports and east coast roads and bases was regarded here Thursday night as the possible prelude to an increasingly imminent land offensive, to be started perhaps by Gen. Walther Nehring's axis forces.

A spokesman at allied headquarters in north Africa said "ground forces operated only on patrol."

The German and Italian communique, however, reported intensified artillery dueling and said the allies were forced to give up some positions. These were not identified.

The Germans also reported starting fires Wednesday night in a long range attack on Casablanca on the Atlantic coast of French Morocco.

The allied command communique announced that allied patrols contacted the enemy in the area of Station De Bou Arada, 20 miles south of Medjez-El-Bab and 15 miles west of Pont Du Fahs, Tuesday night while the enemy shelled the road northeast of that point.

During the day, the communique added, enemy armored cars shelled Station De Bou Arada.

The communique also said that French troops with British support captured a position northwest of Beldous in renewed fighting for important hill strongholds in the arc around Medjez-El-Bab.

At allied headquarters it was disclosed that big Flying Fortress and light Martin Marauders and Douglas Havocs battered the port areas of Sfax and Gabes again Wednesday while long range Lockheed Lightnings patrolled the Tunisian-Tripolitanian border roads.

Despite the extent of the raids over the axis bases, only two American planes were reported lost.

Nelson Sees Fewer Goods

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(AP) Prospects of severe privations on the home front in 1943 multiplied in comparison with civilian sacrifices in 1942, were foreseen Thursday by Donald M. Nelson, war production board chairman, as necessary to winning the war.

He predicted that "travel by automobile is due for restriction much more drastic than that obtained to date," and saw a possibility that many merchants might close their business because of a scarcity of things to sell.

Full effects of the curtailment of goods available to civilians, he wrote Rep. Patman (D-Tex.), "will be felt rigorously in the near future as stocks now in our warehouses and shelves are used up."

"These facts suggest that the amount of merchandise to be distributed can not possibly support a distribution system as large or as varied as that which we now have."

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its equipment, its training, its leadership and the provisions made for the health and safety of its men—is more powerful with each passing day. Backed by the determination of the American people to support it with everything in their power, it will be a force against which in the end no nation or combination of nations can prevail. Nineteen fortythree will be a hard year, but one which, God willing, will bring us nearer to victory."

Knox—

"Our prospects are brighter; 1943 will be better than 1942; we have paved the roads to the battlefields all over the world. The great war machine of the United Nations is gathering strength and momentum. But we must expect more reverses before the enemies' power is broken. They are still strong, cunning and ruthless. Millions of them are ready to die if they cannot win. The offensive has passed into our hands but each of us on the home front will have to tighten his belt, work harder, and go along with less and less, so that our men in the battle line will have what they must have to win. It will be a grim struggle—make no mistake. There are tears and weariness ahead. But beyond the shadows is certain victory."

Donald M. Nelson, chairman, production board—

"... In 1943 we shall be living in a full war economy. If that will try our endurance, it will also be a challenge to our intelligence and our resourcefulness. ... We must attain a huge increase in the production of war goods, but we cannot expect to get much of that increase through further expansion of our resources or our physical plant; our main reliance must be an improved technology, intensive cultivation of the enormous potential strength we have developed."

"It will be a hard year, but it will be fruitful. ..."

Elmer Davis, director, office of war information—

"We shall need courage and determination to face the facts as we meet the full impact of the war in the coming year. There will be welcome news of bravery and victories. But we must be ready for bad news, too—the casualty lists, the news of lost battles, the hopes that have not been realized. When the bad news is worst we shall come closest, to understanding what war means and what it takes to win. We have what it takes, of course; in the new year we shall have to use it if we are going to win this war. And we are going to win."

Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau—

"This new year should be more than an occasion for the exchange of good wishes. It should be a time for rededication to the cause of freedom and fair play with which the American people have always been identified. In the treasury we shall pledge ourselves to new efforts for the sale of war savings bonds to add to our achievement of the year just ended. ..."

Petroleum Administrator Ickes—"New and greater problems of petroleum supply are in prospect for 1943. ..."

"The winning of this war of survival is going to require oceans of oil. The increasing tempo of military action on the many world fronts will require vastly greater amounts of specialized petroleum products in 1943 than in 1942. And, whatever that demand is, and whenever the call for more and more oil may come, we cannot, we must not fail to deliver. ..."

"I see no prospect of any relaxation of ration restrictions in 1943. So long as there is a rubber problem, so long will there be rationing of gasoline. So long as we have a transportation problem of the Atlantic seaboard, so long also will we have to continue to ration our supplies of fuel oil. It may well be that conditions will get much worse before they get better; that the cuts already made will have to be deepened. ..."

Regular Prices Today

CAPITOL

TODAY and SAT. - 2 HITS

The strange drama of a man with two loves. ... two parts. To which does he belong?

STREET OF CHANCE

A Paramount Picture

Burgess MEREDITH with Claire TREVOR

Louise Platt - Sheldon Leonard - Frieda Inescort - Jerome Cowan

-COMPANION FEATURE-

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Wartime Changes Dominate '42 News Picture in Salem

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port and John Carson.

City council resignations were numerous as men left for war service.

Parrish junior high school had two new principals, one of whom, Walter Erickson, never served. Upon Erickson's resignation of his new post to remain at Willamette university, where he had been named dean of freshmen, Carl Aschenbrenner was elected to the Parrish position.

A new chairman of commerce secretary, Clay Cochran, took office.

Principal problem for Salem school directors was that of personnel, with members of the teaching staffs, particularly the men, resigning or seeking military leaves to enter defense industry or the armed forces.

Salem's defense industry training program expanded greatly during 1942, and her payroll moved with it.

Bus service to Camp Adair was a forerunner of bus service to shipyards in Portland.

The Japanese were moved out of the area.

First survey of women's skills in the nation was conducted in Oregon with Marion county listing some 32,000 in its census.

Civilian defense organization expanded until late in 1942 all of the 1941 registrants, more than 4000 in number, were believed assigned to some task.

The recreation picture changed during the 12-months picture, with less funds provided for children's playgrounds in spite of the demand for care of youngsters while parents and older brothers and sisters worked. The city divided head first into soldier entertainment. Legion home became the USO center, leased by the federal security administration and operated by a staff from the United Service organizations.

A Salem Hostess league, with more than 100 senior hostesses, and between 600 and 700 junior hostesses, organized and operated to provide wholesome entertainment and hospitality for service men stationed in the community. City fathers expressed their interest by passing a new and stringent curfew ordinance.

Heaviest of construction jobs

ELSMORE

Happy New Year to All!

Continuous Today from 1 P. M. - Regular Prices

NO LAFF-RATIONING HERE!

Whether It's By

BUS

or even

HORSE

AND

BUGGY