

Putdug River Area Farmers Talk of District

A capacity crowd of landowners of the proposed Putdug river water control district jammed the Parkersville school Wednesday night to hear Peery T. Buren, Salem attorney, discuss the law passed by the 1947 legislature which authorizes creation of such districts.

Buren explained that landowners representing 20 per cent of the average in any proposed water control district, under the new law, may petition the county court to set a time and place to hold an election to determine whether the district may or may not be formed. If no such petition is entered the county court may then determine if the district will be created.

New First Aid Car Arrives; Ceremony Set

Salem's new \$10,000 first aid car arrived in the city capital Wednesday as Capt. C. M. Charlton of the fire department completed his trip with it from an Ohio factory.

Silverton Man Killed by Truck

John Henry Drake, 62, Silverton route 1, was killed instantly about 7 p.m. Wednesday when struck by a logging truck on the Silverton-Marquam highway near Miller's hill, three miles north of Silverton, Marion County Coroner Virgil Golden reported.

Meyers Enters Innocent Pleas

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8. — (AP) — Maj. Gen. Bennett E. Meyers pleaded innocent today to charges that he perjured himself before senate investigators inquiring into his wartime private deals and that he caused another to swear falsely.

Marine Corps Reserve Adds 12 New Men

Twelve new recruits were inducted into Salem's marine corps reserve unit in a meeting at the Salem airport Wednesday night, Commandant Maj. Leonard Hicks reported.

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Schools, Roads Close, Families Evacuate, Boy Drowns as Flood Reaches Mid-Valley

Valley Points Report Flood Preparations

The death of a 20-months-old boy by drowning in high water near Stayton was the Marion county area's first fatality of the current flood season Wednesday when schools and roads in many sections closed and householders in danger sections moved out or took protective measures against oncoming flood waters.

Schools were closed Wednesday and will remain closed today at Stayton high school, all Keizer, Talbot, Turner and Aumsville schools and Detroit grade school.

Stayton

STAYTON — Terry Antone Moravec, 20-months-old, drowned about noon Wednesday when he fell in a ditch in front of the family home eight miles east of Stayton. The body was found under a culvert on the driveway leading from the home to the Fern Ridge road 15 minutes after the child was last seen.

Jefferson

JEFFERSON — Santiam river rose 4 feet in the last 24 hours and stood at 21 feet at 4:30 Wednesday afternoon. The old section of the Pacific highway, south of Jefferson, is over-run by water when the river reaches slightly more than 20 feet and

Silverton

SILVERTON — High school students at Silverton were among the few who had no quarrel with the heavy rain which drove flooding floods to much of the countryside, for their school closed Wednesday. Junior high and the grade schools are being carried on as usual.

Local utilities experienced little difficulty from the high water, although Portland General Electric had a wary eye on a 24,000-volt line with poles near the water-covered and closed section of the Pacific highway near Canby. Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. reported only minor line troubles and noted that absence of wind with the heavy rain has been to its advantage.

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Basements in Silverton were in water this morning, and the fire department equipment was used to pump out those suffering most. One small washout was reported in the Brush Creek district where a small stream undermined small portion of pavement, making guards and flares necessary.

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As councilmen came to the meeting they passed the stores along Edgewater street, many of which were being readied for the expected high water — if it materialized, the fourth such visitation since 1943.

Meanwhile city employees headed by Police Chief W. P. Davidson and Ward Barrett, waited more or less patiently for the council meeting to end so they might begin hoisting the two pumps in the

Willamette Valley River Crests

Compiled by Salem Station, U. S. Weather Bureau

Place	Latest Height Wednesday 23 (9 p. m.)	Flood Stage Expected	Status
SALEM	23	20 28	Rising
Albany	21	18 25.5	Rising
Jefferson	21.8	21 22	Stationary
Oregon City	13.2	12.4 17	Rising
Portland	15.1	18 19	Rising
Mehama	10.9	13.5	Falling
Harrisburg	18.6	14	Falling
Waterloo	16.2	19.6	Falling
Eugene	17	12	Falling

Previous river crests at Salem in floods of other years: Dec. 18, 1946—28.7; Dec. 30, 1945—28.4; Jan. 2, 1943—30.6; Jan. 8, 1923—31.0; Feb. 9, 1916—26.0; Nov. 25, 1909—30.7; Feb. 6, 1907—31.3; (estimated) Jan. 15, 1901—31.5; Feb. 5, 1890—37.1; Jan. 1, 1881—36.3; Dec. 4, 1861—39.0.

basement of the city hall. They will store the pumps and seal the well until the flood waters recede.

Because he was unable to borrow hoist, Councilman Chester Douglas this afternoon purchased a hoist for use in pulling up the pumps. His action was approved by the council.

Plans for shutting off city water Friday morning were abandoned because flood conditions prevent the planned reservoir repairs.

Members directed Police Chief Davidson to have a grate installed on the Wallace road culvert which was plugged up Wednesday morning because of pieces of slab wood and odd boards the origin of which no one could account.

Homeowners Flood City Hall With Requests

Calls from homeowners to the city engineer's office Wednesday dropped off to only 2 per cent, although Portland General Electric had a wary eye on a 24,000-volt line with poles near the water-covered and closed section of the Pacific highway near Canby. Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. reported only minor line troubles and noted that absence of wind with the heavy rain has been to its advantage.

Marion county Red Cross office in Salem reported that rescue workers had taken three families off Brown's island Wednesday and one family off Minto's island. Rescuers were sent to Minto's island Wednesday afternoon to move a herd of cattle to higher ground and brought a man and his wife back to Salem on their return trip.

Two dogs found swimming against the strong current near Brown's island were taken aboard the rescue boats and brought to safety.

Two families, flooded out of their homes near the Roberts area, were given housing in Salem by the Red Cross, and another family left stranded in Salem were furnished housing in an auto court by the organization.

Marion county bridge foreman Theodore Kuenzi early this morning said only one county bridge—a small bridge in the Lake Labiah area — had collapsed because of high waters. The bridge, over a small stream on a side road, gave way at one end because of a slide.

School Boards Permitted To Excuse Pupils 16-18

School boards, under the 1947 laws, have authority to excuse a child between the ages of 16 and 18 years from attending school, provided such child has completed the first eight grades of school and, in the judgment of the board, good cause exists for such excuse. Attorney General George Neuner ruled here Tuesday.

Buses Rerouted Due to High Water

The Pacific Greyhound bus company in Salem reported Wednesday that high water in the Albany area has caused Salem-Eugene buses to be routed through Rickreall to Corvallis to Eugene instead of the regular route by way of Albany to Corvallis to Eugene. All California bound passengers leaving Salem must now go to Portland and travel through The Dalles to Bend and Klamath Falls to California.

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

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posite here when the swinging bridge over the Santiam river on the edge of town went out in the high water Tuesday night.

Rainfall here since January 1 has totaled 12.19 inches, Mrs. Earl Barker, official weather observer said today. During the 24 hours ending at 7 p. m. Tuesday night, rainfall totaled 4.03 inches. To this is added the run off from snow in the nearby hills which the rain is melting.

Detroit high school basketball team with Otis White, basketball coach, was marooned at Kuckenberg Construction camp at Niagara Tuesday night after a game at Turner. The school bus with 25 persons aboard was stranded home over the South Santiam highway Wednesday afternoon.

The town's fire engine was brought up into town Tuesday night because firemen were worried about its safety; this morning the place where it had been was under water.

The families marooned in Linn county were Mr. and Mrs. Scott C. Ehrhart, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Henderson and Mrs. Bill Cole. Henderson lives in the Lowell White summer cottage, and Mrs. Cole is believed to be alone while her husband is working elsewhere.

Talbot

TALBOT — Talbot school was closed Wednesday as the Santiam river rose higher in the mint farm lands. The water was in the fire box of the school furnace even before the rainy night ordered the pupils and teachers out, Agnes Booth, county school superintendent said.

Turner and Aumsville schools were closed because of high water in the Mill Creek which crosses the road many times. Mrs. Booth who lives in Turner said, from her office in Salem.

Detroit

DETROIT — Three families were marooned in Linn county op-

Suit Attempts to Bar State Pen Flax from Interstate Trade

A suit seeking to prevent Oregon prison-made flax tow from being placed in interstate commerce for public use was filed in Marion county circuit court Wednesday by the Silverton Flax Co.

Charles H. Leonard and T. T. Leonard, owners of the Silverton plant, charge the Oregon state prison, the state board of control and the Oregon Flax Industries with "usurping the entire flax market" by their activities.

It is alleged that the defendants are engaged in the general business of manufacturing and processing flax fiber and tow and in selling the same in the open market, "all with use of state money and convict labor."

The Leonards state in the complaint that the state group is outbidding them in the purchase of straw. They are selling the processed flax in interstate commerce at prices lower than the "fair market price" of private enterprise.

It is also charged that the defendants are violating a section of the Oregon state constitution which prohibits prison-made products from being placed into interstate commerce.

The plaintiffs maintain that they have invested more than \$80,000 in their business and hire 30 employees and ask for a court order restraining the defendants from continuing to compete with the plaintiffs in the flax line.

Listed as defendants are Leslie M. Scott, Earl T. Newbury and Gov. John Hall, as members of the state board of control; George Laws, manager of the Oregon Flax Industries; George Alexander, state prison warden; Southern Pacific Co.; Oregon Flax Textiles; Union Pacific Railway company; Federal Linen Co. and Salem Linen Mills, both of Salem.

The two Salem firms are involved because, it is charged, they are buying fiber tow made at the prison and transporting it out of the state in manufactured products.

Morse Would Support Taft

CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 7. — (AP) — Senator Wayne Morse (R-Ore.), whose opinions often diverge sharply from most of his republican colleagues, said today he would support the GOP presidential nominee even if it were Senator Robert Taft (R-Ohio).

"Taft is not the great menace to his party or the country some would have you believe," Morse told an Oregon State college convocation.

Christmas Ship Deadline Near

Gov. John H. Hall Wednesday issued a statement urging additional contributions for the northwest Christmas food ship for Europe. Deadline is Saturday.

"Oregon is doing a fine job," Governor Hall said, "but there is space available in the ship for more food. It is the duty of every Oregon citizen to do his part. I urge everyone to aid in this humanitarian project."

Governor Hall said money or canned food should be sent to the Christmas ship committees in the various communities or direct to 615 SE Alder st., Portland.

Optimist Club May Organize

Formation of a Salem club of Optimist International, a men's organization specializing in boys' work, will be discussed by a group of local youth leaders at a luncheon in the Marion hotel Friday noon.

Jefferson Phones To Be Switched To New Dial Unit

JEFFERSON, Jan. 7. — The new home of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company will be occupied here tomorrow when local lines will be switched to the new dial unit just installed in a new modern structure, Harry V. Collins, district manager, announced.

Jefferson, which has long had the dial phones, outgrew the old unit, Collins said, and a new unit has been installed in a two building just constructed. Two hundred and fifty subscribers are served from the Jefferson office.

Morgenthau On Trader List

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7. — (AP) — Henry Morgenthau, Jr., former secretary of the treasury, turned up on a government list of grain speculators today—but he said he lost money and "it is obvious I had no inside information."

As a private citizen, the former official sold corn futures last year, long after he resigned from the cabinet in 1945.

His name was given by the agriculture department as a speculator in corn in the Chicago board of trade on June 30, 1947.

17 Perish in Georgia Marsh Plane Crash

SAVANNAH, Ga., Jan. 7. — (AP) — A chartered twin-engine passenger plane crashed into a Savannah river marsh and burned today, killing 17 of the 26 persons aboard. The nine others were injured.

Sixteen persons died in the flaming wreckage. The other, a girl, apparently about 10 years old, died aboard a U. S. engineer boat en route to Savannah.

The dead included Alvino Antonelli, the pilot, Raymond Eick of Trenton, N. J., the co-pilot and only other crew member, was among the survivors. The passengers, with the exception of a young soldier and a travel agent, were Puerto Ricans en route to their homeland from New York.

Eick said the plane, a converted army C-47, operated by coastal airlines, a charter service, had trouble in the fuel feeding system while flying at about 3,000 feet. He said the pilot, preparing for a crash landing, ordered him to have the passengers fasten their seat belts.

Before he could alert all the passengers, the plane began to lose altitude. Eick said he headed back for the control compartment. Before he could reach the control one wing of the big ship struck the marshland. An explosion followed. The co-pilot was blown clear of the wreckage. Rescuers found him clothed only in a necktie and shoes.

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