

Flood Damage Runs High in East Oregon

By the Associated Press
Oregon was scraping up the debris today from scattered floods that marooned one town, ruined another's water system, and inundated many roads.

Damage has not been accurately calculated, but was expected to reach thousands of dollars in the Pendleton area alone. High water isolated the town of Helix in Umatilla county, cutting off all the incoming roads. The neighboring towns of Athena, Heppner, and Milton were deep in silt. A bridge approach over Butter creek on the Lexington-Echo highway washed out. So did an abutment on U. S. highway No. 30, between Boardman and Stanfield.

Farmers Union Hears Report Of Committees

AURORA, Feb. 23 (AP)—The Oregon State Farmers Union took the first step today toward demanding 100 per cent parity prices. Committee recommendations, to be acted upon by the convention tomorrow, called for an agricultural policy that would provide family farmers with a 100 per cent parity program.

"We endorse the principle of price supports," said the committee, "and call for legislation which to family farmers of the nation." The committee reports also urged payment of corporate excise and personal income tax revenues directly to the state's general fund. The convention also heard the following committee proposals:

Lowell Thomas And Son Plan Salem Lecture

Lowell Thomas, well-known traveler, lecturer and news commentator, and his son, Lowell Thomas, jr., will present a motion picture and lecture on world travels at Salem high school auditorium on March 6. The program is sponsored by the Salem branch, American Association of University Women and is slated to start at 8:30 p.m. Proceeds are to go into the association's fellowship and international scholarship grants. As the Thomases talk they will show a two-hour colored movie of films taken in travels by plane, camel, river craft and other modes of transportation in the far corners of the earth.

Thomas, who is the author of some 30 books, has been a news commentator since 1930. He also has been a teacher, newspaper man, war cameraman and explorer. He will make his regular daily broadcast from Salem. Tickets for the high school program are now on sale at Wills Music store and also may be purchased from members of the university women association.

PHONE FIRM EARNINGS UP
NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (AP)—The ten billion dollar Bell Telephone system today reported net income of \$222,416,000 or \$9.86 a share in 1948, compared with \$7.68 a share in 1947.

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Actor Tells Club of Life in Theatre World

By Jeryme English
Bringing an audience into the play is most important, according to Harold J. Kennedy, brilliant young playwright, actor and producer, who spoke before 200 members of the Salem Knife and Fork club at the Marion hotel Wednesday night. An audience is brought into the play by actual participation, implicitly and realism, according to Mr. Kennedy. A play is successful only if the audience working with the actors. A test of a good actor is not if he sheds real tears, but if his audience can, states Mr. Kennedy.

In his humorous talk Mr. Kennedy described the famous historical Orson Welles' broadcast "Martin Inasion" in which the speaker was a member of the cast. It was not until the broadcast was over that the cast knew what a panic and disaster in New Jersey the play unintentionally caused in October, 1938. He also described humorous incidents from the play, "Angel Street," "Connecticut Yankee" and opening night on Broadway of "Goose and the Gander," which he wrote, directed and acted in with Gloria Swanson and Conrad Nagel.

The opening night, not only has to have a solid set of nerves, but a commercial set, due to the severe audience, which is composed of critics, writers, editors and a group of society folk, who attend only on opening nights. The answer to Mr. Kennedy is to play the second night if the opening night review was not favorable. The speaker stated that 88 per cent of the plays only run from three days to a week in New York.

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Electoral -- Eleven senators representing both major parties threw their support behind a proposed constitutional amendment to change the way the U. S. elects its president. Their plan would divide each state's electoral votes among the various candidates in proportion to the number of popular votes each receives. Sen. Morse (R-Ore) was among the sponsors.

Bill Provides Sanctuary for Pro-U.S. Spies

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP)—Aliens who help U. S. spies abroad would be granted a sanctuary in the United States under a bill unanimously approved by the house armer services committee today. The committee discussed the measure in a secret session. The bill would permit the U. S. Central Intelligence agency to offer the protection of residence in this country to foreigners who may risk their lives in aiding American agents overseas. Up to 100 such persons would be permitted to enter the United States each year, without regard to immigration laws.

VFW to Nominate Officers Tonight

Nomination of officers of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Meadowlark post, will take place at a meeting tonight in the home of Commander Gordon Bressler, 4225 Rivercrest dr. in Manbrin Garden area. Election of officers will take place at the March 24 meeting. The auxiliary unit of the post also is planning a St. Patrick's Day dance for the night of Friday, March 18, in Mayflower hall, it was reported.

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A 55-page booklet was issued in Sofia, containing purported depositions of the 15, accused of treason, espionage and black market money dealings involving Britons and Americans. "Religion happened to be a cloak for their criminal activities," said the booklet, printed in French and English. "The 15 men were caught red-handed." The American note, delivered in Sofia by charge d'affaires Sidney E. Donoghue, said the U. S. government "reserves its rights under the treaty of peace with Bulgaria and requests that facilities be made available for representatives of the United States legation to attend the trial." The "reserves its rights" phrase apparently referred to a treaty article under which Bulgaria guaranteed religious and other freedoms to all peoples under her jurisdiction. The answer on the request for permission for American observers to attend the trial is still awaited. Britain has been granted such permission. Hungary barred foreign observers at the trial of Cardinal Mindszenty.

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