

Columbia Basin Flood Prospects Grow Dimmer

PORTLAND (AP)—No serious flooding is in prospect for the Columbia basin this year, the Weather Bureau River Forecast Center said Monday.

This prospect will change only if there are unusual conditions—a prolonged warm spell and heavy rain to melt mountain snows and send them down to the Columbia River all at once, the forecasters said.

There will be some local flooding in upstream tributaries anyway, but the worst expected in the lower Columbia is a crest of 22 feet, said Hydrologist Anthony J. Polos.

That crest will be in the Portland and Vancouver harbors. Flood stage is 15 feet at Vancouver, 18 feet at Portland. Little damage results from a 22-foot level.

Precipitation in March was below normal for much of the area, but some tributaries of the Snake River got more than usual and are expected to get unusually high water stages. The Big Lost, Big Wood, Little Wood, Boise, Payette and Weiser Rivers are among these.

The lower Columbia runoff will be 110 per cent of normal, but far below last year or the flood year of 1948. The volume of water expected to pass The Dalles in the year from last October to next Sept. 30 will be 139,000,000 acre feet. It was 169,000,000 last year and 171,000,000 in 1948.

Steel stocks, railroad issues and automobile shares bore the brunt of the pressure.

In the Associated Press averages, the rail category showed the largest loss—a drop of \$1.10. Industrials dropped \$1 and utilities 20 cents.

The volume was only 1,230,000 shares.

Some of the largest losses were among the rails. Atlantic Coast Line dropped 2 1/2 at 93. Northern Pacific fell 2 1/4 at 87 1/4 and Santa Fe was off 1 1/2 at 79 1/4.

The curb market also followed a downward path. The curb volume was 660,000 shares, a sharp drop from the 1,030,000 of the previous full session last Friday when Canadian oils were very active.

Hermens Joins Race For Stayton Council

STAYTON—Stayton voters will have another candidate for councilman with the addition of A. E. Hermens to the list of those circulating petitions.

Polling places for Stayton's two precincts are the basements of the Church of Christ and of the Methodist Church. The first named will serve "Stayton" precinct and the latter "East Stayton" precinct.

Dividing line is the center of Second Street from Water to Santiam and First Street from there north to the city limits.

LIONS HEAR OHLING

SILVERTON—Following the weekly meeting of the Silverton Lions Club, the speaker Merrill Ohling talked on Lionism. Ohling is a charter member of the Downtown Salem Lions Club which organized 80 years ago. Following his talk, he initiated and presented pins and certificates to seven new members including John Lallaker, C. J. Thomas, B. G. Tucker, G. B. Gallom, W. E. Workman, H. Moll and C. H. Patterson.

KITCHEN SINK STOLEN

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Mrs. Vern Royer told police a thief invaded her back porch and stole the kitchen sink, left there for installation.



ANTI-SUB HELICOPTERS—Six new helicopters, designed for U. S. Navy for anti-submarine and shipboard utility use, take off after government took possession in Philadelphia.

Valley News Briefs

Willamina—Otto W. Heider, Sheridan attorney, has resigned as city attorney of Willamina, after serving in the post for 35 years.

Liberty—The Liberty Mothers Club will meet on Wednesday, April 9, at 1 o'clock at the club room of the Liberty School. On the program the mothers will preview the film "Human Growth" which is shown to the fifth and sixth grades. This is shown under the auspices of the Marion County Health Department.

Willamina—Willamina FL Club will meet Wednesday evening, April 9, Kathryn Parrett and Neva Lee hostesses. Past Noble Grands Club will meet Thursday, April 10th.

Sheridan—Laureen Hadley of Sheridan was elected as a grand representative at the Rainbow Girls Grand Assembly held last week in Lebanon.

Mill City—Mrs. Nell Swift has returned home following a winter's stay in Redding, Calif., with her son, Robert Swift, and in Compton, Calif., with her daughters. She also visited in Astoria with her daughter, Mrs. Robert Landro.

Clear Lake—Several improvements have been made at the school recently under direction of the board, M. L. Mills, Ted Girod, and Homer Goulet. Gravel and sand have been spread on the playground and parking space in front of the building. The children are enjoying a new set of swings and basketball hoops, in addition to the slide and merry-go-round already on the playground. A record player and a radio have been purchased this year, which have added interest to music, science, and Oregon history classes.

Auburn—Auburn Womens club will meet at the Community Hall Thursday for the regular April meeting. A spring fashion show is planned for the program hour.

Amity—A pre-school clinic will be held in the community room at the Methodist Church April 12. Mrs. Lawrence Allison, in charge of arrangements for this area, has requested parents to contact her by April 10. The service is free and must be completed before school opening in September.

Jefferson—The Sidney-Talbot Home Extension unit met with Mrs. Merle Holman with June Berg, county agent, demonstrating the project, "Housekeeping Shortcuts." Fifteen members and two guests, Mrs. James Pate and Mrs. Macalite were present. The next meeting of the unit will be in the Talbot Community Church basement Tuesday, May 13. Their project will be "Glove Making."

Labish Center—The Home Economics Club will meet Wednesday, April 9, at 10:30 a.m. at the Harvey Aker home. Mrs. Marjorie White will present a talk on "Kitchen Storage" and there will be election of officers. A no-host dinner will be held at noon with Mrs. Art Rasmussen and Mrs. Hazel Nelson as hostesses.

Four Corners—The Well-Child Conference will be held on Wednesday, April 9, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Community Hall. The Pratum and Fruitland Mothers' Club members will be the volunteer assistants for medical doctor and public health nurses.

Victor Point—Elmer Lorence of this community has been appointed head of a committee to have charge of the Western Horse Show which is sponsored by the Silverton Chamber of Commerce, annually. This year's event is planned for Saturday night, August 2.

Mill City—Larry Kanoff, a fifth grade student, has returned to school after he was hurt by a piano that fell over on him. Miss Alice M. Smith, grade school teacher, is on crutches as she received injuries to her foot which required medical attention and it was then necessary to take three stitches.

Jefferson—One-year-old Dennis Lee Thomas, red-haired son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Thomas, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Eldrie Tierce, won first place in the baby photo contest held recently in Jefferson. Winning second place was Keith Tilly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tilly.

Auburn Visitors Leave for Midwest

STAYTON—James Bangrum of Kearney, Neb., returned to his home the past week after a visit in the homes of his sister, Mrs. Charles O. Gillming and Mrs. Ervin C. Sunderlin.

Week end guests at the Jack Scorgie home were Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Wiese and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barney. Mrs. Donald Townsend was hostess for her sewing club at her home Thursday afternoon.

RETURNS FROM ARIZONA—STAYTON—Home from a three-week vacation trek to Phoenix, Ariz., is Mrs. Nellie Jones who flew. Outstanding among her experiences were a trip to Camelback Mountain, fields of lettuce already being harvested, Buckhorn Hot Springs, the Chicago Cubs in winter training, Mystery Castle, and of meeting Margaret Mielke, daughter of Joe Mielke who lived in Stayton in 1906.

The threads of a spider's web are really cables made of many fibers each of which may be only about one-seventy five thousandth of an inch in diameter.

SHERRILL WHITE HURT
Four Corners—Sherrill White, nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward White, 4053 Beck Ave., received a badly sprained ankle while playing on Saturday afternoon.

The paintings in the Prado Museum in Madrid were removed and hidden during the Spanish Civil War of 1936-39.

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