

Two Dozen Bridges Lost to Floodwaters In Lane County Area

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
From Eugene Wednesday came a report that Lane County lost about two dozen bridges to floodwaters last week while others were damaged. Miller Sorenson, county bridge department superintendent, said crews first will replace bridges serving areas for which there are no alternate routes.
Meanwhile Robert Jackson, Ep-

gent Red Cross chapter manager, said Arthur M. Sheets, state civil defense director, is due this week to survey flood damage to sewers, water systems and bridges. According to Jackson Gov. Paterson asked the survey as a basis for seeking federal emergency restoration funds.

County Commissioner Ralph Peterson said Army Engineers have been asked for help in rebuilding a broken dike at Willamette City.
Emergency Loans
Robert F. Buck, Seattle, regional administrator of the federal Small Business Administration, said Lane County businesses are eligible for emergency loans for repair damages. His agency may set up a Eugene office.

Plans for aid to flood sufferers were being completed by relief agencies, including the Salvation Army, the Red Cross and the Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

Some 115 trained workers were sent by the Red Cross into flood areas. An early estimate by the agency listed 1,430 Oregon families and 157 business firms as having suffered flood damage.

Missing
The death toll from the Oregon floods and storms continued to stand at 12. Three more persons were missing and believed drowned.

The deaths included five members of one family killed in a slide, two persons killed by driving cars into storm debris, one killed by a falling tree and four drowned.

Heavy loss of livestock was feared. More than 150 head were known to have drowned in the Coquille area. That is where the latest major floods occurred, over the Christmas holidays. Many roads in the area still were blocked Wednesday by high water and slides, but communications were being restored.

More Surveys
Civil defense workers made further surveys in the Bandon, Powers, Allegany and Prosper areas, using amphibious Navy craft to get into flooded sections.

Powers, a logging community on the south fork, was partly stranded by road washouts. But crews restored electric service after a three-hour blackout.

Eight women and 11 children were isolated in the Standley logging camp near the Coos-Josephine county line, reported C. Eugene Fields, deputy civil defense director for Coos County. None was in danger but slides over a five-mile stretch kept them from making their way to nearby towns.

A slide on the northeast edge of Coos Bay tilted and damaged a dozen homes.

Grange Heads Support Soil Bank Proposal

PORTLAND (AP) — Grange masters of four western states Wednesday announced tentative support of the soil bank plan, expected to be proposed by the administration at the next congressional session.

The plan is intended to remove surplus farm lands from production with payments going to farmers who take part in the program.

Henry Christensen, Colorado Grange master, said he and the grange masters of Oregon, Washington and Idaho feel they "can go along with the proposed soil bank plan as a last resort—provided more land is not brought in through reclamation and irrigation to replace the soil bank acres."

Christensen, spokesman for the group, said specific endorsement could not be given because not enough details are known of the administration's proposals.

He added that Colorado grange members are opposed to flexible price supports "because they flex farm prices down to 75 per cent of parity while prices of the things we buy have gone up to 130 per cent of parity."

The grange leaders also decided to oppose a proposed rail rate reduction on westbound shipments of dressed meats from the Midwest. The reduction of 50 cents a hundredweight was to have gone into effect Nov. 15, but was postponed six months after western meat interests protested. A hearing on it is scheduled by the Interstate Commerce Commission at Salt Lake City, Jan. 16.

Solon Asks Probe of Oil, Gas Leases

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore) Wednesday proposed a congressional inquiry into a recent Department of the Interior order opening wildlife refuges to oil and gas lease.

"He said the investigation could be conducted simultaneously with January hearings of the Senate Interior Committee into the nomination of Wesley A. Ewart of Montana as assistant secretary of the interior."

"The Oregon senator said he has heard the first lease under the new order has been issued to Frankfort Oil Co., a subsidiary of Seagram Whiskey Distillery. He said it covers about 12,000 acres on the Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge in Louisiana.

He said he understood that "only rarely have oil and gas operations been tolerated on refuges owned outright by the Fish and Wildlife Service," adding:

"But if wholesale operations are allowed, I fear for the future of these great sanctuaries where our wild creatures and birds have formerly been safeguarded."

In his proposal for a congressional inquiry on the department order, Neuberger described Secretary of the Interior McKay, a former Oregon governor, as "getting back the conservation movement half a century." Neuberger said the administration "has shown itself indifferent to wildlife conservation and protection."

Folsom Calls Off Air Guard Trips to Game

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Gov. James E. Folsom says he has called off his threatened "aerial inspection" of airport facilities at Jacksonville, Fla., on Gator Bowl day Saturday when Auburn plays Vanderbilt.

But, Wednesday he told reporters "I reserve the right to inspect them at any time."

Folsom, replying to criticism of his use of national guard planes for football trips, said several weeks ago he planned to order an "aerial inspection" of runways and other facilities at Jacksonville on the day of the Gator Bowl game.

His comment came after national guard authorities in Washington had started looking into the governor's use of a military plane to visit Houston, Tex., for the Alabama-Rice game.

Stolen Car Used by Parolee for Report

SEATTLE (AP) — Earl F. Sunde, 21, admitted to police Tuesday that the car he has been driving since October was stolen.

He needed the car, he said, to drive the 20 miles from his home at Monroe to make periodic reports to the state prison parole officer in Seattle.

Custody Hearing Set on Child of Marjorie Smith

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — A hearing on Mrs. Ellen Hightower's effort to retain Susan Smith has been set over to Jan. 23. It had been set for Tuesday.

Susan is the daughter of Kermit Smith, who was killed in a car bombing in Portland last April, and Marjorie Smith, who was found innocent of any part in the slaying.

After Mrs. Smith had been charged, the child was taken by Mrs. Hightower. Smith's sister, when Mrs. Smith was acquitted, she asked for her daughter, but Mrs. Hightower resisted.

Cortisone, the chemical widely used for treatment of arthritis, has been found in rare Mexican yams by field workers of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Malaya's Communist Chief Leaves Jungle To 'Seek Place in the Sun' for Followers

By OLEN CLEMENTS
BALING, Malaya (AP) — Malayan Red Leader Chin Peng, whose head once was worth \$224,000 to the British, came out of the jungle Wednesday, spilling, defeated and worn.

He asked for tobacco, underwear and a place in the sun for the Malayan Communist Party. He got the underwear and tobacco.

He smiled and waved to the Chinese, Malays and Indians who watched him as he scrambled out of a police car on arriving here on the border of Malaya and Thailand. But when he was sent to talk to Prince Abdul Rahman, chief minister of Malaya, Chin ran into a stone wall.

He asked for recognition of the Communist Party in Malaya. It was the request of a man who had been in the jungle for seven of the

7 1/2 years of the Malayan war that has taken 10,000 lives.
The answer was no.
He asked for freedom of political movement for the Communists.

The answer was no.
The 36-year old Red leader and his aides came here at the invitation of Abdul Rahman, who wanted to explain the terms of the amnesty he proposed last September when he was chosen to head Malaya's first popularly elected government. Abdul Rahman said he was not offering to negotiate a peace settlement — only offering amnesty to Communists who surrender.

Chin sounded almost—the people who heard him said—like a man grasping for a straw.
His ragged army of Communists could give him a guard of only

40 men when he was brought to the edge of the jungle for Wednesday's meeting.
He rode and strode like a victor. But he was not that when he got to the English school where Abdul Rahman, David Marshall, chief minister of the British Colony of Singapore, and Sir Chen Lock Tan, president of the Malay-Chinese party, faced him down in the first two meetings.

FIRST AID HOUSE
GREENVILLE, S. C. (AP) — If you must have a wreck here, it would be a good idea to try to arrange it near the Sherwood Court apartments. Five doctors interned at Greenville General Hospital live in the apartment house. At almost any hour a doctor is readily available.

Judge Denies Plea to Hear Graham Case

DENVER (AP) — Dist. Judge Edward J. Keating denied a defense motion Wednesday that he hear the forthcoming murder trial of John Gilbert Graham, 23-year-old accused plane saboteur.

The result is that Judge Joseph M. McDonald will preside at the trial, for which no date has been set.

Under a Denver court practice which requires the annual rotation of judges between civil and criminal divisions, Judge McDonald will replace Judge Keating on the criminal bench Jan. 11.

Court-appointed attorney for Graham, accused of murdering his mother, Mrs. Daisie E. King, 54, in the bombing of a United Air Lines plane in which 44 persons were killed Nov. 1, argued that

Cook Formally Charged in Try To Bomb Building

PARIS (AP) — Daniel Havas, the pastry cook who mixed up bombs on the side, was formally charged Wednesday with trying to destroy a public edifice—the famed Basilica of Sacre Coeur.

But whether Havas will ever answer the charge was doubtful. The judge said he would name a panel of psychiatrists Thursday to examine him.

Havas, who said he wanted to demonstrate against explosions of nuclear weapons, is accused of putting a time bomb near one of Sacre Coeur's altars. The bomb was discovered Christmas Day before it had ticked to the exploding time.

Beating should continue on the bench in the case because he has heard all preliminary motions.



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PORTLAND (AP) — Clinton R. Perkins, Seattle, Wednesday filed suit in federal district court here to foreclose a \$150,000 mortgage on the Pilot Butte Inn at Bend.

Names as defendants were Jack and Anna Corbett, Bend; Frank and Lucille Corbett, Sacramento; Harold and Carol Corbett, Hermosa Beach, Calif.; Peggy and Gene Harris, Mesa, Ariz. and the U.S. government, which has tax liens against the hotel.

Perkins said the Corbett family bought the Fry Hotel in Seattle from him for \$925,000 and that as part of the agreement, he was given a mortgage on the Bend hotel for exercise if they defaulted on their contract.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A quick-acting vice-president foiled a downtown bank robbery Wednesday by tackling a gunman.

The robber had taken \$500 from teller Agnes Richie and started out the door of a California Branch bank when Joseph Magofin ran from his desk and brought him down.

He held the robber until bank guard Ralph Hanson seized the man's automatic pistol.

The gunman identified himself as Robert Norman, 32, a transient. Booked on suspicion of robbery, he said he came here from Las Vegas "broke from gambling and looking for a stake."

"Tell those people in the bank not to fool around with a guy with a gun," Norman advised police. "The next time they might get hurt. The next guy won't be chicken like me."