

Flood Waters Recede Slowly; Families Going Back Home

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type of crop that will stand the water. That is one of the main troubles with not having the area drained. If it were drained, a greater variety of crops could be planted there."

Red Cross
The Red Cross, which was sending trucks to Springfield Thursday to help families return to their home or move to Red Cross facilities in Eugene, said Richard Gordon, administrator of disaster

service for Pacific Area Red Cross, arrived in Eugene Wednesday night. He will aid local personnel in making a damage survey Friday.

A spokesman for the Red Cross Disaster Committee said Thursday the Red Cross was "especially grateful" for having U. S. Engineer and Naval Reserve personnel in the office and on call at all hours during the flood.

Says Thanks
"We can't thank them enough for their wonderful help," Mrs.

Cora Pirtle, chapter manager, said Thursday.
Ambulance men from this area reported that some patients, including maternity cases, were brought to Eugene from Oakridge and Klamath Falls on the train Wednesday night, and taken to local hospitals from there.

In one case an ambulance drove to the washout near Lowell, and a patient was brought as far as the washout from that community, carried across the break in the road, and brought to the hospital.

Advise Shots
Dr. Anthony Triolo, city-county health officer, advised Thursday that typhoid shots be taken by all persons living in areas where the drinking water may have been polluted. The dispensary at the county courthouse will be open all day Friday and Saturday morning for this purpose, or the family doctor may be consulted.

City-supplied water has not been polluted in the county, Dr. Triolo said, because hourly checks have been made in all cities and additional chlorine used to purify.

Classes to Meet
Classes in all Springfield schools were due to resume Friday, Supt. E. H. Sikke announced, and four schools closed Thursday in Eugene District 4 will also resume classes Friday.

Along Highway 99 South, next to the overpass by the Willamette Park, workmen were removing heavy logs from the highway Thursday, straightening and replacing telephone poles and removing debris from the thoroughfares.

Debris Cleared
D. L. Hancock, proprietor of a grocery store in that area, was using a shovel to remove debris from the inside of his store. A few bananas were still hanging high out of the water's reach and the owner counted himself "lucky" since a \$2000 ice box was unharmed.

A house, wedged against the railroad trestle, had to be dynamited away. Other small sheds were wadded across streets and generally out of place by more than 100 feet.

Losses Shed
A farmer, milking his cow under a tree, said he had lost one shed but that two large roofs lodged against his home had been caused by the "big flood" in 1945.

Large chunks of the macadam highway had been chewed out by the angry waters.

Water board employees at the Eighth Ave. steam plant reported Thursday they saw five teen-age youths going down the Willamette River in a boat Wednesday afternoon, waving to persons on the bank and having a "wonderful time."

Oregon Roads Open After High Water

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The Oregon Coast and the Dalles-California Highway until highway crews can erect two Bailey bridges loaned by the Army.

The Oregon Coast Highway was closed by high water six miles south of Coquille, but traffic may go through by Thursday night. The North Santiam was closed by a slide at Sardine, and Junction City-Eugene secondary was closed Thursday but expected to open

lated in the day.
Highway 99 West from Junction City to Corvallis was open Thursday, but the east route was still closed. The Richardson-Eugene secondary was open, but some water still reported on the road, while one-way traffic was in effect east of Vida because of slides.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS CHIEF
WASHINGTON —(UPI)— President Truman Thursday announced he is appointing George V. Allen, now ambassador to Iran, as assistant secretary of state for public affairs.

Survivors Say Tried to Cancel

SAVANNAH, Ga. —(UPI)— Authorities Thursday investigated claims of survivors that they had tried unsuccessfully to cancel their reservations on a chartered DC-3 airliner that crashed near here Wednesday, killing 17 persons and injuring nine.
The converted Army C-47, en

route from Newark, N. J., to Puerto Rico, crashed and burned in swampy marshes near the mouth of the Savannah river.
Pilgrims
Of the dead, 14 were Puerto Ricans from the New York area making a pilgrimage to their homeland. Another was Plane Captain Aldoni Atonioli.
Two other bodies, burned to a crisp, were said to be those of U. S. internal revenue agents picked up in Philadelphia. They were burned so badly that they were not immediately identifiable. In Philadelphia, it was disclosed

that Revenue Agents Harry Cook, 37, and Gerson Brock, 37, had left for Florida.
CAB CHIEF NOMINATED
WASHINGTON —(UPI)— President Truman Thursday named Maj. Gen. Laurence S. Knecht as chairman of the civil nautics board, succeeding M. Landis.

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