



End of Coal Strike Saddened One—Although happy the coal strike is over, Clint Conger expresses sadness as he ponders what to do with eight tons of high grade coal, which is only slightly less expensive than gold. Conger trucked the coal to Cleveland from Pomeroy, O., a distance of 250 miles, only to be greeted by Clevelanders reluctant to pay the \$30-a-ton he asked because end of the strike promised more and cheaper coal. He wouldn't say what the coal cost him—just "plenty." (Acme Telephoto)

Floods Subside In Washington

(By the Associated Press)
Flooded lowland farms popped back into view throughout western Washington today as rain-swollen rivers slowly coursed back into normal channels.

The weather bureau said only light sprinkles were in store for Tuesday. Then it was expected that rivers would be back to normal.

Hundreds of acres of farmland was covered before flood waters began to recede. Most of it, however, was in lowland areas where spring-time floods are expected each year.

Primary damage was in the area lining the Snohomish and Snoqualmie rivers, north of Seattle, and the Green river, in the Renton valley to the south.

Those and other streams were swollen by a four-day torrent which in many western Washington areas dropped more rain than is normal for the entire month of March.

Seattle, where March rainfall normally is 3.05 inches, received between 3 1/2 and 4 inches from Thursday to Sunday. At Aberdeen, 4.83 inches between Thursday and Saturday night brought the year's rainfall to date to more than 30 inches.

In both cities, and elsewhere, the deluge was accompanied by flooded streets and slides. A rain-loosened slide shoved two Aberdeen houses 15 to 25 feet off their foundations with damage estimated at \$10,000 to \$15,000. The Grays Harbor road west of neighboring Hoquiam was covered by another slide.

Several houses were damaged at Seattle. One, occupied by University of Washington football coach Howie Odell, had a wall smashed in and the bedroom covered with mud.

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Kickoff—Smiling broadly, Bradford Da Pont, 8-year-old Easter Seal boy of Glenwood, Calif., presents California Governor Earl Warren with the first sheet of stamps at the state capitol in Sacramento as the kickoff for the Easter Seal campaign of the California Society for Crippled Children. The National East-Seal campaign runs from March 9 through April 9. (Acme Telephoto)

Yamhill Needs Special Tax To Fix Winter Road Damage

Excessive winter storm damage to Yamhill county roads was such that only a special tax levy for road rebuilding purposes will remedy the situation, is the belief of Yamhill County Judge H. M. Hoskins.

Funds now available are insufficient to repair the damage which is estimated around \$500,000 or even greater than the amount of damage the previous year.

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one way or another prior to March 10 if a request for a special road tax levy is to appear on the May primary election ballot.

Members of the county court are cautious about the suggested road levy with their feelings based upon past records. A measure asking for three mills for county road repair purposes was soundly defeated at the May 1948 primary election.

Request for a flat \$90,000 for road purposes on the 1948 November ballot was defeated by 264 votes. Only McMinnville and Grand Ronde communities expressed themselves in favor while Newberg rejected the measure 1334 to 985, sufficient negative votes to kill the proposal approved in other districts of the county.

The county court met with the McMinnville chamber of commerce Monday in an effort to agree upon a workable plan.

Golden-Colored Drug Scores Again in Battle Against Disease

By PAUL F. ELLIS
New York, March 6 (U.P.)—Aureomycin, the golden-colored drug, has scored again in the battle against disease.

This time, the drug has been found to have "definite benefit" in the treatment of infectious mononucleosis, a strange but not uncommon disease.

The new report comes from Drs. Harold A. Lyons and Edward M. Hard, of the U. S. naval hospital, St. Albans, N. Y., who tested the drug on 18 persons. Twenty-five other patients were treated without the drug.

Persons with the communicable disease have a high fever, a sore throat, generally swollen lymph glands. It's a tough disease to beat quickly.

The naval doctors, in a report to the New York academy of medicine, said that in less than 30 days in 72 per cent of the cases as compared to 36 per cent in the group not given the drug.

Duration of the hospital stay was comparable in the two groups to the duration of the disease, they reported.

The drug also cut down the high fever usually present. The doctors said with the aureomycin treatment, 40 per cent of the patients returned to normal room temperature in 24 hours after treatment was started, and 70 per cent within 72 hours.

The disease is difficult to diagnose because of the numerous symptoms that resemble other diseases. Its cause is unknown. The disease also effects the blood, but the doctors said that aureomycin, although it brings benefit, apparently does not influence the blood.

Aureomycin is one of medical scientists' newest drugs. It already has been found effective in numerous bacterial diseases, and has been helpful in some types of venereal disease.



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World Ridiculed Telephone At Time of First Showing

By HARMON W. NICHOLS
Washington, March 6 (U.P.)—It was a blister, that summer day in Philadelphia in 1876.

Inventors around the country had bought floor space at the Centennial exposition; Alexander Graham Bell among them.

Bell had a lot of gear on hand over a wire." He was nervous. In a sweat, in fact. The people were ignoring his exhibit in droves.

Finally, the judges came along, including one Dom Pedro, the Emperor of Brazil. Young Alex, rabbit-eared, heard one of the umpires mention that they were about through for the day and would complete the judging on the morrow.

Bell, a professor at a college in East Boston, on the morrow would be back in Beantown grading examination papers.

He sweat some more.

At that point Dom Pedro recognized the young man in the jet black beard.

"How do you do, Mr. Bell," the emperor said.

The judges kept on melting their collars. They could not walk away from their imperial gaud.

The catch phrase on the original transmission was "to be or not to be—that is the question."

One of the witnesses was Sir William Thomson of England (later Lord Kelvin.) He returned to the isles all steamed up about the new gimmick and made a lot of speeches, paraphrasing the original with "to be or not to be—that is the rub."

Anyhow, Alexander Graham Bell had no bed of roses.

Amity Dislikes Mail Schedule

Amity — Amity commercial club, at its regular meeting, considered the postal problem confronting Amity business men and the community club as to the lack of adequate delivery of mail to Amity from the South.

Since January 1 when Oregon Motor Stages terminated its contract for the early morning (8:04 a. m.) north bound mail delivery, Amity has only one north bound mail delivery, 4 p. m.

This condition is being considered a drawback to business interests, mail going out at 4 p. m. cannot be delivered at the right time in other cities to facilitate business transactions.

M. Flory, Portland, district superintendent who makes up the mail schedules, sent a lengthy letter explaining that the postal authorities must cut expenses and that the Oregon Motor Stage company demanded more pay for its service than was previously paid to the Southern Pacific company when it turned the job over to the stage company.

The club will consider other plans for a better service here. Mayor Frank Chambers reported from the city council that the state highway commission had made another preliminary price for paving streets adjacent to the Amity high school and that the council is considering the plans.

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Worlds, Seen and Unseen, May Be Traced Thru Space

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Let us look around the sky and locate the "other worlds," both seen and unseen. Excluding the earth and the hundreds of tiny asteroids, there are eight known planets. Of these, five are easily seen without optical aid when not too near the direction of the sun.

Gorgeous Venus now rises in the east southeast about two hours before sunrise and swings somewhat southward as it climbs the heavens. It is at its greatest apparent brilliance and can be seen as a tiny pearly-white spot in a clear, blue daytime sky, if one knows just where to look.

Between 9 and 9:30 a. m. for the next two weeks, search a little lower than the sun's noon position. If you are on the shady side of a house, your chances of spotting the planet are the best.

Jupiter and Mercury are very close together in the dawn sky, but are too near the sun for observation. Saturn and Mars are in nice positions in the evening sky. About 6 p. m. — much later if you are near hills or considerably west of your standard time meridian — Mars, very bright and glowing with a decidedly red tinge, clears the horizon almost due east.

On Monday the big full moon slid up the sky alongside this fiery planet. The following evening, Luna will be much farther east and will rise over an hour later. This will give an observer a good idea of the moon's eastward motion around the earth.

Considerably higher than Mars, not so luminous and somewhat farther south, yellow Saturn shines steadily. Still higher and almost exactly in line with the two planets — and fainter even than Saturn — we find the

bright star Regulus. This star is at the end of the handle of The Sickle, a group of rather faint stars arranged in the shape of the common garden tool used for cutting grass. The curved blade extends northward from the handle and has the open side upward.

The most distant planet, Pluto, which requires 248 years to encircle the sun once, is very near the blade of The Sickle. Although it can be seen only through large telescopes, there may be some satisfaction in pointing to a spot very slightly west of the star at the tip of the blade and remarking, "There is Pluto."

At 8 p. m., another distant planet, Uranus, is a little south of directly overhead. Neptune, between Uranus and Pluto in distance, now appears near Mars. Both Uranus and Neptune can be seen through telescopes of moderate power — even through good field glasses.

On March 27, Mars will be nearer the earth than at any time since January 1946. This column will be given entirely to this planet on March 19.

PTA Offers Benefit
Willamina — Members of the Parent-Teachers association are planning a benefit program for March 10. Funds raised will go into the "dishwasher fund" the organization has set up to pay for the dishwasher at the grade school cafeteria.

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