

FEBRUARY SNOWS BRIGHTEN STATE'S WATER PROSPECT

Oregon's 1945 water supply prospect has shown modest improvement during February, the March report of Arch Work, in charge of federal-state cooperative snow survey and irrigation water forecasts states.

The outlook continues poor in many localities despite Febru-

ary snowfall approximately normal. Most lands served chiefly from reservoirs have in sight, good to fair water supplies, the report says. Areas depending on unregulated stream flows have in prospect, fair to deficient supplies.

Mountain snow cover continues below average, though the February snowfall was nearly normal. Snow cover above 5000 feet is about 12 per cent greater than that of a year ago, and approximately 80 per cent of normal. Below normal the snow cover is 53 per cent of one year ago, and only 38 per cent of normal, the report explains.

Total water stored in principal Oregon irrigation reservoirs is only seven per cent less than

of March 1 last year, and is 94 per cent of the ten year average. Total storage now averages 46 per cent of capacity, and the number of reservoirs half full or better, is less than in the past years.

Precipitation accumulated in Oregon valleys since October 1 is 86 per cent of normal, as compared with 72 per cent for last year, at this time.

Preliminary forecasts of April-September stream flow, based on existing mountain snow cover, and figuring the increase during March will be average, indicate a state-wide deficiency of run-off, the report shows. Greatest deficiencies in flow are foreseen for the Malheur and Silvies rivers, Deep Creek in Warner valley, and for supply to Ochoco, Crescent Lake, and Hiatt Prairie reservoirs. Prospects are relatively better elsewhere in the state, but still are far below normal run-off.

REV. KRING TO LEAD NAZARENE SERVICES

The Rev. J. A. Kring, of Pasadena, Calif., for many years a successful pastor, revivalist, author and editor, will speak Sunday mornings and nights, and Wednesday nights, starting today, in the Church of the Nazarene. The series will continue to and including the morning service, Sunday, March 25.

Rev. Kring will lead personal workers in visiting many Medford homes during the next two weeks in a program sponsored by the local Nazarene church.

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OBITUARY

GEORGE F. ROTH

George F. (Jack) Roth passed away at the family home on Ross Lane Friday. Mr. Roth was born at Macomb, Ill., January 26, 1870. He and Mrs. Roth moved to Oregon in 1937, and had lived at Trail, Ore., until six weeks ago, when they moved to Medford because of Mr. Roth's failing health.

Mr. Roth was united in marriage to Deborah E. Swygard, March 19, 1930, at Kahoka, Mo. Besides his wife he is survived by four children by a former marriage: Mrs. Frieda Mathews, Mount Union, Iowa; John Roth, Forest Park, Ga.; Frank Roth, Lockridge, Iowa, and Albert Roth, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, also two brothers in Avon, Ill.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Perle Funeral Home Monday at 2 p. m., the Rev. Blay, of Trail, officiating. Interment will be in Medford I.O.O.F. cemetery.

CLAUDE GAINES

Claude Gaines, 49, passed away Saturday in Portland where he had gone for medical treatment last Thursday. He was born in Medford and had spent the early part of his life in the Lake Creek and Eagle Point districts. The remains will be brought to Medford for services and interment. Arrangements are in care of Conger-Morris chapel.

Elks Convention Is Called Off On Account of War

The annual BPO Elks Grand Lodge convention, scheduled for New York City next July, has been cancelled to comply with the recent request of the War Mobilization Director, C. C. Leonard, exalted ruler of Medford Lodge No. 1188 announced today.

Mr. Leonard quoted from a letter received from Dr. Robert South Barrett of Alexandria, Va., grand exalted ruler of the national fraternity, in which he said: "I am advising the 700,000 members of the 1409 Elks Lodges throughout the country that the grand exalted ruler and the board of grand trustees have ordered suspension of the 1945 Grand Lodge Session. This decision was made in order to comply with the recent request of war mobilization director, James F. Byrnes, that all gatherings of more than fifty people be suspended for the duration."

Allies Seize High Ground Near Vergato

Rome, March 10 — (U.P.) — The U. S. 10th Mountain Division has seized high ground to the east and north to tighten their ring around Vergato, doomed fortress town on the road from Pistoia to Bologna, the Allied Command announced today.

The Americans fought through rugged terrain to take all high ground on the east bank of the Reno river to about one mile north of the stronghold. They captured Carviano, one mile to the east, yesterday.

To the west, other U. S. Fifth Division troops occupied the high ground overlooking Africo and sent patrols to the town's outskirts.

London, March 10 — (U.P.) — Maurice Chevalier, the gay boulevardier of prewar Paris and Hollywood, will return to the London theater next month for the first time since the fall of France.

MOOTER FUNERAL RITES ARE TODAY

The bodies of Opal Wheeler Mooter and her son, Lionel, found dead in a cabin on Savage Creek last week, were taken to Canby, Ore., Friday night where funeral services will be held today.

Mrs. Mooter was born in Canby March 14, 1905, and had been in southern Oregon 16 years. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irvine Wheeler, Canby, three brothers, Robert W. and Harvey H. Wheeler, Canby, and Raleigh W. Wheeler, Clatskanie, and two sisters, Mrs. Lillian M. Ayers, Portland, and Mrs. Wava D. Woolen, Seattle.

Lionel Jene Mooter was born in Oregon City March 31, 1930, and is survived by his grandparents at Canby.

Ashland Soldier Killed In Action

Ashland, March 10 — T/Sgt. Lambert John Barker, eldest of five sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Barker of Ashland, all in the service, died of wounds received while in action with Gen. Patch's Seventh Army on Feb. 26, according to word received by his wife, the former Marjorie Stratton, Friday night.

Sgt. Barker was a graduate of Ashland high school and Southern Oregon College of Education, where he took a prominent part in dramatics. He taught school in the valley for three years and enlisted in the army July, 1943.

HENRY PADGHAM NAMED HEAD OF DAIRY CO-OP

Southwest Oregon Cooperative elected Henry Padgham, 1109 Niantic street, president of the organization at a recent meeting held in Medford. Other members elected to the board of directors are Jewell D. Lowe and C. N. Gillmore of Ashland, Roscoe Roberts of Eagle Point and Glen Chase of Gold Hill. The dairymen's association will hold a meeting in Ashland City Hall next Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

JOHN R. MORRIS DIES AT JACKSONVILLE HOME

Services for John R. Morris, 58, who passed away at his home in Jacksonville Saturday, will be held in the Conger-Morris chapel at 1:30 p. m. Monday with interment in the Jacksonville cemetery. A complete obituary will be published Monday.

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DALE HIBBS, APPLIGATE, HURT IN BELGIAN BULGE

Ashland, March 10 — Dale Hibbs, son of Frank Hibbs, suffered a rifle wound in the leg while serving with Gen. Patton's Third Army during the Belgium bulge, according to word received by his father. Hibbs, who moved to the Applegate county from Ashland a short time ago, had received no word of his son's injury until hearing directly from the boy.

EVANGELIST COMING TO ASHLAND ON MARCH 12

Rev. Elmer McKay, evangelist from Greenville, Ill., will conduct revival services at the Free Methodist church, 777 E. Main street, in Ashland, from March 12 through March 25. Rev. McKay is said to be one of America's greatest evangelists. The public is invited to hear his messages, which will begin each evening at 7:30.

Joins Marines — Clarence E. Powell, of 440 South Riverside, who recently entered the marine corps, left for the San Diego "boot" camp March 5. An employe of the Firestone Auto Supply company in civil life, Powell is also an active member of the local branch of the Eagles club. His wife, Mrs. Edna B. Powell,

and daughter will live at the Medford address while he is in the service.

Almost one-tenth of all employes on the federal payroll as of March 31, 1944, were Negroes. The total number employed was 273,971.

Court Records

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John Andrew Norris, drunk, \$10 fine.

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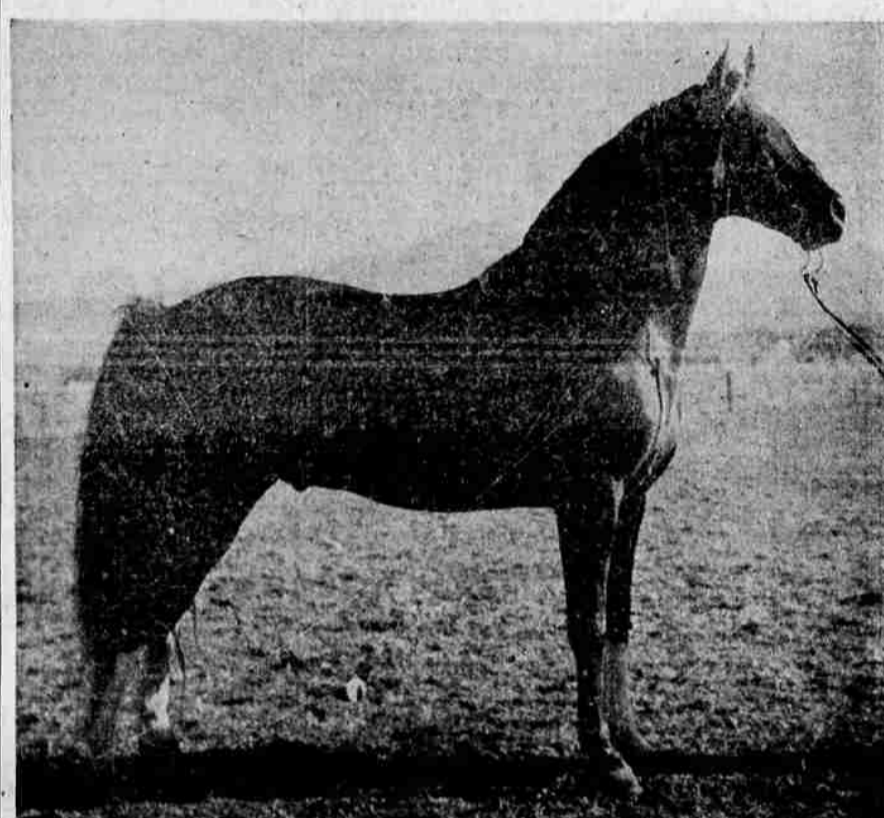
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