

Columbia River Towns May Expect Floods This Spring

Wenatchee, Wash., Apr. 27.—Towns along the banks of the Columbia river are in for a flood this spring, but not as serious as the disastrous one of 1948, Columbia river flood forecaster Elmer Fisher predicted today.

Fisher, weather bureau flood forecaster at Portland, Ore., said the Columbia would crest at 51½ feet at the measuring gauge at Trinidad, Wash., just below here. He said that would be 21 feet higher than the river is today, but eight and one-half feet short of the 1948 crest.

Rise Seen Gradual

The increase in flow was not expected for a few days and it was predicted the rise would be gradual for some time.

Fisher forecast the Columbia to be only six feet below the 1948 peak at Portland, and a certain amount of trouble was to be expected all along the river.

It was thought 11 big gates at Grand Coulee dam could be raised to peel off the crest of the flood.

The present flow of water over the dam is 105,000 cubic feet per second. At Wenatchee the flow is 120,000 cubic feet per second due to additional flow from the Entiat, Methow and Wenatchee rivers, engineers said.

Siskiyou Meat Dealer Will Get New Trial

Sacramento, Apr. 27.—(U.P.)—The Third district court of appeals ordered a new trial today for A. Katcher, Siskiyou county meat dealer, convicted of defrauding a Dixon, Cal., cattle auctioneer.

Katcher, president of Katcher Meat Co., Inc., was charged with giving a worthless check for \$10,050 to Brahs Bros., Dixon, for cattle bought at auction Oct. 30, 1948. He was acquitted on a charge of "issuing a fictitious check" but convicted of "obtaining property under false pretenses."

The appellate court held that a new trial was in order because the trial judge failed to instruct the jury that the law requires specific proof that the fraud was intended. Katcher testified at the trial that the check had been issued with the understanding that Brahs Bros. would wait until he had raised the money by butchering and re-selling the cattle.

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(Acme Telephoto)
DENIES ROMANCE—Actress Shirley Temple denied reports that she is engaged to Charles Black, son of a utilities executive, with whom she is shown at the Bachelors' Ball, held in San Francisco. Shirley refused to say if she would marry Black when her divorce becomes final.

'Kathy Fiscus' Law Results in Penalty

Marshall, Mich., Apr. 27.—(U.P.)—The first person believed convicted under Michigan's "Kathy Fiscus" law paid a \$31.90 fine today for failing to cover an open well.

Farmer Starr Wallbeck paid the fine rather than serve 30 days in jail.

Michigan's legislature passed a law requiring old wells to be covered after the tragic death of three-year-old Kathy Fiscus in California more than a year ago. Wallbeck's neighbors complained the open well was dangerous for children living in the area.

Dance Instructor To Preside at Institute

Ashland, Apr. 27.—First instruction of a four session folk dance institute will be given Friday, April 28, at 8 p.m. at Southern Oregon College Memorial court.

Henry "Buzz" Glass, founder of the California Folk Dance federation will be instructor.

Other sessions are scheduled Saturday at 9 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. There will be a small tuition charge. Many of the dances will be based on the schottische, waltz and polka of the couple round dances and circle progressive variety.

Two New Blood Tests to Detect Active Tuberculosis

By Paul F. Ellis
United Press Science Editor

Washington, Apr. 27.—(U.P.)—Two new blood tests to detect active tuberculosis and which may serve as a barometer on progress of the disease were announced today at the annual meeting of the national tuberculosis association.

One test, reported by Dr. Gardner Middlebrook of New York's Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, may prove to be to tuberculosis what the Wasserman test is to syphilis.

Elements Checked
It uses two elements in a patient's blood that can be checked against one another to determine whether tuberculosis germs are at their deadly work in the human body.

The other test, reported by Dr. Bruno Gerstle of the Veterans' hospital, Oakland, Cal., measures the blood's gamma globulin that carries antibodies, or disease fighters. It has been found that the gamma globulin content appears to rise with an increase of disease and fall with improvement in the patient's condition.

The new test reported by Middlebrook is an improvement over a technique he previously announced in conjunction with Dr. Rene J. Dubos, also of the Rockefeller institute.

Earlier Test Successful
The earlier test, requiring the use of red blood cells from sheep, has been reported as successful in determining the presence of active tuberculosis.

The sheep cells were made sensitive to tuberculosis by treating them with an extract made from the disease germs. As a result, a specific antigen—a substance that stimulates the production of antibodies—adhered to the cells, which then were mixed in a test tube with serum from a patient's blood. If the person had tuberculosis, antibodies in the serum caused the sensitized cells to clump together.

Middlebrook said he has performed the test with the pa-

tient's own red blood cells. The new technique, he said, has the advantage of convenience since it is not always easy to obtain sheep's blood.

Medford's Oldest Laundry Purchased

The sale of Medford's oldest laundry and dry cleaning establishment, the Domestic, was announced today by Glenn Fabrick, vice-president of the corporation. The new owner, A. A. Dumas, Portland, has purchased a home here and will take over operation of the plant on May 1.

The Domestic has been in the Fabrick family since 1907, and at its present location, 30 North Riverside avenue, since 1922. Glenn Fabrick became the active manager after the death of his father in 1932. He is vice-president of the corporation and his mother, Mrs. Margaret Fabrick, is president.

To Toketee
Fabrick has accepted a position as commissary steward at the California Oregon Power company hydroelectric development at Toketee falls. He is employed by the Flint and Shaw commissary contractors of Sacramento.

The new owner was formerly manager of the National Laundry company at Portland. He was associated with that firm for 25 years. A son, Murrey, a senior at Oregon State college, will join his father in the new business here in June.

Real Estate Bank Loans Set Record

Washington, Apr. 27.—(U.P.)—Bank loans on real estate rose 1 million in the week ending April 19 to a new record high of \$4,502,000,000, the regular weekly condition statement of reporting federal reserve member banks showed today.

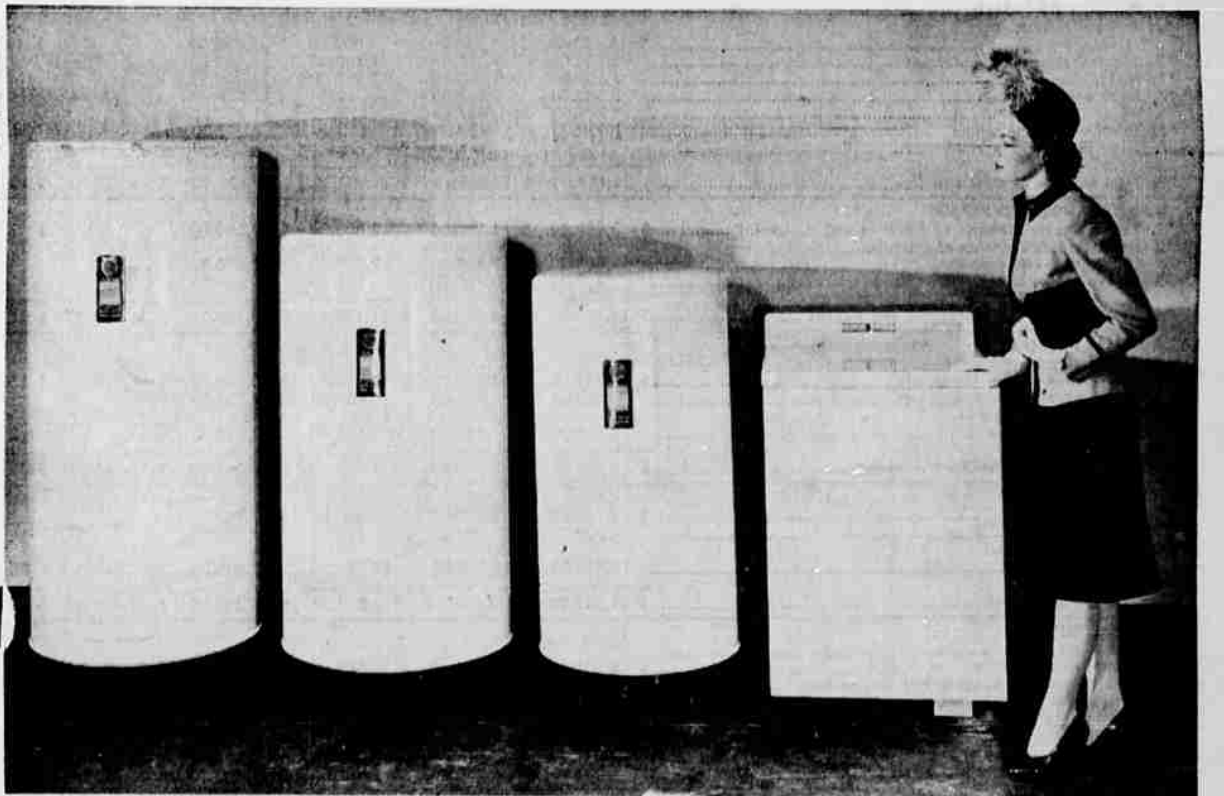
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