

Rising Columbia River Inundates Two Widely Separated Areas

Portland, Ore., June 23—(U.P.)—The rising Columbia river poured flood waters into two areas 1500 miles apart today and officials kept close watch on two other Pacific northwest rivers.

A levee in Columbia Diking District No. 1 broke today, sending water into the downstream end of Sauvie island about 20 miles northwest of Portland. And at Trail, B. C., about 1500 miles northeast of Sauvie island, floodwaters swept through low-lying sections. A half-foot of water was reported in the living rooms of some smaller city homes. At least three houses were roped to trees so the river could not sweep them away.

Sheriff M. R. Calhoun of Columbia county said the Sauvie island break was on the Peterson dairy ranch. He said the sheriff's office was sending boats from St. Helens, about 15 miles farther downstream, to evacuate residents of the area. He said he understood livestock already was being moved to higher ground.

The flooded area is a rich dairy and farming area on Sauvie island, bounded on the north by the Columbia river and

on the south by Columbia slough. The area is only sparsely populated.

At Trail the Columbia pushed through a dike built after the disastrous 1948 flood. Flood Controller J. V. Rogers said water streamed along Trail's main street.

Death toll in Pacific northwest floods reached 11 as Harry Horcoff, 19-year-old Doukhobor, drowned at Castlegar and Arthur R. Bishop, 42, fell off his horse while fording Bonaparte river.

The Fraser river, meanwhile, was reported at its lowest level this week. Dikes along the 100-mile Fraser valley remained firm despite a driving rain and windstorm. But soldiers and volunteers repaired soft spots in the dikes and constant patrols were being maintained.

In northern Idaho, 200 army engineers joined national guardsmen and volunteers in patrolling the swollen Kootenai river as a strong wind whipped water against sodden dikes.

Meantime, Elmer Fisher, weather bureau river forecaster

at Portland, predicted the Columbia's crest would be a foot and a half higher than his previous forecast because of heavy rains in the watersheds. Fisher said the river at Vancouver, Wash., would reach 26.1 feet by Monday, 11.1 feet above flood stage.

The weather bureau's river gauge on the Willamette at Portland showed 24.2 feet in an official reading yesterday and the Columbia at Vancouver was at 24.6.

Fisher predicted the following levels:

Columbia at Vancouver: 24.8 feet today, 25 tomorrow, 25.5 Sunday and 26.1 Monday.

Willamette at Portland: 24.4 feet today, 24.6 tomorrow, 25.1 Sunday and 25.7 Monday.

Weather conditions in the upper Columbia basin during the next few days will determine whether the rivers level off and begin a decline during the middle of next week. Reports today from the headwaters of the Columbia indicated the flood there was as severe as it was in 1948.

The higher flood crest here was blamed on two factors, the sudden rise in the Snake river system and the release of waters from Bonneville dam to make way for the torrent from above.

Local authorities closed the Northern Pacific underpass on North Swift boulevard and students at Vanport extension center were working on sandbag dikes to protect their main building.

Some industries along the waterfronts of Portland and Vancouver were forced to shut down because of rising waters but others built makeshift levees and continued operations.

"It looks like the Columbia will continue rising at the rate of 14 inches a day for a day or two at least," Rogers said. The stream was more than a foot above flood level at Trail.

At Okanogan, Wash., the Okanogan river gradually receded nearly a foot. Some roads which had stood six inches under water were left covered with a slimy film of mud.

Mayor Lee Odle, Rainier, Ore., announced an emergency dike patrol would be placed on Columbia river levees immediately. The dikes there broke in 1948, flooding more than 40 homes.

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Railroads Begin Stopping Trains In Face of Strike

Pullman Conductors Ordered Out July 10

Chicago, June 23—(U.P.)—Five western railroads began stopping trains today in the face of an AFL switchmen's strike scheduled to hit them within 48 hours.

Meanwhile, the Order of Railway conductors called a strike of all Pullman conductors for July 10 to enforce demands to reduce the total hours worked each month from 225 to 210 for each of the 2,000 Pullman workers.

The AFL Switchmen's Union of North America has called a strike for 6 a.m. local time Sunday against five western lines to support demands for a reduction in the work week from 48 to 40 hours with no loss of pay.

The Rock Island, the Denver and Rio Grande Western and the Chicago Great Western announced that they would halt all service during the strike.

The Western Pacific placed an embargo on all livestock and perishable shipments but the Great Northern, a major road with 28,000 employees in 10 states, said it would "do the best we can" to keep normal schedules.

It was announced that the fast California Zephyrs would be halted because they use Western Pacific track west of Salt Lake City. The westbound Zephyr, which left Chicago yesterday, was making its final run and the eastbound Zephyr was scheduled to start its final run from San Francisco this morning.

The strike was expected to have a far-reaching effect on shipping in the area. Thousands of workers were likely to be laid off in industries which rely on the roads for shipping.

About 60,000 railroadmen would be affected if all five lines halted service.

Letter Carriers To Convene Here

The first contingents of some 275 Oregon letter carriers are expected at the Medford hotel tonight where a registration desk has been set up for the 47th annual Oregon convention of the National Association of Letter Carriers and the ladies auxiliary.

The cochairmen for the convocation, Randolph Huggah and Bernice Wilson, have made arrangements for a banquet and dance Saturday at the Medford hotel at 8:30 p. m. It will be the high point of the convention, and guests of honor are to include Reuben B. Kreners, assistant secretary of the NALC, Washington, D. C.; Charles N. Coyle, national state vice-president, Portland; Harry Palmer, Oregon state president, Tillamook; Wyatt F. Ranlett, chairman, rural committee, Green Acres, Wash.; Acting Medford Postmaster Moore Hamilton and Assistant Postmaster Hugo Gunther; Supervisor of Mails Otto De Jannett; Postal Inspector J. A. Eldswick, and Mayor Diamond Flynn.

Business sessions for the letter carriers are to be held in the IOOF hall and the auxiliary will conduct its business at the Eagles hall. The two-day convention program will also feature a band concert by the Letter Carriers' band from the Portland branch.

Portland, Ore., June 23—(U.P.)—President Franklin J. Smith of the Oregon Association of Hospitals announced today that hospital rates will increase throughout the state July 1.

WEATHER

Forecast: Generally cloudy tonight and Saturday with few showers, mostly over mountains. Continued mild.

Highest yesterday	77
Lowest this morning	59



ENJOY STRIKE'S END—Roistering Shriners crowd one of the first following the settling of the six-day transit workers' strike. The group having fun is the Al Bahr Temple from San Diego, Calif.

O & C Right of Way Rules Get Criticism

New rules and regulations governing acquisition of rights of way to timber on O and C reserved lands by timber operators were subjected to strong criticism at a meeting of the Medford district O and C advisory board here yesterday.

Floyd Hart, president of Timber Products company, who is a member of the state board of forestry and of the state O and C advisory committee, said he felt the new rules will not be adequate.

Said Unsatisfactory "I am sorry to say that I think the regulations are unsatisfactory," Hart declared. "They were drawn up in a confused atmosphere and I don't believe the regulations as presently drawn are workable or equitable. They are impractical, inequitable and unworkable," he said.

Hart was a member of the state board's sub-committee which worked for nearly two years in preparing the regulations, which cover six pages of small print.

Daniel L. Goldy, regional administrator of the bureau of land management who also was active in formulation of the regulations, gave a general description of the policies under which they were drawn up and put into effect by the secretary of the interior. He stated he felt

Approval Given Soil Conservation District

Representatives of the state soil conservation committee held a hearing at the Sams Valley school last night found unanimous support for the formation of a soil conservation district in the Sams Valley-Beagle-Table Rock areas.

Committee Member Otto Bohmert, Central Point, and Executive Secretary Howard Cushman, Corvallis, conducted the hearing and will report their findings to the full committee at its next meeting in Salem, July 22. On the basis of the enthusiasm expressed by the landowners of the three communities, it is expected that the committee may order a referendum election to be held about August 16 to settle the matter definitely.

Santa Barbara, Cal., June 23 (U.P.)—Radio Announcer Don Wilson, 49, and Virginia Corbel, 43, were married here last night.

Road's End Reached By Negro Pastor's Ancient Automobile

Seattle, June 23—(U.P.)—It was the end of the road today for a 1926 automobile, described by Washington state patrolmen as "one of the worst we've ever seen."

The car owned by the Rev. William E. Todd, negro pastor, was taken in for a safety test.

Officers reported the car had no brakes, one tire with a long slit with a rope tied around it to keep it from bursting, a hand-made wooden body, no tail light, no exhaust pipe, no rear bumper, no rear fenders, only one headlight, no horn, a hole in the muffler and a loose steering gear.

Central Pointers Again Turn Down 1951 City Budget

Central Point, June 23—Central Point officials were in a quandary today concerning the 1950-1951 city budget.

Yesterday for the second time this month residents rejected a proposal to exceed the six per cent constitutional levy limitation by \$4,513. The vote yesterday was 112 to 109 yes.

City Recorder Arden Pinkham said this morning that the city council and citizens' budget committee will convene Monday to discuss a solution. The budget must be adjusted within the six per cent limit if a third election is not called.

Pinkham said the council and committee cannot see how the budget can be sliced \$4,513 without cutting out necessary services and insurance. He stated that if the budget matter is not worked out now, there will be a bad tax levy situation to straighten out in a year or two.

A rate of progress must be maintained, he declared. The amount that can be levied in taxes within the six per cent limit this year is \$5,996. A budget of \$28,135 has been proposed. A \$4,513 cut would leave a \$23,622 budget possible.

The recorder said that it has been impossible for city officials to determine clearly the thinking of those opposing the proposed levy. They have not come in for information, he reported, and have made their opposition public only at the polls.

At Tuesday's public meeting to discuss the budget only nine persons appeared.

The proposed budget is about \$8,000 less than last year when taxes exceeded the six per cent limit by \$15,023. Pinkham reported that with adjustments made here taxes would be about \$20 less per \$1,000 valuation than last year.

Former Commissioner Ill; Said Improved

A. E. Powell, editor of the Central Point American and former county commissioner, was taken to Sacred Heart hospital last night. He was said much improved today. A Central Point report last night said his condition was not considered too serious. He has been ill for about two weeks.

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9 Sea Crash Survivors Rescued

Turman Wilson Tells Life Story On Witness Stand

Mystery Witness Hunted by Defense

Vancouver, Wash., June 23—(U.P.)—Turman Wilson, 24, who with his brother Utah is accused of the kidnapping-murder of 18-year-old JoAnn Dewey last March 19, took the witness stand in his own defense today.

Testifying in a low, shaky voice, Turman told in a rambling commentary the story of his life since he was charged and convicted of rape in Portland when he was 16 years old. He said his only other conviction was for auto theft during the time that he escaped from the Oregon state prison while serving his sentence for the rape charge.

Arrested and Abused After serving five years and 10 months he said he was paroled because of his good behavior but had been "arrested and abused" by police several times in recent years. His testimony, which was to be continued in an afternoon session in Clark County superior court, laid the foundation for a defense contention that the Wilson brothers were "taking the rap" for the Dewey slaying because of their record.

Defense Attorney Irvin Goodman earlier indicated he wanted to call a "short blonde" mystery witness to furnish the key to an alibi for the Wilsons.

Witness Hunted But testimony in the first degree murder and kidnapping trial of the Wilson brothers made it appear the mystery witness might be hard to find.

The Wilsons are charged with abducting and slaying 18-year-old JoAnn Dewey of Meadowglade, Wash.

Mrs. Cleo Wilson, former head usher at the Playhouse theater in Portland, returned to the stand today to testify she had looked for the mysterious "Miss Lyons" at Goodman's request. Beyond a brief notation of the Lyon's woman's name on a theater work sheet, Mrs. Wilson had no clue to her identity, she testified.

July 3 Closing by Stores Recommended

Medford merchants were reminded today that the retail trade committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce has recommended that all stores close their doors Monday, July 3.

The recommendation is the result of a postcard poll conducted by the chamber to determine the consensus of Medford businessmen in regard to making Independence day part of a three-day business holiday this year. The poll showed the majority of merchants in favor of the July 3 closing. Banks, city, state, and federal offices will remain open, however.

BULLETIN

St. Louis, June 23—(U.P.)—Tom Dowd, traveling secretary of the Boston Red Sox, said today that Manager Joe McCarthy had retired. Dowd said that Steve O'Neill, coach and acting manager, would take over the job on a permanent basis.

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Jamboree at Talent Starts This Morning

Talent, June 23—Talent's second annual two-day June Jamboree got under way this morning with reveille sounded by the town's volunteer fire department. Game and refreshment booths have been set up on a Midway in back of the city hall and there is mounting excitement here over the contest to select a queen and "Cinderella" for the jamboree celebration.

Approval of FCC Given KMED Sale To Radio Medford

Washington, D. C., June 23—The federal communications commission yesterday approved the transfer of radio station KMED from the ownership of Mrs. W. J. Virgin (Randle) to Radio Medford Inc., for \$290,000, it was revealed today.

First announcement of the proposed sale was made April 7 this year, when the newly-formed corporation signed a conditional contract of sale with Mrs. Randle. Approval of the sale by the FCC was the only announced condition of the sale.

Officers of the corporation which now will take over the station are H. B. Murphy, Dr. Dwight H. Findley, V. J. Robinson, Dr. B. L. Lageson, J. L. DeArmond and William M. McAllister. Robinson is president; DeArmond vice-president and McAllister secretary.

DIRECTOR NAMED

Election of Paul Culbertson, owner and operator of extensive orchard property, to the board of directors of the Medford Irrigation district, was announced today. Culbertson, who succeeds the late David Holmes, was named at a meeting of the board held June 20, according to Edward J. Leach, MID manager.



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Two Crewmen of Ditched B-29 Lost In Pacific Ocean

Plane Believed Overshot Island

Guam, June 23—(U.P.)—A rescue boat radioed today it was picking up nine survivors of the crash of a U. S. air force B-29 in the Pacific. The message said two crewmen were missing.

The rescue team said it found eight of the men aboard two life boats floating 10 miles southeast of Guam. Another survivor, the message said, was taken from the water.

The life rafts were located earlier today by search planes whose reports had held out hope that all 11 crewmen from the missing Superfortress were safe.

On Practice Flight The B-29, attached to the 28th bombardment squadron, ditched at 2:30 a.m. today (12:30 p.m. Thursday EDT) after sending distress signals.

It had been in the air 18 hours on a round-trip practice bombing run to Okinawa, 1,425 miles northwest of Guam, and apparently overshot this island on the return journey.

Planes of the military air transport service spotted the two life rafts. A second rescue squadron B-17 dropped two emergency lifeboats equipped with radio apparatus, food and first-aid kits. Naval planes also took part in the search.

Fires Attributed To Youngsters

Four out of five of the last fires to which firemen have been dispatched this week have been started by youngsters playing with fireworks or matches, firemen said this morning.

Police said that two youths, ages 14 and 9, were reprimanded in city court as result of a grass fire reportedly started by firecrackers about 4:30 p.m. yesterday on a vacant lot at West Jackson street at McAndrews road.

Matches Said Cause Firemen stated that children playing with matches caused a grass and woodpile fire about 3:20 p.m. at 1515 Kenwood avenue. Both afternoon fires were controlled before flames arrived.

At 3:45 p.m. firemen extinguished a grass conflagration started by a trash fire near Modern Upholstering Furniture company, 122 South Riverside avenue.

State forest patrolmen reported three grass fires yesterday. The most serious burned two acres at the Luman place on North Phoenix road. It was said. This fire occurred about noon. Spot fires were reported near Gold Hill and on Barnett road but both were controlled before the patrol pumper arrived.

National Guardsmen, Shriners to Return

Two large groups of Medford men will return home this week-end, as special trains arrive carrying delegates to the Shrine convention in Los Angeles and the national guard encampments in Washington.

The Shriners' train, of 14 cars, will arrive here at 12:20 p.m. Saturday. After leaving Medford and Ashland men, the train will continue on to Eugene. Two cars were dropped at Dunsmuir for Klamath Falls.

The guard train will arrive here at 9 a.m. Sunday. It includes baggage and kitchen cars, and 12 personnel cars. It will leave men at Eugene, Roseburg, Riddle, Coos Bay and Grants Pass before arriving here with men of Company A and headquarters company of the first battalion, 188th infantry.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, June 23 (U.P.)—Twenty-two railroad workers were killed and 13 injured last night when a train crashed into a handcar loaded with workers.

Jamboree Scout News

Here is today's news from the special train taking 71 southern Oregon boys to the national scout jamboree in Pennsylvania. It arrived in the following telegram from Dr. Charles Lemery, local jamboree chairman:

Billings, Mont. Everybody well. Boys in wonderful spirits. Best behaved on the train. Visited Yellowstone park all day. Beautiful weather for traveling. Very large crowds all admiring 400 wonderful boys. Dinners tomorrow so no more rest. St. Louis next stop. All boys send love. Lemery.