



WARNING! MORE FLOODS TO COME—Water from the snow-swollen Crooked River stands at four feet in this residential section of Prineville, Ore. Rich farmland nearby was inundated. No loss of life was reported. More than 500 evacuees delayed moving back into their homes because of a warning of more high water to come.

France Flounders in One Of Worst Economic Crises

Paris—(U.P.)—France is floundering in one of the worst of its post-war economic crises.

Her living costs have risen faster than in any other European state and her budget has a gap of \$1,000,000,000 between income and outlay. The quarrelling national assembly has no inclination to increase taxes or to tighten the present easy-to-evade tithe collection system.

France's imports cost more and her exports bring in less every week. At this moment, her adverse foreign trade balance is the worst in Europe.

By the end of January, her debt to the European Payments Union had swollen to \$450,000,000. If it increases, as is likely, France will have to make part of it good by dipping deeply into her dwindling dollar and gold reserves, urgently needed for essential imports from the United States.

During February the government took a few preliminary steps to shore up the dam against utter disaster. It has not yet struck at the base of the problem.

Imports Reduced

The government has cut the amounts of imports from European states by half, reduced government expenditure—including that of the military—by 10 per cent, struck against speculation by forbidding foreigners to buy foreign securities on the French market, and shortened the amount of money French exporters are permitted to bank abroad for their own use.

Premier Edgar Faure, in office one month, was defeated in the assembly's finance committee, which rejected his plea for a 10 per cent tax increase to close a 376,600,000,000 franc (\$1,076,000,000) gap in the 1952 budget.

The Socialists, who control 106 of the 626 assembly seats and thereby have the power to overthrow any government, demand parliamentary approval of a sliding wage scale hatched to the cost of living—an obvious inflationary measure.

Facts Of Crisis

Here are the facts of the French crisis:
In 1950 France had a boom. Her exports rose rapidly and, in the last quarter of that year, totalled \$53,800,000 more than her imports.

But as a result of increases in the prices of the raw materials she imports, that position reversed sharply in 1951, and by the third quarter of that year, her imports cost \$48,300,000 more than she received from exports. That gap has grown steadily wider.

Every nation was affected by

the world jump in raw materials prices after the start of the Korean war, but none as much as France. Using 1948 prices as 100, France's wholesale price index in June, 1950, stood at 116. By last November, that had risen to 169, outstripping all others in Europe.

Living costs followed the wholesale price rises, of course. Still using 1948 as 100, the cost of living in France stood at 113 in June, 1950, but had skyrocketed to 149 by last November, and is still going up.

Franc Hard Hit

All this caused the world to lose confidence in the French franc. The legal rate of the franc is 350 to the dollar. That had crept up to 433 to the dollar on the black market by Jan. 1, and on Feb. 21 was at 473, highest since the 1949 devaluation.

On the bright side of the picture, French industrial production has stayed apace with that of the rest of Europe. Using 1948 as 100, the overall French production index was 129 last November.

Unemployment has been steadily reduced. In August, 1950, for example, French unemployment stood at 122,600. In August, 1951, it was only 90,700. Since the Communist strikes in March, 1950, there has been no serious labor trouble.

Drunk Driving Charge Brings \$125 Fine

Francis John Von Fustmann, Camp White, was given a 30-day suspended jail sentence and was fined \$125 today by City Police Judge Warren Lesseg on a charge of drunken driving. Fustmann was arrested by Medford police last night after an accident at 7 p. m. in front of the Dairy Freeze, 900 North Riverside avenue, police said.

He also was fined \$25 for driving with an expired driver's license.

The car driven by Fustmann collided with one driven by Clifford Albert Keeton, 418 Pearl street, the police report said. Both cars were reported to have been considerably damaged.

BABY SITTERS HELP OUT

Winter Haven, Fla.—(U.P.)—A baby-sitting project here raised \$89 to pay doctor bills for Alonzo Kanketer, Jr., 10-year-old victim of leukemia. The Bambinettes, junior high school baby-sitting group, operated a tent at the state citrus exposition and raised the money through donations for their services.

Dead line Sunday Classifieds is at noon Saturdays.

Cloyd Kreller Rites at Ashland Wednesday

Ashland—Funeral services for Cloyd G. Kreller, 80, of Ashland, who died here Monday, will be held Wednesday at 3 p. m. at Litwiler funeral home with the Rev. Earl Downing officiating. Entombment will be in Resthaven mausoleum.

The deceased was born at Logansport, Ind., on Feb. 5, 1872, and was a member of the Christian church here and Townsend club 4 in Medford. He came to Medford from Casper, Wyo., in 1943 and moved to Ashland five years ago.

On May 20, 1902, in Ponca City, Okla., he was married to Stella Roper, who survives.

Other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Lena Castle, Medford; a sister, Mrs. Turzila Selhorn, Urbana, Mo., and two grandsons, George and Jerald, Medford.

The newest bargain in travel while in Europe is a ten-day individual ticket with a choice of nine routes in eight countries, hotel accommodations reserved in advance, three meals a day, tips, land transportation and sight-seeing bus trips. The cost is \$100 paid in advance in the United States.

Laboratory Creates Miniature Blazes

Berkeley, Calif.—(U.P.)—Roaring forest fires are being created in miniature in University of California laboratories to safeguard California forests from the woodsman's worst enemy.

Prospective fire fighters study methods of combating blazes in canyons and on mountain ridges in both heavy windstorms and quiet atmospheric conditions.

Fuel types as well as land and wind conditions vary in the forest fire laboratory operated by the school of forestry of the university's agricultural college.

The new fire fighter sees the large timber fires develop and then die under control in the laboratory miniature. He also is given theoretical background. It enables him to gain maximum proficiency from limited experience in the field.

The snake-killing secretary bird uses its wings as a shield and a club at the same time. Often it will soar into the air, then drop its prey on the hard ground, ending the battle.

The Fisher ground squirrel, or digger squirrel, once occurred in large numbers over the plains of the San Joaquin valley.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—SEVEN

Telephone Brings School to Child

Gulfport, Miss.—(U.P.)—Nine-year-old Nancy Ellen Dubisson doesn't have to go farther than the telephone when she goes to school.

The girl hasn't been able to go out much since she had infantile paralysis in 1950. By special arrangement with the telephone company and local school officials, her room at home is connected directly with her fourth grade classroom at Long Beach school.

When Nancy Ellen sits at her desk and turns on the machine, she can hear everything that goes on in her classroom two miles away and can make herself heard as well. The Dubissons take her papers to school to be graded every Thursday.

The system is a special development by the telephone company and at present has six users, including Nancy.

Opossums are rather slow-moving, stupid animals which seek safety by their retiring nocturnal habits and non-resistance to enemies. It is because of this last trait that the familiar "playing possum" originated.

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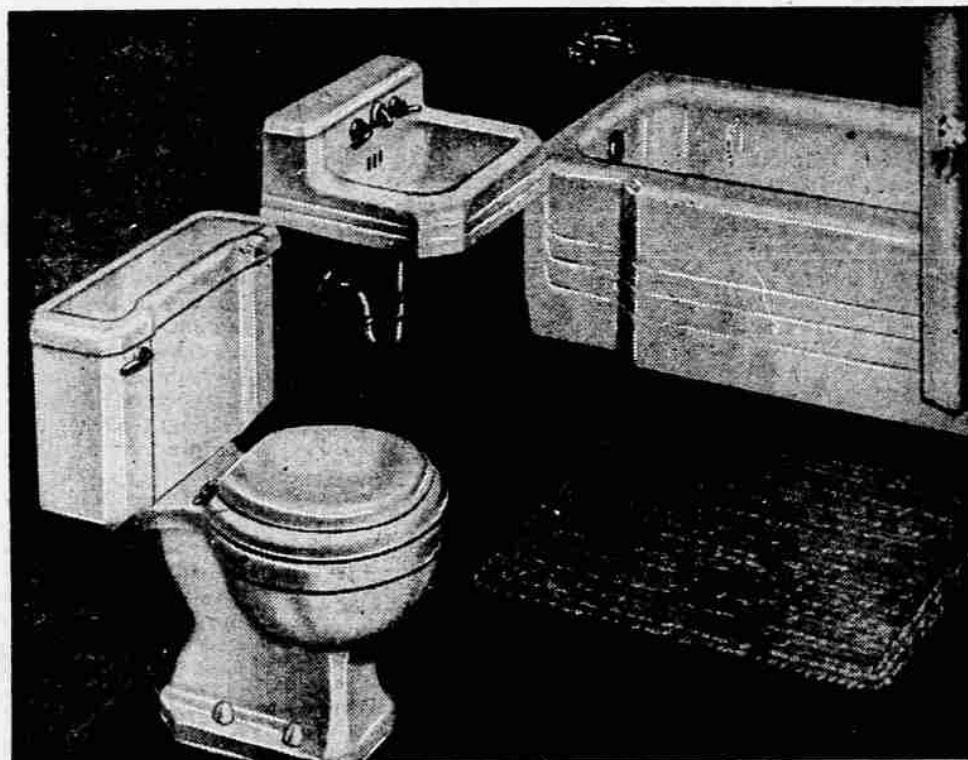
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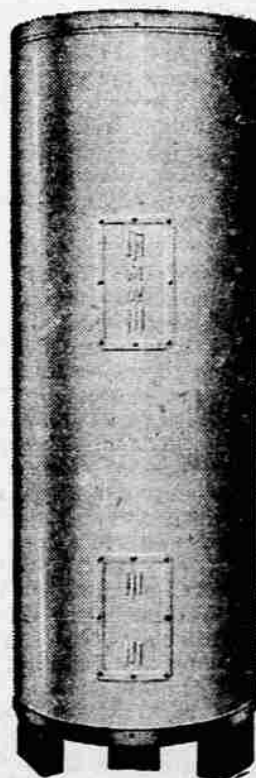
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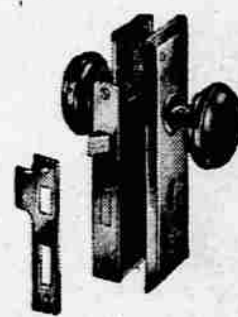
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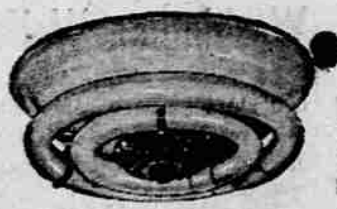
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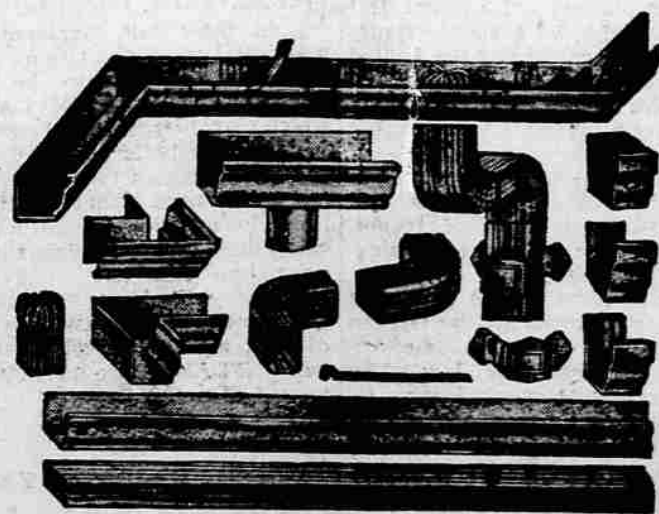
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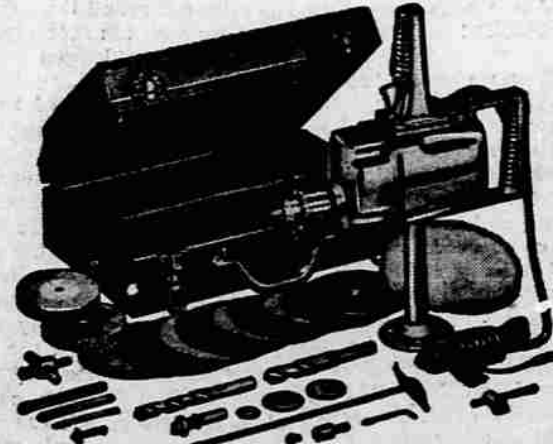
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