

Warming Trend Evident in Most of Nation as Winter Officially Arrives

Fire Truck's Radio Furnishes Only Table Rock Link

Central Point Rural Fire Protection district dispatched a truck and crew to stand by in the Table Rock area last night when it became apparent that portion of the district would be cut off by high water.

Fire Chief Richard Krupp said also that a crew has been kept at the station to help speed up responses on any alarms. It was reasoned that high water might slow trucks in answering calls.

Telephone communications were down in the Table Rock area and the fire truck's radio this morning provided the only communication to and from the area. Residents of the Table Rock section were informed by commercial radio stations that they would have to go to the truck to report any fires. It is at the Larry Hill place next to the Table Rock store.

Krupp said that checks were made to determine whether fire apparatus could reach all parts of the district. Only district they did not feel they could reach was Table Rock Estates since high water cut off the bridge at Gold Ray Dam.

Bids Opened for Work On Elk City Water Job

An apparent low bid of \$66,195.50 was entered by the Coast Construction Co. last night for construction of a water system for the Elk City Water district. It was reported this morning.

A total of nine construction bids were offered. Next-lowest apparently was more than \$8,000 higher than the Coast company's bid.

A series of bids for materials, totaling an estimated \$115,000 to \$120,000, also were opened last night. Contract awards will be made after all bids have been examined and tabulated, it was reported.

Missile Battalions To Bolster Europe Defense

Washington — (U.P.) — The Army announced today that six special guided missile battalions will be sent to Europe early next year to bolster Western European defenses.

The battalion will be armed with Corporal guided missiles capable of dropping atomic explosives on a target more than 50 miles away.

The move is designed to greatly increase the Army's atomic firepower in Europe.

Torch of Freedom Again Shines on La Prensa Building

Buenos Aires — (U.P.) — The torch of freedom shone again today in the La Prensa building here, symbolizing the end of nearly five years of infancy begun when ex-President Juan D. Peron confiscated the newspaper early in 1951.

The torch, which topped La Prensa's tower until supporters of Peron tore it down, was relighted Wednesday night by 81-year-old Mrs. Zelmira Anchorena in ceremonies marking the return of the newspaper to her son, Dr. Albert Gainza Paz.

La Prensa's siren, used to herald news of national importance, howled for five minutes during the ceremonies.

Gainza Paz said he hopes "soon" to resume publication of La Prensa, making it once again the great independent newspaper it was before Peron converted it into a propaganda organ for his CGT labor federation.

Nearly 2,000 well-wishers jammed La Prensa's offices during the restitution ceremonies. An overflow crowd stopped traffic in the street outside.

The only member of the Paz family not present was Gainza's son Ezequiel, a doctor on the staff of the Colorado General hospital, who cabled greetings from Denver.

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Motel Washed Out At Hornbrook, Cal.

Hornbrook, Calif. — Flood waters washed five motel cabins down the Klamath river last night and the Hornbrook area is without electricity.

Highway 99 is closed about one mile from here with two feet of water over the road at The Swallows camp.

Owners and residents of the motel Camp Low were being evacuated this morning into Hornbrook after five cabins washed down the river, and water washed out the foundation under another house, it was reported.

Owners of the camp are Mr. and Mrs. Dave Holland.

The bridge over the river at Hornbrook was reported still standing, but one over Cotton wood creek in town was closed.

Several homes were said to have been washed out along the river.

The town's water supply was cut off when sand and debris worked into the reservoir intake, but crews were expected to repair it late today or tomorrow, before the present supply is exhausted.

Drivers and passengers were stopped at the Hornbrook inspection station and spent the night in their cars.

Long Bell at Weed Reaches Agreement

Weed, Calif. — (U.P.) — A wage agreement was announced here today between the Weed division of Long Bell Lumber Co. and 1000 employee members of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers local union.

John Mantle, Weed Long Bell manager, said the average increase was 8 3/4 cents per hour and the agreement would be effective until Jan. 1, 1957.

Mantle said Long Bell employees at Etna, represented by a Yreka local, had signed an agreement on similar terms.

Swollen Streams Menace Valley; Families Moved

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to service today or in a day or two.

No Klamath river plants had to close, but Boyle said water at Copco No. 1 was running at about 10,000 or 11,000 second-feet, highest ever recorded there. It is now receding, he added.

Copco crews were busy all night on the major difficulties, plus many small, local outages.

Highways, Bridges Closed

State and county highway department crews were out all night at wash-out and flooded areas.

The Applegate highway was closed last night because of high water, but extent of damage was not known late this morning. Officials said some washout occurred along Bear creek near the Jackson Hot springs bridge, where unconfirmed reports indicated creek banks washing cut close to Highway 99 pavement.

State police late this morning closed the Bear creek bridge at Highway 62 near the Big Y because underpinning was considered unsafe. Police were checking other bridges along Bear creek for unsafe conditions.

Damage to county roads and bridges also was extensive. Engineer Paul Rynning and his crews this morning were busy erecting blockades to shut off traffic from impassable spots, to attempt to prevent further damage, and to check danger spots.

Wash Outs Reported

McKee bridge lost four or five pilings, and has been closed as unsafe. Other bridges closed are the Oak Street bridge in Ashland and the new Valleyview bridge, both across Bear creek, where approaches washed out; the bridge on Suncrest rd. just out of Talent, washed out; the Netherland bridge on Crowfoot rd. across Big Butte creek, where about 40 feet of the 50-foot bridge was washed out; and the Squaw creek bridge.

Cove rd., in the Dead Indian country, is closed because of a massive pile of washed-up debris, 10 feet high and 90 feet long, which is blocking it.

The irrigation flume across Bear creek, part of the system of the Rogue River Valley Irrigation district, was washed out, according to District Manager Harold Sexton. The flume crossed the creek at McAndrews rd., and its value was estimated at \$15,000 to \$20,000.

High waters this morning washed out the right abutment of the district's diversion dam across Bear creek, Sexton said.

Schools Closed

Schools were closed in most Jackson county districts today, most of them as precautionary measures. Several schools have reported they will remain closed for the Christmas vacation, while others were undecided at mid-morning today.

District 6C schools were closed because buses could not reach many places. Central Point grade schools and Crater high school at Central Point were expected to operate Friday so far as was known early this afternoon.

Eagle Point schools closed today, because flood conditions affected the heating systems and bus schedules, and will not reopen until Jan. 3. Hale said that the Christmas program planned for tonight has been cancelled.

Schools also were reported closed at Butte Falls, Prospect, Rogue River, Elk-Trail, Eagle Point, Ruch and Evans Valley. No official word was available concerning opening of schools tomorrow.

Rainfall Total 4.06 Inches

Rainfall at the Medford airport since 4:30 a.m. Monday totaled 4.06 inches up to 10 a.m. today, weather bureau officials said. During the 24 hours ending at 4:30 a.m. today, a total of 3:02 inches fell. During the past 24 hours, 4.44 inches fell at Crater Lake National park, and similar high amounts fell in other higher altitudes.

The snow depth at Crater lake melted from 80 inches yesterday morning at 8:30 a.m. to a depth of 66 inches at 8:30 a.m. today, park officials said.

Western Union traffic from the Medford office did not begin moving until about 10 a.m. today because relay circuits were down. The office reported that it was about 1 1/2 hours behind in handling traffic.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York — (U.P.) — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrial 486.08 up 0.59, 20 railroads 162.78 up 0.21, 15 utilities 64.40 off 0.12 and 65 stocks 172.22 up 0.12. Sales today were about 2,650,000 shares compared with 2,540,000 yesterday.

New England Still Plagued by Cold Wave

By UNITED PRESS

Winter arrived across the nation today, but its baggage of cold, wind, and snow was already old stuff to most Americans.

New England was deep in a sub-zero freeze, and endless, pounding rains threatened new floods in Northern California and the Pacific Northwest.

An unseasonable "heat wave" in the Rockies and a warmup in the frost-bound East also dimmed the impressiveness of winter's debut.

Winter's official arrival time was exactly 7:12 a.m. (PST), the moment the sun reaches its southernmost point below the equator on its annual trip north. From now on the days will get longer, even though the temperatures are likely to get even colder.

30 Below Zero in New York

However, winter will have to unleash some of its frostiest blasts to beat such temperatures as today's 30 below zero at Missina, N.Y. It was warmer at Anchorage, Alaska, where the mercury stood at 14 above, than the 5 above at Boston, or the 11 at Buffalo, N.Y.

Elsewhere on the first day of winter, temperatures were below freezing from Southern North Carolina to Eastern Oklahoma, Northeast Kansas, and Northeast Montana. In contrast, other early morning readings included a comparatively mild 49 at Salt Lake City, Utah, and a 42 at Cheyenne, Wyo.

Camel for Santa

And at Alice Springs, Australia, Santa Claus rode through the main streets on a camel in 105-degree temperatures.

On this nation's storm-battered West Coast, winter promised no relief from howling winds and flooding rains.

In Northern California, slides, washouts, and fallen trees blocked scores of roads and highways. All roads into Eureka were closed and scores of families evacuated their homes along the rising Russian river.

Flood warnings were issued along the Russian and flood waters from the Eel river had already flowed into homes south of Eureka, washing away a \$12,000 house and causing \$125,000 damage to a Bear River lumber mill.

It was the same story in Oregon, where four inches of rain

Sterilization of Well Water Urged

Bob Hart, county sanitarian, recommended today that all families using wells should sterilize drinking water until after flood conditions have subsided.

Families should sterilize water by boiling for at least ten minutes or by adding household bleach according to directions on the bottle. Sterilization of water should be continued until conditions have returned to normal, Hart said.

Families having drilled wells which have flooded can sterilize them, after floods have subsided, by pouring one quart of household bleach inside the well casing and pumping heavily until it is certain a complete change of water has been affected.

Hart cautioned that polluted water during and after the flood might cause dysentery, infectious hepatitis or typhoid.

Quarterly Dividend Announced by Copco

Directors of California Oregon Power Company today announced quarterly dividends of \$1.05 per share on seven per cent preferred and \$1.17 1/2 on 4.70 per cent preferred Copco stock.

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