

OREGON FLOOD WATERS CLAIM SECOND COOS VICTIM



HIGH WATER—Warm rains and melting snow, conditions that brought last year's devastating floods, made residents along Rogue river apprehensive despite a weather bureau forecast that the river would not flood substantially at this time. Above, the muddy water covered the parking area

downstream from Bybee bridge, and lapped at the base of a sign that reads "no camping" at TouVelle State park. In 45 minutes the river rose about eight inches at this point late yesterday afternoon.

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Motion to Dismiss Murder Indictments Appealed by Kelly

A motion to dismiss outstanding murder indictments pending against Hugh D'Autremont has been appealed to the Oregon Supreme Court by Edward Kelly, Medford attorney for D'Autremont.

The motion for dismissal was denied in Jackson county circuit court Oct. 12. It was based on provisions for failure to prosecute and the denial of the right to a speedy trial.

D'Autremont, along with his brothers, Roy and Ray, were sentenced June 23, 1927, after conviction on murder charges growing out of a Southern Pacific train holdup in a tunnel in the Siskiyou on Oct. 11, 1923. Roy and Ray were allowed to plead guilty to second degree murder charges. Hugh was convicted of first degree murder.

Agreement Made

An agreement was made at the trial that the brothers be sentenced to life imprisonment and that the remaining indictments against them would not be prosecuted. The indictments, however, would be kept pending to assure that they would remain in the penitentiary and not be eligible for parole consideration.

The agreement, however, did not show in the record. An affidavit was obtained earlier this year from Tennyson Jefferson, then postal inspector assigned to the case, who was present at the sentencing, and the record was corrected to include the agreement. The affidavit showed that the D'Autremont brothers waived further prosecution in 1927 and the right to a speedy trial.

In recent years, Hugh has made three attempts to gain parole. The motion filed by Kelly seeks dismissal of the remaining indictments so Hugh D'Autremont would be eligible for parole consideration.

Keeney Named to Plan New SOC Building

Robert J. Keeney, Medford architect, has been retained by the state board of higher education to plan a science classroom building at Southern Oregon college.

Estimated cost of the building is \$460,000. Construction funds will be asked of the 1957 state legislature.

Keeney was one of three architects retained by the board to prepare preliminary drawings for three projects, two of them Portland firms.

Missing Patient Is Returned to Physician

A 39-year-old woman mental patient, reported missing from Sacred Heart hospital early this morning, was returned to the care of her physician about 9:10 a.m. according to Medford police.

Sister Helen Yvonne of Sacred Heart reported to police that the woman left the hospital about 6 a.m. She was wearing a bath robe and a hospital night gown. She is reportedly suffering from a nervous condition.

After leaving the hospital she apparently went to her home in east Medford to change clothes. She was returned to the physician by employees from the place where she has been employed, after she drove there in her car, police were informed.

Police officers from two shifts of platoons were searching the city for her about two hours this morning.

Gilchrist School Closed By Flooded Furnace Room

Klamath Falls — (UP) — The Gilchrist school about 90 miles north of here was closed today after the furnace room was flooded because of warm rain on the snowpack. County School Superintendent Carol Howe said it was hoped the school would be open tomorrow.

10 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

Christmas Greetings

HELP POST

Directors Elected In Fire District

Rogue River—Four directors were elected in the Rogue River Rural Fire Protection district yesterday. The election was held at Jim's Farm store, highway 99, Rogue River.

Elected were Edward Lilly, who received 14 votes; Glen Birdseye 13, Clephaz Voss 12 and Joe Allison 10. Voss was the only incumbent among the candidates.

Following the election directors decided the length of terms each will hold. Lilly will serve a five-year term, Birdseye four, Voss and Allison two.

Only other candidate for director was Carl Christenson, who received eight votes.

Bus Passenger Slain In Cafe at Newport

Newport, Ore. — (UP) — A bus coffee stop at this coastal town erupted in a shooting spree late yesterday afternoon as the passengers sat horrified when one of their number shot down a companion.

Three other persons were wounded in the incident that took the life of a Southern Pacific railroad employee.

Held on Murder Charge

Police said John Willie Song, 33, of Dayton, Ohio, was being held on a murder charge.

Killed was C. J. Huff, Portland, a friend of Song's for 15 years. He also carried identification listing a Coquille address.

Howard Burpee, Portland, a passenger on the bus, said Song walked up to Huff and demanded: "Give me that \$100 or I'm going to shoot you right in the face."

Huff's disregard of the threat

Equalization Board Agrees to Deadline

The Jackson county board of equalization has agreed to re-establish the Jan. 1, 1958, deadline for submission of a study on assessments for orchard trees in the county.

A special committee was appointed a year ago to review orchard tree assessments in the county and make recommendations for revisions in the assessment formula. Results of the study and the recommendations were originally scheduled for submission to the board of equalization on Jan. 1, 1958, but the board later changed the deadline to Jan. 1, 1957. Reestablishment of the 1958 deadline was recommended to the board in a letter from Sam B. Stewart, state tax commissioner.

It was also agreed that values, classifications and similar recommendations of the state tax commission appraisal staff be adopted by the board if the report is not submitted on the appointed date.

Direct Assessor

Board members also decided to direct the county assessor to use values agreed upon for 1956-57 in making orchard assessments for 1957-58. Motion for this action was made by E. H. Singmaster.

Philip Lowry, attorney for the Fruit Growers League of Jackson county, commented he was pleased with the board's approval of the 1958 deadline. He said the committee studying orchard assessment has been working steadily on the project and members have felt the additional time was necessary.

The committee is comprised of tax commissioners, a representative from the assessor's office and fruit growers. The original committee has been divided into sub-committees to study various factors which have bearing on orchard value.

Appointments for Bloodmobile Made

Only 20 appointments have been made for the regular visit of the Bloodmobile at the Medford Elks temple Tuesday, Dec. 18, Red Cross officials said today.

The quota is 250 donors, they said, and 200 pints of blood. A greater number of donors is needed to offset possible rejects, officials noted. The Bloodmobile will be at the Elks temple between 1 and 5 p.m.

The Crater Lions is assisting in recruiting donors and publicity, the Red-Cross said.

Several of the appointments already made are for replacements, and officials urged that if donors designate blood for provision, the donor should provide the name of the physician, patient and the hospital.

The Bloodmobile will be in Ashland Wednesday, Dec. 19, and the hours and quotas are the same. The Bloodmobile will be at the Ashland Elks temple.

Appointments may be made by telephoning Medford 3-3813 or Ashland 7221, the Red Cross said.

Government Seeks To Block Steel Merger

Washington — (UP) — The government went into court today to try to block the proposed merger of Bethlehem Steel Corp. and Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co.

The Justice Department filed a civil anti-trust suit against Bethlehem in New York federal court.

Two SP Trains Halted By Weakened Bridge

Oakridge, Ore. — (UP) — Two Southern Pacific passenger trains were halted today because high water weakened a bridge over Salmon creek south of here.

The Cascade, due in Portland at 8:35 a.m. from San Francisco, was held at Pryor near here. The southbound Klamath which left Portland at 10:15 p.m. yesterday, stopped at Oakridge.

Oakridge Residents Told To Boil Water In Wake

Oakridge residents were told to boil their drinking water today in the wake of flash flooding which struck widespread areas of western Oregon causing some evacuation.

Slides still blocked some highways as the state braced for a new Pacific storm due to bring more rain.

Rain and melting snow were blamed for the flooding of tributary streams throughout Lane, Linn, Douglas, and Coos counties and other areas. Many of the smaller streams appeared to have reached their crest. But the Willamette below Corvallis continued to rise.

Dikes Held

Residents of Willamette city near Oakridge were alerted last night for possible evacuation but Ray C. Ramey, civil defense director there, said the middle fork of the Willamette river had stopped rising and that dikes held last night.

Four families in the area were evacuated yesterday.

In western Lane county the Siuslaw river crept into yards of homes at Mapleton. Flooding also was reported near Harrisburg on the Willamette, near Corvallis on the McKenzie and on the South Santiam near Lebonon.

Livestock were marooned for a time in the Lebanon area but a herd of 16 animals was saved by farmers who came to the help of farmer Glen Brandel. Some wood-cutters near Waterloo also were stranded for a time by the stream and were rescued by boat late yesterday.

The South Santiam flooded the Lebanon city park and several homes were reported evacuated.

Big Mill Closes

Forest rangers at Detroit east of Salem had to battle for several hours as water gushed down the hillside and threatened to wash out homes, offices and maintenance buildings. They managed to divert the course of the runoff by scooping out a new channel with tractors and bulldozers. Two sheds below the settlement were washed away.

Officials of the Pope & Talbot mill at Oakridge, employing about 425 men, announced closure of the mill for an indefinite period after a spur railroad bridge over Salmon creek was damaged.

Highways Blocked

Four Oregon highways remained blocked by high water and washouts, the State Highway Department reported.

Highway officials said the South Santiam highway was closed at Trout creek by a washout. The Willamette highway was also closed by a washout 14 miles east of Oakridge.

McKenzie highway was closed east of Finn Rock due to high water. The Coos Bay-Roseburg highway was closed by a road-bed sink and a bridge out at Homes creek, three miles west of Camas Valley.



MAILING HEAVY—Though not expected to reach a peak until next Monday or Tuesday, Christmas mailing at the Medford post office has been the heaviest of any year on record, according to Postmaster Moore Hamilton. To help handle the increased load eight extra employees have been hired and about 25 more will be put on next week to aid in distribution of incoming mail. No plans have been made to keep the post office open after 5 p.m. unless the volume warrants it. Show above is a typical one of post office users.

Irish Nationalists Damage Government Buildings, Bridges

Belfast, Northern Ireland — (UP) — Irish nationalists attacked army, police and government installations across Northern Ireland today in a gun-blazing attempt to seize a fortress full of arms.

Sentries and police patrols foiled the main assault on a British Army regimental headquarters at Armagh, but the nationalists seized 200 pounds of dynamite in one of 12 raids.

They also destroyed a radio transmitter and damaged bridges.

The raids, carried out under cover of a battering northern gale, was the biggest single campaign since Northern Ireland's six counties were separated from the rest of Ireland 34 years ago.

Northern Ireland mobilized its emergency force of 12,000 police and police reserves. In Britain itself the Home Office alerted police and Army posts throughout the country.

The latest attack reported was near Bunsilla where the raiders, operating in one of a series of coordinated raids, seized 200 pounds of dynamite stored in a quarry. A nearby unoccupied National Guard armory was blown up.

Police patrols intercepted another raiding squad headed for the British Royal Air Force radar station at Torr Head on one of Ireland's northernmost points.

In this skirmish the raiders opened fire and police shot back. Three nationalists were captured. The radar station, one of NATO's main watchposts against attack from the East, was not harmed.

The main effort was directed at the full-strength Irish Fusiliers Regimental Headquarters at Cough Barracks, Armagh, with the raiders trying a pincers approach.

This failed when police intercepted a truckload of nationalists in Armagh and a sally into the well-walled fortress called off the guard. The headquarters night patrol opened fire and drove off the raiders.

Alert in London

Scotland Yard posted extra guards at government buildings in London, because of the fact that a dozen Irish nationalists captured five tons of arms in a 1955 raid on a British Army depot.

One of this morning's native allies squads briefly attacked the caretaker of Magharafelt Court-house and his wife and the border were driven through the down a country road and released. In the meantime the raiders burned the courthouse.

Savage Fighting in Budapest Reported

Vienna — (UP) — Savage street fighting broke out today in Budapest and the Hungarian provinces.

Reports reaching Vienna indicated the Soviet Army was attacking the rebel patrols in a massive effort to end Hungary's nationwide strike against the puppet government.

The Hungarians had prayed for a miracle to save them from another round of blood-letting in their struggle for freedom but the miracle did not come and fighting resumed today.

Soviet armed forces and Red Hungarian militiamen had been alerted for instant duty and needed only a word of command to launch a new massacre.

Reports filtering through to Vienna from silenced Budapest said bloody clashes were taking place wherever the new Red police of puppet Premier Janos Kadar attempted to make the strikers return to work.

Wells Appointed Juvenile Counselor

LeRoy E. Wells, 42, of 398 Bridge st., Ashland, has been appointed counselor in the city juvenile office and will begin his duties Dec. 26, according to Mrs. Kay Crowell, juvenile officer.

Wells is a member of the Ashland police force. He has supervised boys at CCC and federal forestry camps and has served as president of the Ruch Parent-Teacher association.

Wells, who has lived in southern Oregon since 1915, is married and has two daughters, ages 18 and 12. He and his family will continue to live in Ashland.

He replaces Niles Smith, who resigned recently.

"Pay No Attention To Rover. He Just Likes To Join In"



Weather

FORECAST: Cloudy with intermittent rains through Thursday. Low tonight 42. High Thursday 52-55.

Highest Yesterday	Temp.
Lowest this Morning	57
Pre. to 10 a.m. Today	45

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise	7:32 a.m.
Sunset	4:35 p.m.
Moonset Thursday	3:01 a.m.
Full Moon	Dec. 17

The shooting stars seen tonight will mostly radiate from an area in the sky near the Twins. These Geminiid meteors, white in color, move at a medium speed. They are more numerous after midnight and more noticeable after moonset.