

# Snow, Fog Make Travel Hazardous

SALEM, Jan. 16 (AP)—Oregon highway conditions were little changed today, with mountain roads slippery and fog at Portland, Roseburg, Grants Pass and Medford.

The daily road report: Santiam Junction—Overcast, 20 degrees. Light packed snow and ice on road. Total snow 84 inches at summit, 44 inches at junction. One-way traffic on South Santiam highway at Upper Soda.

Odell Lake—Scattered clouds, 21 degrees. Total snow 103 inches at summit. One-way traffic on Willamette highway between Oakridge and summit.

Klamath Falls—Roads normal. Astoria—Columbia River highway closed at east city limits of Astoria, detouring through Tongue Point naval base. One-way traffic on Oregon Coast highway at Manzanita.

Mecham—Packed snow in spots on Old Oregon Trail between mileposts 250 and 260. Total snow 24 inches. Bend—500-foot detour on Ochoco highway 10 miles west of Mitchell.

Jin Day—One-way traffic north of Service creek.

# The World Today

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Editor's Note—When DeWitt MacKenzie and his wife began their present world tour they promised to report to their own children, who tentatively school in the United States, on the children of other lands and how they have been affected by war. This is such a report from Madrid.)

MADRID, Jan. 16—Dear Carol and Major:

This is to report another of the strange and often heart-breaking things which we are encountering in our world tour. In the suburbs of this beautiful old city, with its boulevards and grand palaces hundreds of families are living in direct poverty in caves dug into the many hills of compact sand. Their fate is indeed sad.

Now before going further we should warn you that you can't draw sweeping conclusions from this extraordinary situation. These cave dwellers don't represent general conditions in Madrid, nor yet in Spain. They are folk who are the victims of the tragedy which follows on the trail of wars and plays its evil tricks on the hapless ones who can't escape.

Fled to Madrid To understand this you must know that during the awful Civil war of 1936-39 scores of thousands fled to Madrid from the provinces and created a great digging problem, with which the city is still struggling. There were more people than there were homes for them. Then came the World war which made building operations difficult because of lack of material, and so we find the underground digging homes in the sand hills.

Most of the caves are very small—just big enough for the family to huddle together to escape cold winds, and to spread their tattered blankets on the ground for sleep. They do their cooking over little fires built in the mouths of the caves or outdoors. And they are lucky to have any fires at all, for fuel is scarce.

Conditions are terrible in the heavy rains, for the caves often are flooded and clothing and bedding drenched. Worse yet, the caves frequently collapse and sometimes bury whole families, with loss of life.

Your mother and I visited two colonies of these cave folk and found them smilingly courteous and ready to show us their "homes." Virtually all of them were outside the caves to catch the winter sunshine, for this is about the only heat they get—a godsend but far too little these chilly days. You could see a measure of their suffering from the appearance of the babies, whose little legs were blue and mottled with the cold.

Yes, there were many babies

and small children, for life moves on in the caves as it does in the homes of the gentry. The setting is different, but child-birth and death know no restrictions. So babies are born in the sand hills, and perhaps they are lucky when they die before they have had long to suffer.

The death rate in the cave colonies is heavy. There's much disease due to malnutrition, and at best most of the faces show the pinch of hunger. Many of the babies we saw had horrible head colds, and must have felt badly, indeed. But they didn't cry. They just looked at you with expressionless, unseeing eyes. I guess they were too ill to take notice, poor little things.

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# Stewart Voted V.F.W. Head

LAKEVIEW — Donald F. Stewart, Lakeview businessman and veteran of World War II, was named commander of the Lake county post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at a re-organization meeting here Thursday evening. Other officers elected were:

Donald E. Redfield, senior vice commander; Jesse J. Lightle of New Pine Creek, junior vice commander; Elvin Baker, quartermaster; Claude M. Smeed, post advocate; E. W. Haynes, chaplain; David A. Cora, trustee for three years; Cecil Arzner, trustee for two years; Elmer W. Arnold, trustee for one year.

Appointive officers named by Commander Stewart were, T. W. Kimzey, adjutant; Henry Fredrick, officer of the day; Elvin Baker, post service officer, and Cecil Arzner, guard.

All the above officers are veterans of World War II. Lake county post was one of 45 new posts established in Oregon last year, and prospects are that 30 new posts will be organized this year according to Earl F. Culver, department field representative of the VFW, Portland, who attended the meeting along with F. G. Gates, Bend, department junior vice commander. Over one million World War II veterans joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars up to the first of 1946, Culver said.

RELEASED ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Jan. 16 (AP)—After the U. S. commissioner ruled there was no probable cause for holding him for a grand jury, Henry Jensen was released yesterday, after he had been in federal hands since the infant daughter of Evelyn Dulak disappeared for a brief time from her home.

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# Three Highway Heads Will Attend Meet

SALEM, Jan. 16 (AP)—State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock, Highway Commission Attorney Joseph M. Devers, and G. S. Paxson, bridge engineer for the commission, will leave here Monday to attend two meetings in Oklahoma City.

The first meeting will be the national research board of the national research council, which will be followed by the annual convention of the American association of state highway officials.

# INJURIES FATAL

SEATTLE, Jan. 26 (AP)—Charles Huntley, 66, was fatally injured by an automobile near the waterfront last night, bringing the city's 1946 traffic fatalities to six. The driver was charged with failing to yield the right of way.

# Lumber Price Changes Eyed

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 16 (AP)—Possible price adjustment on materials needed in building homes was indicated today after lumber industry leaders met with a national OPA price executive now returning to Washington.

Industry spokesmen, in weekend conferences with Peter A. Stone, Washington, D. C., recommended changes in price regulation No. 26 pertaining to west coast lumber. They proposed adjustments of export and domestic ceilings, and price changes on such items as dry flooring, ceiling, drop siding, two-inch boards.

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# Allotments Of Butter Slashed

PORTLAND, Jan. 16 (AP)—The family will spread half as much butter this week as last—if they had any last week and are lucky again this week.

Butter distributors yesterday slashed retailer allotments 50 per cent and held out little prospect for more in the weeks ahead. One creamery official, who declined to be named, blamed the cut on failure of the government to deliver Oregon's share of an 80,000,000-pound allocation released from storage several months ago.

He noted without comment that there was talk of a 16-cent price increase and said a 5-cent price increase had preceded a

previous release of butter to civilians. "The government took the 5-cent profit," he declared.

# Farmers Advised To Fix Equipment

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 16 (AP)—Oregon farmers were advised to

day to repair old equipment for the 1946 season, and not count on getting many replacements.

S. B. Hall, Multnomah county agent, predicted a tighter farm machinery shortage than during war years. The few tractors available, he said, must go first to veterans.

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# Trucks Used To Move Spuds

TULELAKE—Trucks are being pressed into service here to move out the 1945 potato crop as the refrigerator car shortage continued to hamper movements.

Chester Main, president of the Tulelake Growers association, advised today that his organization is 1500 carloads in arrears of this time last year, and that the shortage threatens the orderly movement of potatoes. Growers, expecting an average of 50 cars per day, are now getting between five and 10 cars, Main said. Trucks are helping carry on from the various potato districts in this area.

In wires received Tuesday from both C. W. Taylor of Chicago, in charge of the refrigerator pool at that point for ICC, and Rep. Clair Engle, California, Main was advised that the two were working diligently in an effort to relieve the shortage. The railroad companies, Main was told, attribute the shortage to heavy movement of troops.

# Cascade

CASCADE SUMMIT—The weather, for a change, is bright and clear, here but very cold. The mercury dropped to six above Saturday morning. The depth of the snow is 80 inches. The Southern Pacific company was compelled to use its rotary snow-plow to clear the tracks. Lake Odell is not frozen over this winter.

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