

# Major Flood Forecast For Ohio River

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., April 13 (AP)—A "major flood" of the Ohio river, with severe flooding of all its tributaries was forecast today by Meteorologist Leroy Stone of the Huntington weather bureau.

He said the river would go above flood level in the Pittsburgh area Tuesday morning, in the Parkersburg, W. Va.-Marietta, Ohio, area Tuesday night, and in the Gallipolis, Ohio-Huntington area Wednesday morning.

"The streams will continue to rise," he added, "and the condition is expected to continue for several days."

Branching rains continued over much of the Ohio watershed again Monday night, and Stone said more is expected today and tonight.

The fall measure 1.54 inches in the past 24 hours in Parkersburg, increasing the total for the past 48 hours to 3.98 inches. Huntington had 2.39 inches in the past 24 hours and a 48-hour total of 3.46 inches.

At Cincinnati, the river passed the 45-foot stage early Tuesday and threatened to bring the second flood of 1948.

Heavy ice flows jammed the river in mid-February, causing the river to pass the 52-foot flood stage. It crested February 18 at 53.9. Ice damaged river boats, docking facilities and riverbank houses.

# School Board Eyes Budget

The county school board and budget committee scheduled meetings for Wednesday for consideration of next year's budget and the possibility of calling a special election for exceeding the 6 per cent limitation.

Members of the budget committee are Cecil C. Haley, Howard Sherman, Robert Walker, Earl Kerns and Ralph Hill.

A building program for county schools is under consideration. Construction of an elementary school on Clinton avenue in the suburbs has been under discussion, and may be included in the new budget, along with additions at Henley and elsewhere.

A special budget election may be called for late in May.

# Construction Hits New High Levels

PORTLAND, April 13 (AP)—Western light construction reached new high levels in March, the magazine Western Building reported today.

A survey of 214 cities and counties showed 35,462 building permits valued at \$189,811,824, a rise of 7.9 per cent in permits and 64.8 per cent in valuation over March of a year ago.

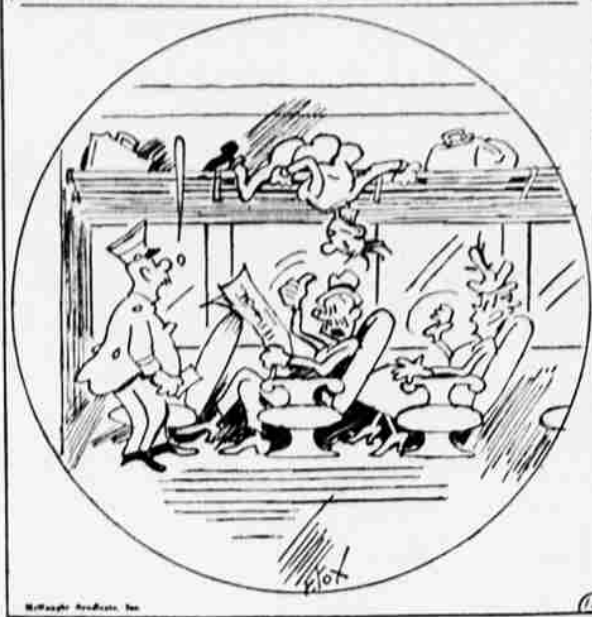
Los Angeles remained in the lead with \$32,774,895 worth of building. Oakland was second and Portland third on the list, both with new highs of \$9,445,708 and \$7,274,045 respectively. Vancouver, B. C. was sixth with \$4,193,340 and Seattle ninth with \$3,510,840.

Tacoma's permits totaled \$1,410,870 and Eugene's \$1,299,762 to lead smaller Northwest cities.

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# Heston Quits School Post

A. W. Heston, since the fall of 1946 clerk of both the Klamath Falls city elementary and Klamath Union high school boards, Monday night submitted his resignation to both bodies.

Heston's resignation was accepted with sincere regret. No successor has been named. Heston asked release from his duties at the close of the fiscal year, June 30, 1948. He said his future plans were indefinite.

Board 2 also accepted the request of Ed Ryan, former Pelican football coach, that he not be considered for a coaching assignment during the coming school year.

Use of facilities of the city school system was granted to Recreation Director Sam Smith for the summer program.

Superintendent Arnold Gralapp said all contractual teachers were notified Tuesday by mail of their re-election and said all acceptances or resignations should be in the clerk's hands by April 26.

Mrs. Ida Edsall, second grade teacher at Mills, was granted a one-year leave of absence and the resignation of Louise Kelsey, KUH's home economics teacher was accepted. She will teach in Hawaii, the board was advised.

The board granted use of Pelican court for a teen-age dance under the sponsorship of the 20-30 club late in April.

Progress on Conger school work was reported to the elementary board and it was announced that bids would be called next week on the Mills auditorium.

Remainder of the evening was spent on budget study.

In Hospital — Nine-year-old Patricia Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Wilson, of 329 McKinley, is in Hillside hospital receiving treatment for a broken leg.

Patricia was injured in a fall during the noon hour Monday on Conger school playground. She will be in the hospital for several weeks. Patricia is a second grader at Conger, and only a year ago suffered a bad break in the same leg.

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# Two Suspects Arrested In Elk Meat Theft

The mystery of who stole the elk meat from Chet Barton's walk-in locker at Barton's Poe valley ranch, was thought to have been partially cleared up today with the arrest of two Klamath Falls men.

Heid in the county jail in connection with the meat stealing are Vernon Roy Brown, 22, 1822 Wantland, and his neighbor, Andrew James Lewis, 41, 1828 Wantland.

Brown was picked up Sunday night by Sheriff Lloyd L. Low and State Police Officer Dal Reed. He was booked on a petty larceny charge in a bicycle theft. Early Monday morning, Lewis was picked up at a 8. 6th street second hand store, on a drunk charge.

At midnight Monday, under question of sheriff's officers and state police, Brown signed a statement to the effect that on March 27, he and Lewis went to the Barton ranch in a pick-up. They used a screw driver to remove the lock on the cold storage locker and took two quarters of elk meat and one quarter of beef.

The meat was brought back to Klamath Falls, hung in Lewis' cabin, later moved to Brown's. Officers found only blood stains in Brown's closet. Brown said the meat had been consumed and given away.

Charges of breaking and entering as well as grand larceny will probably be filed against the two late Tuesday, officers said.

In the meantime, there are several claimants to the \$1000 reward which Barton offered for the apprehension of persons involved in the theft.

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# Miners Head Back To Pits

PITTSBURGH, April 13 (AP)—Soft coal poured from the nation's mines today as thousands of miners ended a 29-day strike by accepting a pension agreement.

Production spurted to 75 per cent of normal in some areas. But the work return of 400,000 United Mine Workers was not yet general.

Some unionists declined to work until disposal of contempt of court charges against UMW Chief John L. Lewis. Others awaited the results of union local meetings scheduled today.

Among the pits still idle were the H. C. Frick Coke company National 1 and 3 and the same firm's Robena mine, the world's largest. H. C. Frick is a U. S. Steel Corp. subsidiary. Jones and Laughlin Steel Corp. captive pits, Vesta 4 and 5, also were idle.

Production crews were reported back in Bethlehem Steel Corp.'s Marianna, Cokeburg and Ellsworth pits in Western Pennsylvania. Pittsburgh Consolidated Coal company, world's largest commercial producer, reported four of its district mines at work. However, this firm's 850-man Montour 10 at nearby Liberty was idle.

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# Survey Makes Headway Here

The \$8000 economic survey of the Klamath area being undertaken by Hahn, Campbell associates of Burlingame, Calif., is proceeding on schedule but has not reached the point of any tangible reports, according to Charles Stark, manager of the Klamath County chamber of commerce.

James M. Campbell, junior partner of the firm, is doing the on-the-ground work. He plans to spend several days in the county at the end of each month until August. The survey is designed to take six months and the result to give city and county planners a basis from which to work.

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# Hitchcock Speaks At Yreka Chamber

YREKA, April 13—Phil Hitchcock, president of the Klamath County chamber of commerce, was principal speaker Monday night at the annual meeting of the Yreka chamber of commerce.

Hitchcock talked on "The place of the chamber of commerce in the American free enterprise system."

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# Fir Lumber Cut Shows Good Gain

PORTLAND, April 13 (AP)—The lumber cut at Douglas fir mills the first quarter of 1948 was 2,046,528,000 board feet, the West Coast Lumbermen's association reported today.

The cut was an 8.2 per cent increase over the same 13-week period a year ago.

Shipments in the 1948 first quarter were 2,006,297,000 board feet compared with 1,892,050,000 a year ago. Orders were down, however, from 2,134,909,000 to 1,963,166,000 despite heavy domestic demand.

March weekly production of 158,958,000 was slightly above February. Orders were down but shipments increased slightly above those of February, the association said.

# Mrs. Allen Passes Here

Mrs. Genevieve Geraldine Allen, 27, 2627 Turnage, wife of Ellsworth V. Allen, long-time employe of Balsler Motor company, died at Hillside hospital at 7:10 a. m. Tuesday following a brief illness. Death was attributed to pneumonia.

Mrs. Allen was born at Middlebourne, W. Va., and had made her home here for several years. She was employed at The Spud restaurant at the time of her death. In addition to her husband she is survived by her mother, Mrs. Isa B. Allen of Klamath Falls who moved here recently from Columbus, O., her father, Loy Allen of Middlebourne, W. Va., four brothers including Adrian G. Allen of Klamath Falls, and one sister, Mildred Bennett of Columbus, O.

Final rites will be announced by Ward's.

# Work Starts On IOOF Hall

MERRILLE, April 13—Work on the foundation of the new Odd Fellows hall was started Monday. Lewis Kandra, chairman of the building committee, has announced that the structure will cost between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

Located on Main street it will be of pumice tile, two-story, with 40 by 100 foot floor space dimensions. Included on the first floor will be a large lodge room, smaller rooms for meetings, dining hall, kitchen and rest rooms. Regalia and dressing rooms for both Odd Fellows and Rebekahs will be on the second floor.

Part of the building cost is being taken care of by cash and labor donations. No date has been set for completion.

Assisting Kandra on the building board are J. Leland Pope, Elmer Lemler, Roy Beasley, Don Barnes, O. J. Harris and Velton Haskins.

For many years the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs have met in a room above the present Safeway store.

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