

# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FLOODED

## In The Day's News

**By FRANK JENKINS**

The census bureau estimates that on December 1, 1951, the population of the U.S. was 155,575,000. On April 1, 1950, by actual count of census, it was 151,132,000. That's a gain of nearly 4 1/2 millions in a year and a half.

We're getting to be a big boy fast, aren't we?

Do you remember, away back in the blue 30's, when we were all in the dumps, the crystal-balls were telling us that the peak of our population had been reached and thereafter we would SLIP BACK?

Other crystal-balls then added that in the near future American industry would be top-heavy on the side of production of goods for older—wheel chairs, crutches, liniment bottles and such. Manufacturers of baby bugles, diapers, nursing bottles and things of that sort, they said, would be headed for bankruptcy.

About all I can think of to say is: Heil Heil Heil!

Anyway, phooey on the crystal-balls! I DON'T WANT TO KNOW WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE. I want the fun of meeting it as it comes and liking it if it has to be licked.

Something to think about: The state tax commission tells us that TAX-EXEMPT property in Oregon now totals \$730,559,565. That's roughly three-quarters of a billion dollars.

Of the non-taxed three-quarters of a billion, the federal government owns, in round numbers, 431 millions, school districts 76 millions, the state itself 67 1/2 millions and churches and religious organizations 27 1/2 millions.

Cynical thought: Suppose we exempted EVERYTHING from taxation. What would happen?

More on the tax subject: The U.S. chamber of commerce estimates that if President Truman's new \$3-billion-dollar federal budget is approved by congress the head of every American family will have an extra debt or tax burden of \$226 added to the back of his neck.

Oregon would get off a little better than the average. The President's proposals for increased spending would add 167 million to Oregon's federal tax total, or \$210 per family.

Realistic question: If you are the head of a family, do you think the extra spending will be worth to you what it will cost you?

A SEARCHING question: In your necessary and unavoidable dealings with government, would you rather do the bulk of it in Washington? Or would you prefer to have to go only to Salem or Sacramento?

I can answer that one promptly. I WANT GOVERNMENT KEPT AS CLOSE TO ME AS POSSIBLE. I feel safer that way.

Here's one to think about: In Britain they just conducted a poll to see which day of the week the British like the most. Sunday was a heavy winner. Those who preferred Sunday explained that they like Sunday's "passive, leisure, do-as-you-please" atmosphere.

Uneasy thought: Do you reckon that's what's wrong with Britain? Or is it a "passive, leisure, do-as-you-please" atmosphere may be pleasant, but it doesn't get you very far ahead.

Instead of going ahead, Britain is slipping backward.

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## Farm Sabotage In America Threat Seen; Border Inspection Tightens

WASHINGTON (AP)—Comptroller General Lindsay C. Warren told senators Friday he had ordered a "full and complete investigation" of shortages in the Agriculture Department's grain storage program, after his auditors found shortages of more than \$3,800,000 in a single office at Dallas, Texas.

Warren testified before the Senate Agriculture Committee. Secretary of Agriculture Brannan and a dozen assistants waited their turn to explain the cases under probe.

Sen. Anderson (D-N.M.), former secretary of agriculture, closely questioned Warren and his auditors on why there had not been prosecution of the shortages, or why there had been delays in prosecutions.

Involved in the inquiry was government owned grain and other farm commodities, obtained in the farm price support program.

It was stored in elevators and other storage centers and the shortages or "conversions" are blamed by Brannan on "individuals of the grain trade," not Agriculture Department employees.

Both Anderson and Sen. Aiken (R-Vt.) referred to the shortages.

## Kentucky Slots Nabbed

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FBI agents and local officers, traveling with vans, he said, made rapid seizures in private and public clubs, cafes, and various places of amusement.

## Jets Battle; Ships Shell Red Beaches

SEOUL, Korea (AP)—Jet planes fought over Northwest Korea Friday for the fourth successive day.

U.S. Sabre jets screaming thunder strikes against Red rail lines and supplies fought briefly with Communist jets.

One flight of four MIG-15s broke through the screening Sabres and made a firing pass at the thunderjets, then headed for home. No damage was reported.

The Air Force reported three MIGs downed and seven damaged in the previous three days fights. Allied losses are reported only weekly.

Action along the frozen 145-mile ground front followed the same quiet pattern of the past two months.

The only fighting Friday morning reported by the U.S. Eighth Army was along the Eastern front. An Allied patrol fought with entrenched Communist west of Heartbreak Ridge for an hour and a half before withdrawing.

The U.S. Cruiser St. Paul returned to action off Kosong Thursday. The St. Paul's guns hit Red entrenchments with 125 rounds and the supporting destroyers Hammer and Marshall added another 100 rounds.

Capt. R. A. Gano of Pipestone, Minn., reported the St. Paul destroyed six Red bunkers and damaged eight.

More than 180 miles north of the 38th parallel the U.S. destroyers Doyle and Porterfield and the Canadian Destroyer Albatross touched off big fires near Songjin.

The Albatross moved so close in shore sailors on her decks raked a building with rifles and machine-guns.

## Spud Price Rollback To Go Into Effect Saturday

Farmer's price on Klamath potatoes will be rolled back more than \$1.50 when the scheduled Office of Price Stabilization ceiling prices become effective tomorrow.

Growers were receiving upwards of \$5 per hundred pounds of potatoes the first of this year; the OPS order will roll the price back to \$3.65.

Oregon and Idaho growers, however, don't think the announced ceiling is fair and have sent a group to Washington D. C. where a 21-page protest was filed with the OPS yesterday.

Klamath growers Scott Warren and Louie Lyon are in the capital meeting with OPS officials now.

The statement, according to Chairman Roy Snabel, Redmond, of the California-Oregon Potato Marketing Agreement Control Committee, is to do a "selling job on the OPS."

A historical Northwest premium, Snabel said, shows that Oregon potatoes on a five-year average have been from 60 to 80 cents per hundredweight higher than the prices in other states.

"We are not fighting the ceiling itself," Snabel said. "Probably" was needed. It was getting to be a runaway market. But we are fighting to get a ceiling at a fair price for this area."

The growers would like to raise the proposed ceilings by 76 cents to \$4.41 per hundred pounds to the grower.

Also sought in the statement is a month-by-month increase in the potato price to allow for storage costs and shrinkage. According to reports here that would run something like 25 cents for the first month and a dime increase each month thereafter.

It cost 10 to 12 cents per hundred pounds per month to store potatoes here, not including labor costs for moving them in and out.

## Truce Talks Still Stalled

MUNSAN, Korea (AP)—Truce negotiators kept tempers in check as they wrangled fruitlessly Friday over terms of a Korean armistice.

The only outburst came from a Chinese delegate who referred to America's Allies as "running dogs."

Maj. Gen. Claude Ferenbaugh made his daily plea that the Reds promise not to build airfields in North Korea during a truce.

The Communists replied as usual that their pledge not to use combat planes across the Yalu during a truce was sufficient guarantee.

In an adjoining tent, Rear Adm. R. E. Libby tried vainly to get Red negotiators to accept voluntarily repatriation of war prisoners.

## Rosalee Back On The Job

It was just like being a girl again, "Rosalee" the Southern Pacific's huge rotary snowplow was called out of retirement last Monday after 18 years of standing idle.

The job she, and a similar steam powered plow, was given was a big one, too.

The two 150-ton plows were dispatched to Donner Pass to help free the Southern Pacific's drift-bound streamliner, City of San Francisco.

The last time Rosalee saw action was back in 1936—the year oldtimers call the winter of the big snow.

Sanford Selby, SP Klamath division roundup foreman, said the two plows were sent from here Monday and at last word were still at Donner Pass.

Engine 7269, commonly called Rosalee, was manned by Machinist Everett O. Lozar, 2032 Applegate, and Engine 7221, was in charge of W. L. Zoll.

Sending of the two huge plows to Donner Pass left the Klamath division without any snowplow, so the SP borrowed a plow from the Union Pacific, Selby said.

## Forum To Be Held Monday

Another panel of seven persons has been selected for next Monday night's airing of the Herald and News-KFLW sponsored panel discussion program, "Build the Basin."

The topic of discussion will be "How Can We Best Put Our Youth Ideas Into Immediate Action?"

Slated on the panel are Carroll Howe, superintendent county schools; Arnold Gralapp, superintendent city schools; Ray Biggers, YMCA president; Rev. George Alder, president Klamath Ministers Assoc.; Mrs. Richard Kingdon, president KUHS Parents Patrons; and two high school students.

The student representatives will be selected by student bodies of the city and county systems.

According to KFLW Manager Bud Chandler, Mayor Robert A. Thompson was invited to participate in the discussion, but declining because of pressing City Council business Monday night.

Chandler said Mayor Thompson promised to be available for a radio forum at a later date.

## Ex Pitcher Dies At 75

THE DALLES, Ore. (AP)—A one time professional baseball player, who also held a Carnegie heroism award, died Thursday. He was W. A. Salisbury, 75, resident of Rowena, west of here.

In 1901 he pitched for Portland in the Pacific Northwestern League and the next year he was taken by the Philadelphia Phillies, but was released in mid-season.

In 1911 he saved Archie O. Ramsden, a telegrapher, from drowning in the Willamette River at Albany and received a Carnegie Hero Commission bronze medal and \$1,000.

His widow and nine children survive.

## Cougars Killed By Woodsmen

EUGENE (AP)—Joe Jackson and Melvin Allen, two Lane County woodsmen, figure there will be 726 extra deer for hunters to stalk this fall.

That's because they've killed six cougars since the first of the year. Sportsmen claim a cougar eats a deer every three days.

The men collected \$60 bounty for each cougar.



**9 O'clock Special**

**BEAUTY MAKERS** — Bernetta Tracy (left), 2525 Applegate St., and June Dyer (with phone), 2526 King St., paused from their work at Muriel's Beauty Salon this morning to smile for the cameraman.

## Cows Feet Sore, Judge's Heart Cold, No Dough

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP)—Damages for mental suffering cannot be claimed because your sore feet, District Judge Harold H. Davies ruled Friday.

Glenn and Ada Page charged their neighbor, W. H. Lane, build a "spite" fence along his property, causing them to drive their dairy herd over a longer route to pasture, resulting in loss of milk production, sore feet for the cows and mental anguish for the owners.

Judge Davis threw out the mental anguish charge on which they asked \$15,000 damages.

## Three Hurt In Plane Crash

HOUSTON (AP)—Three crewmen of a B29 bomber were hospitalized early today after their plane crashed into a ditch, smashing its nose and splitting in several segments.

None of the hospitalized were seriously hurt. There were 14 persons aboard the Air Force plane coming in for a landing in thick fog at Ellington Air Force Base near here.

A board has been appointed to investigate the crash.

The plane was from Spokane, Wash.

Hospitalized were Capt. Raymond G. Kretchner, plane commander and pilot, face and head cuts and a fractured right leg; First Lt. Ralph C. Marsh, co-pilot, face cuts and multiple bruises; Sgt. Leeman M. Tankersley, central fire controller, hip and leg cuts and multiple contusions.

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## Food Poison Total 102

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Oregon had 102 cases of food poisoning last year, most of them from six counties.

Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer, reported Friday that nine separate outbreaks in Benton, Clackamas, Harney, Jackson, Marion and Multnomah counties accounted for 96 of the cases. The remaining cases affected only one person.

He said none of the poisoning involved botulism. The foods charged in the cases ranged all the way from cream puffs to chili and soft ice cream.

## Temp Warms Over State

The weather warmed up a bit in Oregon Friday. Failure of the Highway Commission to get a report from the chilly region between Burns and John Day helped, too, in making the temperature report look less frigid.

The weather bureau's coldest report was minus 9 at Burns and the next was minus 3 at Ontario.

The highway department, whose thermometer at Seneca on Thursday showed minus 24, on Friday had only a minus 6 at Lakeview as its coldest.

Aside from the sub-zero readings, weather in Oregon was pretty much normal with a few snow flurries in prospect for the eastern part of the state and occasional showers on tap in the west.

## Demos Fight Tax Boost

WASHINGTON (AP)—One of the Democrats on the House Ways and Means Committee reported Friday they are practically solid in opposing another general tax increase this year.

Under the Constitution, all revenue legislation must originate in the House, and the Ways and Means group is in the driver's seat. By all present indications, it will keep its foot on the brake and off the start.

Ways and Means Democrats held an informal conference at which sentiment was sounded out. The member who reported solidarity against an increase asked not to be quoted by name.

## Power Output Here Taxed

California-Oregon Power Company facilities are being taxed to the absolute limit in an attempt to provide ample electricity for domestic heat and industrial uses, Copco's Klamath Mgr. Sam Ritchey said today.

Despite the industrial power cut instituted several weeks ago, Ritchey said every possible kilowatt was needed to meet the great demand. He explained that much of the heavy power pull now was due to the severe cold and the resulting heavy heating load.

Basin lumber mills were put on a power curtailment schedule in mid-December. The schedule cuts mills' power supply by half from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and from 5 to 7 p.m.

Copco says that all attempts to secure additional power from other sources have failed.

## British Meat Ration Cut

LONDON (AP)—Another morsel of meat was whisked off the hardpressed Briton's bare dinner plate Friday.

Announcing that the present ration—19.8 cents worth a week per person—will sink to 16.33 cents, Food Minister Gwynn Lloyd George blamed lagging shipments from the Argentine and Australia.

But he softened the blow slightly by upping the bacon ration from three ounces to four. That means each Briton will be entitled to about four razor-thin slices a week instead of three.

Here's what the weekly ration will buy:

A chunk of low-grade stewing steak about the size of a baseball, or a slightly bigger portion of low-grade scrag end of lamb for stewing.

Or two small lamb chops.

Or a chunk of prime beefsteak the size of a packet of cigarettes.

## Franey Funeral To Be Saturday

Recitation of the Rosary will be held for Sheriff Jack Franey tonight at 8 in Ward's chapel, and funeral services will be conducted Saturday, 9:30 a.m., from Sacred Heart Church.

Rev. T. P. Casey will officiate, and military honors at Mt. Calvary Memorial cemetery are to be handled by American Legion Post No. 8.

SALEM (AP)—State Rep. Jack Greenwood, Wenatchee Republican who represents Clackamas County, filed for reelection Friday.

## DeArmand To Run For Delegate

BEND (AP)—H. H. DeArmond, for many years active in Oregon Republican circles, said he would run for delegate to the Republican National Convention, July 7 in Chicago, a supporter of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

DeArmond attended national conventions in 1932, when President Hoover was re-nominated, and in 1936, when Gov. Alf Landon of Kansas was named.

## Weather

FORECAST: Klamath Falls and vicinity Northern California, occasional snow Friday night and Saturday, somewhat warmer High both days 22, low tonight 15.

High Thursday 22, low 14

Low last night 14

Precip Thursday 0

Precip since Oct. 1 9.53

Normal for period 5.79

Last year, period 9.14

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## Thousands Flee Homes In Face Of Wild Water



**SHIP AHOY!** — Edward Boidetti of Los Angeles hails passing motorists to rescue him from his stranded auto at a flooded intersection in Hollywood. Hundreds of motorists were forced to abandon their cars as heavy rains caused the storm drains to overflow flooding streets and highways.

NEA Telephoto

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Two thousand families were ordered evacuated Friday as a night of deluging rain poured floods into flatlands south of here.

The sheriff's substation at Norwalk announced that the Coast Guard, moving 10 miles inland from the Pacific, would undertake to move the 6,000 or more persons from the path of rising waters.

The emergency centers in the communities of Norwalk, Artesia and Hawaiian Gardens, southeast of here. The Coast Guard moved up from its bases at Long Beach and San Pedro with boats and amphibious equipment of all types.

Another critical situation in the San Fernando Valley, north of Los Angeles proper, apparently was well in hand, although some 200 families had been taken from their homes in the Reseda area.

As welcome sunshine broke through the clouds shortly after dawn the picture through much of Southern California was one of rushing torrents, mud-closed highways and stalled cars.

By 8 a.m., the storm had brought 4.17 inches of rain in Los Angeles in 18 hours. Higher amounts fell on foothill communities which ring the city and despite flood control channels and spreading basins, the immense volume of water was ripping out roads and cutting into canyon banks as it rushed toward the Pacific.

Churches and schools—which in most sections were closed to classes for the day—were pressed into service as evacuation centers.

For the second time this week horse racing at Santa Anita Park was cancelled because of rain-swollen creeks around Arcadia.

Heavy snows were falling in the mountains, with the main route from here to San Francisco, U.S. 99, closed between San Fernando and Bakerfield by nearly two feet of snow.

The Weather Bureau said the worst of the current storm has passed, but that another—now moving down the Pacific Coast—is due here by Saturday night. It forecast intermittent rain, occasionally heavy, through Wednesday.

Friday's downpour boosted Los Angeles rain total to 17.49 inches, two inches beyond the normal for an entire season. Despite the damage, the moisture was welcome as replenishment for underground supplies sapped by a seven-year drought. Well levels have been falling throughout Southern California.

Despite a respite in the rainfall Friday morning, the Weather Bureau said the danger will continue as choked mountain creeks rushed into the valleys. Spreading basins have been built at the mouths of many creeks to conserve as much of the flow as possible.

The entire state has been plagued by the worst storms since the turn of the century this week.

Virtually all main railroad and highway routes across the Sierra have been closed and there is general transportation chaos.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Two women storm drowning victims in the flood-swept San Fernando Valley were tentatively identified Friday as Tacoma, Wash., women.

Their husbands were missing from their submerged car and feared drowned.

papers in the women's handbags identified them as Mrs. Gladys McCarthy, 41, and Mrs. Ruth Muir, 30, both of Tacoma, police reported. They had been registered with their husbands at a motel nearby.

Their car, carrying Washington license plates, had slid off a road near San Fernando and was jammed in a flooded culvert.

The women's bodies were found in the back seat and police said they believed the two men were washed away in the flood.

At Tacoma, relatives said that Mr. and Mrs. Harry Muir, apartment house owners at Tilow Beach there, and Mrs. and Mrs. Thaddeus McCarthy, both 41, invent operators, had been vacationing several weeks in California and were on their way home.

The ages of Mr. and Mrs. Muir were given as 65 and 60 respectively. There was no immediate explanation of the difference between Mrs. Muir's age of 60 and that of the Mrs. Muir in the San Fernando dispatch.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Southern Pacific workmen, having rescued passengers and crew from the City of San Francisco, faced the gigantic job Friday of freeing the snow-blanketed \$3 million streamliner.

The S. P. has 350 men working on an around the clock schedule in the high Sierra's Donner Pass area, where the luxury train has been trapped since Sunday.

Ironically, the first job is to free four snow plows which became snowbound in initial efforts to free the City of S. F. The rotaries—any one of which normally could have cleared the way for the train—block approaches to it from both east and west.

Mountain crews were working to ward the streamliner from both directions, hoping to bring it out before another severe storm can pile on more snow.

## City Youths Go On Air

Klamath youth viewed the news here Friday when officials from radio station KOMO Seattle, produced the program "Youth Views the News" from Klamath Union High School auditorium.

The program was recorded and will be relayed over a special hook up of 11 Pacific Northwest radio stations, including KFLW, Sunday evening at 6:30.

A panel of four KUHS students—Beverly Eels, Trudy Bramlett, Tom Murdock and Leroy Porter—discussed topics covering President Truman's State of the Union message, the Korean peace situation and the professional boxing situation.

Millard Ireland was moderator. Bob Hurd was the show's producer and Bill Vandermay was technician. The program is sponsored by Weyerhaeuser Timber Company.

**SKATING TONIGHT**

Skating is scheduled again at the Moore Park rink.

The City Recreation Dept. this morning stated the rink would be open from 2 to 10 p.m. today for skating.

## They'll Lead The Parade

Bob Rice waves a makeshift baton while Jean Jamison, a victim of polio, looks on. The pair will lead the grand entry parade, before the Eagles marching groups, in the Eagles March of Dimes Dance tomorrow night in the Eagles hall. The dance is for members and any number of guests who care to attend. The grand entry is at 10 p.m.

