

STEEL OFFERS TO TALK

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Flood Water Moves Into Burns Area

By The Associated Press
Oregon flood conditions had shifted eastward to the Burns area Saturday as residents of Prineville in Central Oregon continued to clean up their homes flooded earlier in the week.
Ten families living in a Burns motel were forced by high water to evacuate their homes as waters from melting snows rushed down Brown's Canyon. Half a dozen other homes were surrounded by water, but were not evacuated.
One way traffic was moving over the Central Oregon Highway to Tatoom and crews on the water was softening the roadbed, causing the pavement to sag.
High water closed the Bend-Burns Highway for several days, but two busses went through Friday.
At Prineville, the Crooked River, which forced evacuation of 150 homes Wednesday, continued to recede. Crews expected to complete work Saturday on a new levee to protect the town from future floods.
Storm warnings were flying on the coast from Astoria north to Taloom Island. Small craft warnings were up on the Oregon Coast.
The Weather Bureau at Portland forecast winds of 15 to 25 miles an hour, with gusts to 30 Saturday for Portland and the Willamette Valley.



WOMAN OF THE YEAR—Mrs. Don (Julia) Zumwalt (right) receives the Soroptimists annual award from Mrs. Coral Sabo.

Dread Disease Sweeps Nation But Cure Found

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Delegates to a mental health conference at the University of Michigan have learned of the disease known as vernal hyperpyrexia.
Dr. Robert H. Felix, director of the National Institute of Health, Bethesda, Md., defined it for them Friday. He said it causes the iron content of the blood to turn to lead and gradually settle in the lower extremities of the back.
It is the least fatal of all mankind's diseases, he added, and cures include a complete rest, a change of scenery through golf, fishing and other forms of relaxation, such as lying in the sun and watching the clouds.
Vernal hyperpyrexia, you see, is spring fever.

Julia Zumwalt Honored As "Woman Of The Year" Here

Forty-seven years of benevolence and service was recognized last night when Mrs. Don (Julia) Zumwalt was named the Soroptimist Club's "Woman of the Year."
The honor was bestowed at the club's annual presentation banquet at the Willard Hotel. More than 100 of the woman's service club members, their husbands and special guests saw Soroptimist Coral Sabo present Mrs. Zumwalt with the award pin.
In the audience were four of the six previous award winners: Mrs. Victor O'Neill (1947), Mrs. Lawrence French (1948), Mrs. Bernard Johnston (1949) and Mrs. R. F. Ellingson (1951).
Mrs. Zumwalt came to Klamath Falls as a bride in 1905. Prior to her marriage, she had won her Bachelor of Philosophy degree from Pacific University (now College of the Pacific). She became a recognized leader in music teaching and is now director of music for the Rotary and Library Clubs. She founded the Delphian Society chapter here and is active in American University Women and Daughters of the Revolution. She has been especially active in aiding young people.
In accepting the award last night, Mrs. Zumwalt modestly declined her worthiness.
"All I have done," she said, "were the things I loved to do and wanted to do, that does not deserve any reward. I accept the award with proud humility and heartfelt gratitude. . . I'll try and not let you down."
Mrs. Ida Momyer Odell, long-time Klamath resident, made a very entertaining talk on woman's position in the early days of this area.
Music was offered by vocalists Ruby Gehring and Gerry Gei accompanied by Mrs. George McClintyre.
Mrs. Isabelle Brixner was toastmistress.
Guests included presidents and husbands or wives of other city service clubs.

John Hales Dies Today

John (Jack) Hales, 71, a resident of the Klamath area since 1910, died this morning at Klamath Valley hospital.
He had been in the hospital since last Saturday, suffering with a heart condition complicated with pneumonia.
Hales was a native of Chatham Ontario, Canada, and during his time in Klamath Falls operated several meat markets here. He was a member of the Butchers Union and just before his retirement about a year ago was meat inspector at Klamath Packing Company.
He was very interested in sports and was trainer of many hunting dogs. He was active in the Shasta Cascade Retriever Club.
Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Catherine Hales, at the home; two sons, Jack Hales Jr., of Oakland, Calif., and Harold E. Hales, Berkeley, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Scott, New Orleans, and a brother, Robert Hales, Chatham, Ontario.
Funeral services are to be conducted from O'Hair's Memorial Chapel Tuesday at 2 p.m., with Rev. David Barnett of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. Interment is to be in Klamath Memorial Cemetery.

Storm Whips British Isles

LONDON (AP) — The coldest spring blizzard in 36 years lashed the British Isles Saturday and snow and cold gripped most of Europe.
Shipping in the churning English Channel was virtually at a standstill. A number of small boats sent out distress signals and rescue crews were busy.
Road and rail transportation in Southern England was blocked in many places by drifts piled as high as two feet. Three double-decker buses overturned on icy streets.
Air transportation into London was slowed. One plane from the United States was five hours late after bucking gale winds.
Winds up to 70 miles an hour lashed the southern coast of England, ripping off roofs, snapping power lines and littering roads with debris.
Mid-Atlantic gales delayed the 13,000-ton liner Parthal, due at Liverpool Saturday from New York. She was expected to dock Sunday morning.
An underdog Oxford crew broke the varsity boat race, winning by five feet in a blinding snowstorm. The two crews rowed virtually side by side over the entire 4 1/4 mile course on the Thames River in Southwestern London.
Weather observers gloomily predicted more of the same for the next few days.

Farm Product Prices Drop

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prices for farm products have dropped for total of about 5.5 per cent for the 90-day period.
The Agriculture Department reported Friday a decline of about one-third of 1 per cent between mid-February and mid-March. That brought prices about 8 per cent below those of a year ago.
The biggest drops last month were in dairy products and meat animals. Slight gains were reported for truck crops, fruits and food grains.
Prices received by farmers in mid-March stood at 288 per cent of the 1910-14 average compared to the record 313 of February 1951.
Prices paid by farmers in mid-March stood at 288 per cent of the 1910-14 average, the highest on record. However, this is about the same as a month earlier and a year ago.
Most farm prices were reported 100 per cent of parity — as in the month previous — compared to cent below those of a year ago.
Parity is a standard for measuring farm prices. It is designed to maintain farm income on a basis equally fair to farmers and those who buy their products.
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Jap To Get Job Chance

PORTLAND (AP) — State Tax Commissioner Ray Smith said Friday that Sagie Nishioka, Japanese-American war veteran wounded in action in France, would be considered for any job he is qualified to handle with the commission.
Nishioka recently took a civil service examination for a job with the Oregon Income Tax division. He placed first, but another man was hired for the job.
Smith denied that Nishioka's racial background had anything to do with his failure to be hired. He said the Civil Service Board certified three applicants for vacancies and that an attempt is made to choose the person best suited.
Declaring Nishioka would be considered for any job he is qualified to handle when there is an opening, Smith said:
"We are not prejudiced. We have a Chinese girl working for us as a receptionist in our Portland office."

Truman Talk Set Tonight

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman mounts the political stump Saturday night — and Sen. Maybank (D-S.C.), urged him to "end this confusion" by announcing whether he is going to seek another term.
But Democrats closer to the President seemed to have the general opinion he probably won't tip his hand in an address here (7:30 p.m., PST) at the \$100-a-plate Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner.
They looked for Truman to come up instead with a blast at the Republicans in the "give 'em hell" style of his 1948 campaign.
Along with many other Southern Democrats in Congress, Maybank is supporting Sen. Russell of Georgia for the party's presidential nomination.

Taft Still Sure of Win

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Sen. Taft of Ohio said Saturday he believes he will win handily in Wisconsin's showdown vote Tuesday on 30 Republican presidential nominating delegates.
But the Ohio senator told this reporter he regards the situation created by a five-state race and the injection of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's name into the primary as "peculiar" he is not claiming any sweep.
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KFLW To Air PCL Games

Radio Station KFLW will carry all Portland baseball games, both home and away, starting with the Beavers' Pacific Coast League opener against San Francisco in Seals Stadium Tuesday night.
Station Manager Bud Chandler pointed out that this marks the first time a local radio station has dealt in complete coverage of the Portland team.
The games will be channeled to KFLW through a special Oregon network.
The announcement comes as particularly good news to local fans who can hear baseball at a convenient evening listening time.
The broadcasts, picked up by radio stations up and down the coast, are considered a strategic move by PCL officials who this year open in earnest their fight to eventually gain big league stature.
Chandler pointed out that radio listeners will not lose KFLW's usual 10 p.m. news broadcast. The baseball games will go on tape from that time and will be played back after the news broadcast.
Rollie Truett and Bob Blackburn will handle the play-by-play assignment.
The games will go on the air Tuesday and Wednesday nights at 8:30, Thursday 8:45, Friday 10:15, Saturday 8:30 and Sunday 8:45.
Monday is generally traveling time for PCL teams.

Companies To Bargain As A Group

By NORMAN WALKER
WASHINGTON (AP) — A sudden peace move by the steel industry spurred hopes Saturday that a scheduled April 8 steel strike may be averted.
The industry's six largest producers arranged to begin meetings Monday in New York with CIO President Philip Murray, head of the steelworkers union.
The facts that the bid for the meetings came from the companies and that they are willing to take the unprecedented step of bargaining as a group with the union seemed promising.
This indicated possibly the industry had been passed the word that the government was ready to give it the price relief industry has said was needed before it could make a wage deal with Murray for 650,000 basic steelworkers.
Murray himself carefully refrained from expressing any optimism, telling the workers from Pittsburgh they would be fully advised of any progress in the meetings, adding:
"It is not to be assumed that the convening of the conference indicates agreement upon the issues."
The six companies due to attend the Monday meeting are U.S. Steel, Bethlehem, Republic, Jones and Laughlin, Inland Steel and Youngstown Sheet and Tube.
None of the stabilization officials here who have been wrestling with the price problem would talk. But negotiations had been in a stalemate, and now that they were suddenly revived, and in a businesslike manner, seemed to indicate something had happened.
PRICE UP SEEN
It was considered possible the industry had merely received iron-clad assurances of a future price allowance—perhaps not to be given until the steel labor dispute had faded out of the public eye, perhaps several months hence.
Murray is standing fast on the basis of Wage Stabilization Board recommendations calling for a 17 1/2-cent pay boost, plus other concessions, including the union shop. Only 12 1/2 cents of pay boost would apply right away, with 2 1/2 cents on July 1, and another 2 1/2 cents next Jan. 1.
The workers presently earn about \$2.00 an hour.
The steel industry has claimed it will take a \$12-a-ton price boost to pay for this but government officials have figured it would take only \$4 to \$5 a ton. Officials have said the industry has only \$2-a-ton coming under existing price rules.

GI Faces Trial For War Murder

BUFFALO, N. Y. (AP) — A former U.S. Army sergeant was held in jail Saturday as Italy began court action to extradite him for the wartime "Deuce of Spades" slaying of a "cloak and dagger" major.
Carl LoDolce was arrested Friday at Rochester and brought here on a charge of being a "fugitive from the justice of Italy."
U.S. District Judge John Knight ordered him held without bail and set a hearing for Wednesday.
The Italian government and the U.S. Defense Department accuse LoDolce of murdering OSS Maj. William V. Holohan behind enemy lines in Northern Italy in 1944.
The Defense Department named former Lt. Aldo Icardi of Pittsburgh as the man who "hatched" the bizarre murder plot.
The three men were on a mission for the Office of Strategic Service eluding German lines in Italy.
The Defense Department said that the major first had been poisoned but that Icardi decided the poison might not work. Then the department said, LoDolce "drew the two of spades" and got the assignment to shoot Holohan.
Icardi's attorney said in Pittsburgh that Icardi was awaiting arrest. "We expect it," he said.
Icardi and LoDolce have denied the murder accusation.
The Defense Department released details of the Holohan killing last August. It said the major was killed after he and Icardi argued over how much American aid should be given to Communist and non-Communist bands of Italian partisans.

Rubber Co. Plants Close

AKRON, O. (AP) — Six B. F. Goodrich Co. plants employing 15,000 were closed Saturday as an aftermath to contempt convictions of nine CIO United Rubber Workers leaders. Another 12,000 rubber workers were idle at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co.—many of them in a sympathy protest.
Firestone and General and the smaller rubber-making firms here were unaffected.
Common Pleas Judge Bernard J. Roetzler, who sentenced the nine unionists to 10 days in jail and fined them each \$250 and costs, received a threatening letter. The scrawled note said the jurist would be taken for a "long, long ride." The judge turned the letter over to police.
George R. Bass, president of Goodrich URW Local 5, and the eight other union leaders remained in custody about four hours before posting \$200 bond each. Their contempt convictions were for violating a court order by stopping trains carrying supplies into the picketed plants.

Weather

FORECAST — Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Partly cloudy Saturday and Sunday, with occasional snow showers Saturday night. High Saturday 46, low 23.
High temp yesterday 51
Low last night 27
(Additional Weather on Page 3.)



PHYLLIS JORGENS

11-Year-Old To Forget Unhappy Past And Join Father In Minnesota

An 11-year-old girl with an unhappy past and prospects of a more pleasant future leaves Klamath Falls Saturday to go back home to Minnesota to live.
She is Phyllis Jorgens, abandoned just before last Christmas by her mother and step-father.
The girl's mother left her husband about six years ago, taking Phyllis with her, and came to this area to live. In 1947 she obtained a divorce here and custody of the child.
Then she remarried, wedding a man from Poe Valley and going to his farm to live.
The next four years for Phyllis were marked with neglect and even brutality at the hands of her mother and stepfather, according to the story authorities here have been able to piece together, and finally, last December, the mother brought Phyllis to the Juvenile Office and offered her for adoption.
The agency does not deal in adoptions, but placed the girl in the Juvenile Home on a dependency basis while the Welfare Department had an investigation made into the child's home life and the character and worthiness of her father, who has a farm at Ferguson Falls, Minn.
A few days before Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Gieseler, 915 N. 9th, were visiting in Poe Valley and heard residents of that community talking about Phyllis and her life with her mother and stepfather. They investigated and decided they'd like to take the girl into their home.
A temporary arrangement was made and Phyllis went to live with the Giesegers Christmas Eve. The little girl, clad in shreds of clothing when left with juvenile authorities, got a flood of presents the next day and has been living with the Giesegers as a loved member of the family since.
Last Tuesday her father, Kenneth Jorgens, obtained a modification of his ex-wife's divorce decree in Circuit Court here and was awarded custody of the daughter he hadn't seen for half a dozen years.
So tomorrow she is to board the 12:35 p.m. United Air Lines plane for Portland and eventually Ferguson Falls, Minn., to join her father and his new family. Jorgens has since remarried.
The people of Poe Valley who knew of Phyllis' unwanted life on her stepfather's farm and her abandonment, are paying part of her plane fare to Minnesota, and are paying to ship all her belongings, including a bicycle, to her new home.
They also and this was supposed to be a secret, but it won't be now, are going to give her a wrist watch when she gets on the plane.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
From Munsan, Korea:
"United Nations true negotiators said today that ONLY THE KREMLIN knows why the communists adamantly insist that Russia help police an armistice (if an armistice should be agreed on)."
If I had to guess, I'd say they know we won't (and can't) accept Russia as a neutral armistice referee and inspector, that they want to keep us embroiled indefinitely in Korea, and so they stand pat on their "accept Russia or else" demand.
General Collins, army chief of staff, told a subcommittee of the house of representatives the other day that the Korean campaign has already cost the ARMY ALONE more than EIGHT BILLION DOLLARS.
That isn't hay, even in a country as big and rich as ours. If I were Stalin, I'd certainly figure that if I could keep the United States pouring money down the Korean rathole at that rate I was cutting a fat hog.
Have you been following this Nishioka business that has bobbed up in Oregon? If not, you've been missing something. It's interesting.
At a recent session (it was in 1951, as I recall it) the Oregon legislature enacted a fair, employment practices law. The law prohibits discrimination by employers because of race or religion.
That is to say, if you have a job open and if a Jap or a Chinaman or a Hindu or a Hottentot or an Eskimo applies for it and qualifies for it you can't refuse to employ him because of his race or his color or his creed.
Well, a while back Sagie Nishioka, a Japanese-American war veteran (who was wounded in France, among other things) took an Oregon civil service examination for a job with the Oregon income tax division.
He placed first—but another man was hired for the job.
Thereupon State Labor Commissioner W. E. Kimsey accused the state tax commission of violating Oregon's new F. E. P. law. State Tax Commissioner Ray Smith replied that it isn't so, that the state civil service board certified three applicants (including Nishioka, who had placed first in the examination) and that "an attempt was made to choose the person best suited."
But Kimsey says Smith and Jason Lee (Lee is the state tax commission personnel officer) "told a member of my staff that Nishioka was not hired because of his race." So there the matter stands.
Nishioka says he's going to fight for the job.
Personally, I don't believe in these fair employment practices laws. I don't think situations like that can or should be handled BY LAW, which involves force. I think they can be better handled by education, human tolerance and fair-mindedness. That method takes longer, but it will work better in the end. I think situations like this one involving Nishioka will keep recurring, and each recurrence will bring ill will and hard feeling that will INFLAME race prejudices in-



A HOT ONE—A new hot water well has been brought in on Home Avenue near the LDS church. Above, R. C. Vochatzer, of the Southern Oregon Well Drilling Company, eyes the well which is spewing steam and hot water despite a cap held in place by the weight of a one-ton drill. The well, on a vacant lot belonging to N. A. Welman, was down 518 feet when the hot water came in. It is farther away from the Hot Springs area than any hot well yet brought in.

9 O'clock Special



A NEW HOT water well on Home Avenue this morning attracted Julius Reynolds (left), 2136 Home, and J. O. Kennett, 2151 Orchard.