



RAINFALL FLOODED THE STREETS of Klamath Falls Thursday morning after the heavy rain storm which hit the Basin, and most of the Northwest, this week. This shot by Herald and News photographer Don Kettler was taken at the corner of Sixth and Owens streets Thursday morning when the water lay several inches deep on the street and up to the doors of the houses on the right.

Marines Clean Woman's Car

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Mrs. Helen Olds saw several young men washing a car yesterday, another clean job parked behind it. Young fellows trying to earn extra Christmas money, she thought. And because her car needed washing she stopped and asked if they'd like to do the job for, say \$1.50. They would, they said. An hour later one of the men brought the spanking clean car to her nearby home. He took the trouble to sweep up some broken glass in her driveway. But when she offered him \$1.50 plus a quarter tip, he refused to take the money. "Why?" she asked. "Well, ma'am," he said, "we're all Marines, just back from Korea. Were on our way home to Indianapolis, which we haven't seen since 1949. We're staying with friends up the street during our layover. Everyone in the neighborhood has been so nice to us we thought we'd like to give them a Christmas present. And the only thing we could think of that we could afford was to wash cars. "Merry Christmas, ma'am."



RAIN-FILLED LAKES COVERED portions of the South Suburban area Thursday morning after the heavy rain storm Wednesday and Wednesday night. The flood caused severe sanitation hazards when septic tanks in the area overflowed, according to a report from the office of Dr. Seth Kerron, Klamath County Health officer.

Bonn Arrests Dr. Otto John

KARLSRUHE, Germany (AP)—The West German government put Dr. Otto John under arrest today in Wiesbaden, the federal prosecutor announced here. The announcement that the Bonn Republic's former intelligence chief had been arrested came as no surprise. The South German radio already had reported he had been charged with suspected treason and a warrant had been served on him for fear he might flee or try to cover up his activities. John joined the Communists in East Berlin in July 1954 after heading West Germany's counterintelligence organization. He returned to West Germany 16 months later, on Dec. 12, and has been held incommunicado by government security officials since then.

Syria Doubts UN Action

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—Diplomats expressed doubt today that Syria could get the Security Council to meet her demands that Israel be ousted from the U.N. and penalized heavily for the Dec. 11 Galilee attack. The usual resolution of censure and appeal for negotiations appeared a more likely result. Chief Syrian Delegate Ahmed Shukairy placed a seven-point resolution before the council last night after insisting the time had come for punitive measures to check what he called further Israeli "aggression" against Arab States. Observers pointed out, however, that Syria does not belong to the council and the 11-nation body can act on a resolution only on a member's request. Informed sources said Shukairy had asked the Russians to sponsor his proposal, but that the Soviet would agree only to urge council consideration. This aroused speculation the Russians, who have leveled the strongest criticism of the latest Israeli attacks yet heard from a council member, might come up with a resolution of their own. The Western Big Three are expected to bring in the resolution expressing censure and appealing for negotiations. After listening to more than an hour of charges and countercharges from both Syria and Israel, Council President Sir Leslie Munro of New Zealand called an indefinite adjournment and vowed hope the two countries would keep the peace, at least during Christmas week. By the time it meets again, probably after Jan. 1, the council will have had time to study claims from the two sides as well as the report from the U.N. Palestine truce chief, Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, warning that further Israeli reprisals could touch off a full-scale war. Burns' report blamed Israel for violation of the Israeli-Syrian armistice. It said 56 Syrians and six Israelis perished in Israel's Dec. 11 raid on Syrian posts along the northeast shore of the Sea of Galilee.

ICC Scores Rate Rules

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) said Friday it "seriously questions the prudence" of proposed curtailments of its powers to regulate rates in the transportation field. In its first public comment on the report of President Eisenhower's Cabinet Committee on Transportation, released by the White House last April, the ICC asserted: "Resort to the laws of the jungle with competition in full play will not produce the desired transportation system." In general, the Cabinet Committee recommended less ICC regulation of rates and more ICC regulation of segments of the transportation picture not now subject to its supervision—among them barge movements of bulk commodities, private motor freight carriers, and contract freight truckers. The committee listed as its No. 1 objective "increased reliance on competitive forces of defense sharply in rate making." Among other things, the ICC would be permitted to fix only maximum and minimum rates, rather than precise rates, and its present powers to delay their effectiveness would be curbed sharply. The report was welcomed by railroad interests, and sharply criticized by truckers and others.

Two Quints Leave Montreal Clinic

MONTREAL (AP)—The two surviving members of the four surviving Dionne quintuplets have left the hospital for their home in Callander, Ont. Officials at the Hospital de L'Esperance in suburban Ville St. Laurent said Annette and Marie, entered the hospital for "great and checkup" were discharged late Thursday and doctors pronounced them "perfectly all right." Their sisters, Yvonne and Cecile, nursing trainees at the same hospital, were expected to leave for Callander also, to spend Christmas with their sisters and parents. It will be the second Christmas for the four together since their sister, Emilie, died at a Ste. Agathe, Que., nursing home in August 1954.

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Hearing Postponed On Navy Bid For Nevada Land Grab

LAKEVIEW — The hearing on the application of the U.S. Navy to withdraw upwards of two million acres of public domain in northwestern Nevada for a military reservation has been postponed, according to Forrest Cooper, Lakeview. He is attorney for property owners in the area and also attorney for five counties in Nevada and California which claim their economy would be adversely affected by creation of such an exclusive military reservation. More than 100 objections to the proposed plan were filed, stated Cooper. Cooper returned this week from

Washington, D.C. where he was informed by Douglas McKay, secretary of interior, that action upon all pending applications for withdrawals by all federal agencies will be held up until Congress had a chance to make a thorough investigation and enact legislation which will regulate a dedication of natural resources involved in such requests.

Chairman Clair Egle of California, of the House Interior Committee, has arranged to have Assistant Secretary Wesley D'Ewart appear before his committee on January 4 to give an inventory of the millions of acres of grass, water, wildlife and minerals which are locked up in existing public land withdrawals and especially those heretofore made by the department of defense, Cooper said. The hearing will be followed by witnesses who will outline the department's present and future needs together with their views on ways and means of instituting a rotation of use program by two or more branches of the military service on the millions of acres of Western public lands which are currently locked in military reservation status, but which have not been used for upwards of five years. The recent announcement by the Navy that it is spending several million dollars to rebuild the Klamath Falls Air Force base, after which it will be loaned to and activated by the Air Force, presents an example of close coordination which, if extended throughout the 11 Western states, should release to the citizens, millions of acres which are now idle, Cooper commented.

Early in February, Congressman Egle's committee is expected to hear witnesses representing such organizations as the national regional wildlife groups, Western range livestock individuals, commercial banks, mortgage credit institutions, the National Reclamation Association, the American Farm Bureau Association, chambers of commerce of the U.S., and an interstate association of public land counties as well as witnesses for northeastern California and northwestern Nevada. It is hoped that out of these hearings will develop legislation that will fully protect the public interest in natural resources involved in public land request withdrawals and which will establish a multiple or rotational use of existing military reservations by two or more branches of defense plus periodical examination of such need for these reservations, Cooper added.

THEFTS ADMITTED

CAMDEN, Ark. (AP)—Three Camden boys, whose ages range from 12 to 14, admitted a series of thefts here, and received Christmas presents from the judge, Judge Miles C. Reynolds yesterday chose three dolls from among the loot which the boys had stolen. He ordered each of the young defendants to carry a doll home "in your arms" and "take good care of it."

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Soroptimists Hold Program

A Christmas prayer and music program was presented to members of the Klamath Falls Soroptimist Club following the noon luncheon in the Winema Hotel Thursday, December 22. Mary Bothwell was program chairman. Eloise McIntyre arranged the numbers presented by a mixed sextet from Klamath Union High School. Vocalists were Lucy Cornelius, Sue Thompson, Judy Hadley, Nancy Drew, Terry Hannon and Wayne Pounds. The mixed sextet sang "Deck The Halls With Holly," "Winter Wonderland," and "White Christmas." Sue and Judy sang a duet, "Gesu Bambino." Terry Hannon soloed "O Holy Night." The sextet sang "Away In a Manger," "Every Year At Christmas," and "Love and Joy Come To You." Eloise McIntyre was at the piano. Jean Puckett, Soroptimist member, gave "Let's Keep Christmas." The opening and closing prayers, given by Polly Schroeder were written by Peter Marshall, the Scotch immigrant who became chaplain of the United States Senate. Dena Buckes president reported on the financial success of the food sale held at the December 12 meeting and announced that the December 29 program will be put on by the program committee. Venture Club members and out of town guests were introduced.

Southern Pacific Has Annual Party

DUNSMUIR — A buffet luncheon this noon in the office of the superintendent of the Shasta Division, Southern Pacific, marked the annual Christmas celebration of the office personnel and supervisors. Entertainment was provided by the Dunsmuir 4-H Club of which Mr. and Mrs. William DiCristina are sponsors. Margaret Callick and Russel Callick gave recitations. A skit was presented by Terry Pawcett, Marcia Gordon, Martha Bradshaw, Linca Lockart, Marion Stanley, Carol Walker and Sandra Smith. Claudia Diridon sang and Karen Snead played the accordion.

COVENANT CHURCH

Christmas Sunday will be observed at the First Covenant Church, 823 Walnut Street with one unified worship service at 10:30 a.m. The program of special singing and message is planned for the entire family. There will be no separate Sunday School or evening service.

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Modoc Ranger Gets Transfer

ALTURAS — District Ranger Harry Taylor of the Modoc National Forest has been transferred from Buck Creek to Cedarville to fill the vacancy resulting from the reassignment of Ranger Brough to Tulelake recently according to an announcement by Neal Rahm, forest supervisor there. Taylor is thoroughly familiar with the Surprise Valley District, being assistant ranger there in 1950-51. Craig A. Giffen will fill the Goose Lake district ranger position with headquarters at Buck Creek. Giffen started with the forest service in 1944 as a seasonal employee and after receiving his forestry degree from Oregon State College in 1947 he received his first professional assignment on the Six Rivers Forest. Giffen was assigned to the Modoc Forest in 1948, and, after additional experience and training, was promoted to assistant ranger on the South Fork and then the Devil's Garden districts. In 1952 he was transferred to the assistant ranger position at Sierraville on the Tahoe Forest. Giffen, his wife, two daughters and a son, plan to move to Buck Creek late in January.

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Moose Group Plans Dinner

MERRILL — WOTM chapter No. 18 Friendship Committee was held December 18 at Moose Hall. Chairman Frances Brandenburg called meeting to order. Those answering roll call were Rose Bailey, Ellen Fiegl, Susan Willian, and the hostess Frances Brandenburg. The annual bazaar was reported a success. The turkey dinner for friendship members and families will be held in February. Cards were signed and sent to Bessie Aubrey and Katherine Schweigart. The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served by the hostess. The next meeting will be held January 18 at 1:30 p.m. at Mrs. Letta Stoll's home.

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