

Oregon Eyes Flood Loss; Rivers Down

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Two Hit-Run Accidents Told

Two minor hit and run accidents occurring Friday evening were reported today by the Klamath Falls office of the Oregon State Police.

Chesler Johnson, 1612 Division, reported that his auto was hit while he was parked at the Altamont Grocery at about 6:10 p.m. Friday.

Both men said that the other driver involved failed to leave his name.

Man Wounded In Demonstration

A man accidentally shot himself early Saturday morning while showing his wife how to operate a revolver, the Klamath Falls office of the Oregon State Police reported today.

The incident occurred at about 6 a.m. Saturday.

Critical Period In Lost River Area About Over

The critical period of the Lost River floods should be over by tonight, J. Pitts Elmore, project manager for the Klamath Reclamation Project, said Saturday.

He based this prediction, made at about noon Saturday, on the lowering flow at Malone and Harpold dams on the Lost River. He said that this should place the crest of the floods in the vicinity of Olene.

At that time, there had been no slackening of the flow at the Lost River Diversion Dam southeast of Klamath Falls. He said that the flow at the dam will diminish more slowly because of the need to dispose of the accumulation of water between the dam and Olene.

The flow at Malone Dam at the upper (south) end of Langell Valley was 600 second feet at 9 a.m. Saturday compared to 2,250 second feet at noon Friday. At the Harpold Dam at the head of Poe Valley, the flow at 10 a.m. Saturday was 2,560 second feet, com-

pared to 2,660 second feet at the same time Friday.

The flow at the Lost River Diversion Dam has been divided with about 2,500 second feet going into the diversion channel to be carried to the Klamath River and about 1,000 second feet going down in Lost River channel to the Tulalake Sump.

He said that sudden critical developments upstream from the diversion dam could change this picture, but that the cold weather prevailing Saturday made this "very unlikely."

Meanwhile, the Klamath Falls chapter of the American Red Cross reported it had been receiving offers from all over the country of aid for flood victims here. Red Cross officials said that this was probably due to confusion be-

tween the names of Klamath Falls and Klamath County, Oregon, on the one hand, and Klamath, California, on the other.



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Most Highways Open Normal Operation

Highways radiating from Klamath Falls are returning to normal after flood conditions, but there are still several major closures.

The Willamette Pass highway is closed by a 100 foot washout which will not be repaired for at least several days.

U.S. 97 north and south was open Saturday, and the Saniam Pass and Warm Springs cutoff routes to Portland were taking care of most of the traffic which would normally use the Willamette route.

In California, U.S. 99 was open to Red Bluff, and U.S. 99W was open all the way to the Bay Area. U.S. 99E was open to Marysville, but was flooded from there south.

U.S. 395 was closed at Litchfield north of Susanville, and U.S. 299 from Lakeview to Redding was closed at Fall River Mills. Southbound traffic from Tulelake was being turned back at Canby.

This means, according to the Oregon State Motor Association (Triple A), that motorists from the Lakeview area heading for California must go via Klamath Falls and Weed. Highway 66, which was closed east of Bly has been reopened.

Both United and West Coast Airlines operated normal service yesterday, and plan to operate normal holiday service today unless the weather prevents them from doing so.

The specials were due at Ashland at 3 a.m. for the southbound train and 5:30 a.m. for the northbound.

Mail trains are being operated between San Francisco and Portland via the Siskiyou line with mail for Klamath Falls being trucked from both north and southbound trains from Weed.

Freight trains which were stuck in Klamath Falls because of the washout at Cruzette, 70 miles south of Eugene, were diverted from Chemult to Portland via the Great Northern. The Southern Pacific is handling perishable freight bound for Oakland which would normally have moved over the Great Northern and the Western Pacific via Bieber and Keddie, California. The W.P. has several washouts on its Feather River line.

Mail and express cars which were on Train 20, the Klamath, which was annulled here on Thursday, were taken back to Black Butte and sent over the Siskiyou line. The locomotive and passenger cars are being held here, and will probably be sent to Portland when the line is opened, McCarry said.

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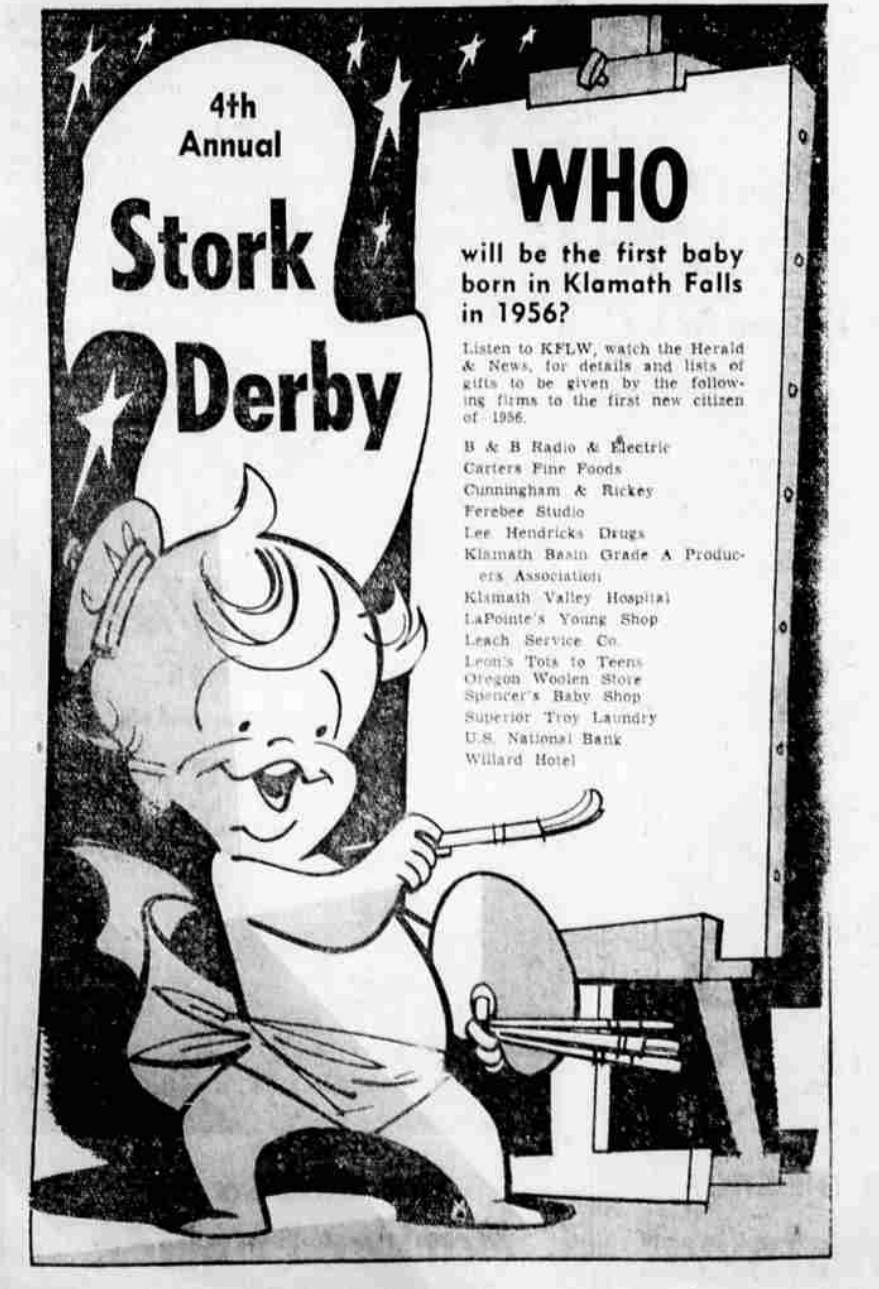
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