

HEAVY RAINS BATTER OREGON



THE INTERNATIONAL Young Men's Christian Association World Services youth program was discussed at the local YMCA in a series of conferences Monday. Participating were, left to right, seated, Wayne A. McDonald, youth secretary International Committee of YMCA, Emery Nelson, associate executive of the International YMCA Committee, both of New York City and Bill Cornell, program secretary of the Klamath Falls YMCA. Standing same order, Larry Worden, president, McKy Hi-Y and Gracie Lou Henry, president Talamath Junior Tri-Hi-Y, both of this city.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

More on getting into Mexico by automobile.

The first step is getting through the border. If you allow about an hour and a half for the formalities, you won't be far off. Because of extreme tightness of accommodations, it's wise to start in the morning—especially if you are entering at Nogales.

It's better to get in early than to get in late. This goes double if you do not have confirmed reservations.

You will probably be told by cynics to have a fistful of dollar bills and shed them liberally. I wouldn't say that a dollar bill—maybe a four-bit piece—placed discreetly wouldn't speed your passage through the border machinery, but it isn't a necessity.

When you get your papers, keep them handy for a half hour or so. There will be about three required stops shortly after you leave the border station—quite similar to the California bug stations.

At each stop, you hand over your papers—as you must do after crossing a frontier almost anywhere in the world except in free and easy U.S.A. and Canada. They will be glanced at quickly and returned to you—usually with a word of courtesy and often with a wave of the hand and a friendly grin and a familiar idiomatic American "OK."

As to Spanish. A smattering of it will help in reading traffic signs. In Nogales, for example, there are several "no left hand turn" signs shortly after leaving the border station. It would be embarrassing to get stopped for a traffic violation right at the beginning of your trip.

There will be narrow bridges. In such cases, it is useful to know what "puente angosto" means. And so on.

You'll be wise if you work yourself out a formula for reducing kilometers to miles—for distances and speed limits are reckoned in kilometers in Mexico. Otherwise you'll be apt to drive too fast as a result of mistaking kilometers for miles. Mexico's West Coast highway is in general straight and fast and smooth, and the temptation to step on it is a natural one.

A good rule of thumb is to mentally multiply the number of kilometers by .6. A kilometer, that is to say, is .62 of a mile. On the longer, straight stretches, a speed limit (Maxima Velocidad) of 100 kilometers is permitted. Six-tenths of 100 kilometers is 60 miles. So if you hold the needle on 60 miles, you'll be right on the button.

On the longer straight stretches, 100 kilometers is the more or less average speed limit. But there are many areas of seemingly good, straight road where the limit is 80 kilometers. Eighty kilometers multiplied by .6 gives you a speedometer reading of 48 m.p.h. In the villages and on winding roads, the limit is apt to drop as low as 20 kilometers (12 m.p.h.).

In general, however, one can rely on covering about the same amount of ground as on the reasonably open, fairly straight highways of Southern Oregon and Northern California. This is useful in calculating arrival time. Towns and villages are relatively few and far between, so that one can maintain a good average rate of speed.

In general, however, you will need no Spanish—unless you get lost outside the larger towns and need to inquire your way. Almost everywhere, except in the smaller and more remote villages, you'll find someone who speaks English in varying degrees of fluency—especially in the lodging and eating spots.

\$800,000 Sewer System Bonds Slated For Ballot

An \$800,000 sewerage system improvement bond issue will be placed on the May 18 primary election ballot for a decision by the voters of Klamath Falls following action by the city council Monday night.

The council approved placing the bond issue on the primary ballot after discussion of a report on the sewerage needs of the city submitted by John W. Cunningham and Associates, Portland consulting engineering firm.

The Cunningham report stated that the wet winter this year has emphasized the need for enlargement and improvement in the city's sewerage system, which has been considered inadequate and obsolete by the state sanitary authority for some time. New buildings have been halted in certain sections of the city because of lack of adequate sewerage lines. The bond issue would finance two main trunk lines and the building of a new sewerage treatment plant.

Landry Files With Newbury

Mayor Paul Landry, who is seeking the Republican nomination for state representative, Monday forwarded his declaration of candidacy to Secretary of State Earl Newbury.

The mayor decided to enter the race after House Speaker Ed Geary announced he would try for the senatorial post now held by Democrat Harry Bolvin.

Senator Bolvin, who is vacationing in Southern California, announced his intention to run again before leaving Klamath Falls.

Josephine Kitteridge, wife of a prominent Basin cattleman, also has entered the campaign for state representative on the Republican ticket.

Landry is making a bid for the state post after three years as mayor. He is now serving the final year of his term. The mayor also is a former city councilman.

Democrat Henry Semon, the other state representative from Klamath County, has not announced whether he will run again.

Twining Says American Missiles Lead Russian

WASHINGTON (AP)—Gen. Nathan F. Twining testified Tuesday the United States Air Force still is ahead of Soviet Russia in top quality combat air power, defenses and guided missiles.

But he told a closed-door session of the Senate Armed Services Committee "the Communists can build strength faster than we originally predicted."

The Air Force chief of staff said Soviet leaders are putting extra efforts into research and development. "This greater effort could also result in the Soviets obtaining better missiles sooner than we," he added.

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Slides Tie Up SP Mainline; Two Freight Cars Derailed

By DICK HUBBELL
Three slides have tied up the main line of the Southern Pacific Railroad between Oakridge and Crescent Lake, forcing the cancellation of both the northbound and southbound Shasta Daylights today.

One of the slides, which occurred at about 4 a.m. at tunnel 11, one mile east of Cruzetere where a bad slide tied up the railroad several days during the Christmas season derailed two cars on a passing freight train, local Southern Pacific officials said.

In addition to the cancellation of the Daylights, other passenger operations were disrupted. Last night's northbound Cascade was held at Crescent Lake, and this morning's southbound Klamath was held at Oakridge. The northbound Klamath this morning was delayed until 1:30 p.m. at Kamath Falls.

However, last night's southbound Cascade got through on time.

Meanwhile, the Associated Press in Eugene reports that V. E. Fields, chief dispatcher there, said that there was no damage to rails in any of the slides, and that the northbound Cascade is scheduled to leave Oakridge at about 2 p.m. this afternoon, 11 hours late.

SP officials said that slides and other water trouble had closed the Siskiyou line, making diversion of trains impossible.

Highway travelers, both motorists and bus passengers, also had their troubles this morning, but airlines were operating almost normally, as West Coast Airlines 7:30 a.m. flight to Portland left as scheduled, and United Air Lines anticipated normal operation on their 10:55 a.m. flight to Portland. Both airlines, however, said that operation would depend on the ceiling at flight time.

Four Persons Said Drowned

YREKA, Calif. (UP)—Four persons, including two children, were feared drowned in the Klamath River about 40 miles northwest of here, the Siskiyou County sheriff's office said.

Sheriff A. B. Cottar said an unidentified man reported seeing a jeep skid on an icy road between here and Happy Camp early yesterday and plunge into the swollen river.

Cottar said investigation established the jeep was carrying Paul D. Linderman, 45, his wife, Jennie, 41, their 10-year-old daughter, Paula Lee and an 18-month-old grandson, Robert Allen Erwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dell Erwin, all of Happy Camp.

Shirley Depley found the purse of Mrs. Linderman on the bank and sections of a canvas jeep top floating downstream. Dragging operations failed to recover the bodies or the jeep before nightfall.

Eureka Gets Flood Warning

Rains eased over battered Northern California today, but Eureka residents were warned to be ready for possible floods.

The very fact that Eureka was one of the hardest hit cities in California's disastrous Christmas week floods lessened the current danger.

Officials said there wasn't much chance of substantial property loss because so little had been left by the last floods.

The California storm combined with high winds, expected to reach 50 miles per hour gusts today, and heavy snows in the mountains. Snow and howling winds blocked highway 40 in the Sierra and there was 36 inches of new snow on Donner Pass, bringing the snow pack to 136 inches and 45 inches above normal.

In the lowlands, high winds unroofed airfield hangars near Fortuna, destroyed private plane, and damaged several others.

Rains through Northern California and Western Oregon passed the two-inch point in some areas, but were treacherously inconsistent. Hamilton Air Force Base, a few miles north of San Francisco, got 2.4 inches, while Moffett Naval Air Station, just south of the city, measured only .13 inches.

Elsewhere in the nation, temperatures rose 7 to 12 degrees in the Great Basin and Northern and Central Rockies, but fell as much as 25 degrees in Central Gulf States.

HEIDELBERG, Germany (AP)—Kurt Goebel, 59, former German naval captain convicted of helping to kill seven captured U.S. airmen during World War II, was released on parole Tuesday from the U.S. war crimes prison at Landsberg.

Slides Cut Highways In Southwest State

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Earth slides and flood waters rising swiftly in the wake of heavy rains cut highways and rail lines in south-western Oregon Tuesday and families began to move from threatened homes.

The city of Grants Pass was entirely cut off by road as slides and water isolated it for a short time. Four Greyhound buses with 75 passengers were stranded there. The Redwood Highway south out of Grants Pass was opened at mid-morning to slow travel but No. 99 stayed closed.

Residents east of Roseburg were moving out as Deer Creek swept over a bridge and washed up toward the houses.

Heavy and continuing rainfall brought the flooding and slides on the long-soaked hillsides. The start was similar to that of the disastrous December flooding which spread over Southern Oregon and Northern California.

Proclamation
An emergency disaster proclamation was issued at 12:45 a.m. at Grants Pass and the County Civil Defense Agency took charge of city and county activities just as it did two months ago.

The city's stores were sandbagged along one stretch of the business district to hold back water which poured from a broken storm sewer. Flooding irrigation ditches at the edge of the city spread water over wide areas.

At Coquille, which took some of the heaviest losses in the December flooding, hail fell virtually in sheets for a time Tuesday morning. The rains there began to put surface water in low valley sections but the Coquille River still had not reached a substantial rise that far down stream.

The Rogue River at Grants Pass hit flood stage of 17.65 feet at 8 a.m. and was moving upward slowly toward a forecast level of 19.5 feet by noon.

Rain still was coming down all over Western Oregon where the last 24 hours had seen a fall of 2 inches and more. Roseburg had nearly 3 inches and Grants Pass had nearly 4 inches of rain from 5 p.m. Monday to 8 a.m. Tuesday on top of 2.8 inches in the 24 hours before.

The South Umpqua River at Roseburg was rising and its tributaries began to spread out over the countryside. Deer Creek, which runs through Roseburg, began to slip against the foundations of some buildings.

SCHOOLS CLOSED
Schools in the threatened districts closed.

Highway 99, the main north-south route in Oregon west of the Cascades, was cut by water south of Grants Pass and by a slide near Canyonville between Grants Pass and Roseburg.

The Southern Pacific's Siskiyou line, the old mountain route for freight, reported a bridge washed out near Myrtle Creek and another bridge at Jumpoff. Joe Creek threatened. Water was 8 inches deep in the rail yards at Grants Pass.

Highway 42 from Roseburg to the coast was reopened to light traffic Tuesday morning after a slide had cut it between Bridge and Reno. It was at Reno that a slide in the December flooding took five lives.

The Weather Bureau said the heavy rains would continue through the week.

More snow, rain and warmer temperatures came to other parts of the Pacific Northwest Tuesday along with flood warnings in lower areas.

SIREN SOUNDED
The fire siren sounded at 2:30 a.m. in the Franklin County town of Connell, Wash. to arouse residents to a flood threat.

Continuous rains since 5:30 p.m. sent water in the Eauquilet Coulee near there to within less than a foot of the 9-foot flood stage and townspeople began working on dikes and putting sandbags in front of their homes. Merchants moved goods onto higher shelves.

With the ground frozen, there was a rapid runoff in the wake of higher temperatures and rain. Sheriff Bert Gunn of Yakima County said he had advised 2,000 people along rivers and creeks in the area to be prepared to move out although there was no immediate danger of flooding.

Six inches of new snow covered the Yakima Valley Tuesday. The hard-hit Okanogan County schools were closed by bad roads. The county basketball tournament was postponed at least 24 hours.

Warm air sent temperatures to a high of 53 at Walla Walla Monday. It was 52 at Pendleton, 50 at North Bend, 45 in downtown Spokane and 44 at Lewiston. Water was reported over the highways in the Connell-Mesa region of the Columbia Basin. The Weather Bureau forecast temperatures above normal for the next five days with highs of 55 in southern areas. It calls for from 1 to 1 1/2 inches of precipitation, mostly rain.

Heavy Snows Still Spread Over Europe

LONDON (AP)—Heavy snows and bitter winds spread still more miserably over widespread flooding, locked in the 22nd day of its worst freeze-up of the 20th century. Deaths from the weather totaled at least 737. Weathermen cautiously said milder temperatures might be in the offing, but that brought fears of widespread flooding from thawing rivers and snows.

Italy, one of the worst hit countries, faced new troubles—Communist-backed relief riots. Demonstrators clashed with police in several traditionally poor southern towns where cold has brought new hardships.

Communist East Europe called out troops to keep industries moving. Czechoslovakia ordered soldiers into coal mines. Hungary put troops into its giant Stalinovars steel plant. Heavy snows marred operations.

Britain, too, used troops for snow clearing. This was the recorded death toll from the cold spell:

France 181, Italy 99, Turkey 72, Yugoslavia 70, Britain 53, Holland 43, Denmark 35, Germany 34, Greece 30, Austria 22, Spain 21, Sweden 20, Portugal 17, Belgium 13, Switzerland 12, Norway 9 and Poland 4.

Frigid weather came back to Spain. The Balearic Islands, favorite sunbathing spots for tourists, lay under thick snow. Barcelona had thunder, hail, rain—and then a blizzard. Snow plows had to rescue a movie unit stuck in the Pyrenees Mountains.

Paris shivered in its coldest Feb. 21 on record, degrees. Wine growers in the Bordeaux area feared half their vines were dead. The winter already has cost hundreds of millions of dollars in spring crops.

New snows covered most of Northern Italy. Rome reported a big increase in deaths, not directly caused by the weather. One paper carried five columns of obituary notices instead of the usual half column.

Ice packs blocked coastal shipping in the North Sea and Baltic. Coal was short in towns across Germany. Wild hogs and deer came down into towns looking for food.

An earthquake rocked a large area of Turkey Monday night, leaving five dead and about 200 injured. Authorities estimated 1,200 homes were destroyed. Most of the damage was in 10 small towns in the vicinity of Eskisehir, midway between Istanbul and Ankara.

Long-Bell Plans Said PNW Asset

NEW YORK (AP)—International Paper Co. said Tuesday that its proposed merger with Long-Bell Lumber Co. would bolster the economy of the Pacific Northwest and increase competition in the pulp and paper industry.

Two Oregon senators demanded last week that Congress investigate the merger proposal to see if it would create a monopoly in the paper industry.

The legality of a merger has been carefully considered and lawyers for each of the companies advised that it can be properly made, International said.

"If the merger should be consummated, International Paper plans to construct a paper and pulp mill in Oregon. This, we believe, will materially increase competition in the pulp and paper industry. . . a mill such as we contemplate would provide many new employment opportunities, provide for more complete utilization of the timber harvest in the Northwest and generally make a substantial contribution to the growing industrial economy of this region."

Richard Doane, president of International Paper, was in Kansas City Monday night and Tuesday morning conferring with J.D. Lehland, Long-Bell president, and Jesse Andrews, board chairman.

Doane declined to comment on the merger. Long-Bell officials said there was nothing to report at this time.

Healy Files For Congress

SALEM (AP)—William E. Healy, assistant secretary of state for eight years, filed his candidacy Tuesday for the Republican nomination for Congress in the First District.

He seeks the post held by Rep. Walter Norblad, who is running for governor on the Republican ticket.

Other filings:
Dist. Atty. Sidney B. Lewis, Benton County Republican, for reelection. He is a Republican.

Seward Reese, Salem, dean of the Willamette University Law School, for delegate to the Republican National Convention from the First District.

Charles K. Hines, Mapleton Republican, for state representative from Lane County.

Clarence Eri, Clackamas Republican, for state representative.

Housewife Keeps Puma In Kitchen

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP)—Most housewives would flee in terror, with their husbands keeping pace, at the sight of Mrs. Melvin Koontz's kitchen pet.

A 350-pound puma sits on a drain board while Mrs. Koontz washes her dishes. He follows her about the house and is as domesticated as a kitten—well, almost, although Mrs. Koontz has a few scratches.

She acquired the puma, named Kimbo, five years ago as a baby. The bottle fed him and reared him as a pet. Now he eats 10 pounds of horse-meat and a gallon of milk daily, and watches television when time hangs heavy.

Hagerty Gives Press Warning

THOMASVILLE, Ga. (AP)—With a show of irritation, White House press secretary James C. Hagerty Tuesday cautioned newsmen against pressing too hard for information on whether President Eisenhower will seek reelection.

The subject has come up every day at Hagerty's news conferences since the President arrived last Wednesday for a vacation at the plantation estate of Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey.

And each time Hagerty has flatly refused to discuss the matter. Tuesday a reporter asked about the possibility of Eisenhower announcing his political plans at his next Washington news conference, probably on Feb. 23.

Obviously irked by the continuing barrage of questions on the subject, Hagerty shot back: "If you gentlemen want an announcement at a press conference, you had better leave it as it is. I know of no better way not to have an announcement at a press conference than to keep pressing."

The President and Humphrey went quail hunting again Tuesday. Hagerty announced it now is definite that Eisenhower will fly to Washington Saturday.



MRS. HARVEY BOWMAN, operator of Fremont Grocery, 18 Nevada Street, smiles prettily for the 9 o'clock photographer. The grocery has been under the present management since October 1.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Occasional rain with some brief periods of clearing through Wednesday. Gusty southerly winds of 15-25 miles an hour with gusts to 35. Highs 57-62. Lows Tuesday night 30-35. High Wednesday 58-62. Precip. last 24 hours .03. Precip. since Oct. 1 .15. Same period last year .49. Normal for period .75.

West Coast Asks KF-Reno Air Link

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Civil Aeronautics Board reported Monday West Coast Airlines has asked for authorization to establish new routes connecting Southwestern Oregon and Southern Idaho with Nevada and California.

The proposed routes are between Klamath Falls, Ore., and Reno; between Reno and Boise by way of Winnemucca, Nev.; between Reno and Salt Lake City via Elko, Nev.; and between Reno and Los Angeles-Burbank, Calif., by way of Fresno and Bakersfield, Calif.

COMMUNIST BROADCAST

TOKYO, (AP)—Peiping Radio said Prince Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia left Communist China for his Indochina home Tuesday after a week's visit. Sihanouk, Cambodia's dominant political figure, arrived in Peiping Feb. 14 and was entertained by Premier Chou En-lai.