

THE OREGON FLOOD WATERS RECORDED

In The
Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
In a previous installment of this series I spoke of the tragedy of the cotton industry in the American Southwest where an underground water supply that has taken thousands of years to accumulate is being depleted in a few decades to grow cotton to be stored away in government warehouses.

From the viewpoint of south of the border, let me now give you a glimpse of the other side of the picture.

South of Nogales, through some 150 miles of what is chiefly desert country, the sides of the road are strewn with tufts of cotton. These bits of snowy fiber blow from the vehicles in which the cotton is brought loose from the fields after being picked. Along the highway there are cotton patches in the alluvial flats where a little water is available.

But no stored cotton is to be seen. Yet, obviously, cotton is being hauled SOMEWHERE. Presumably to market.

Where?
Who is buying this cotton?

At this point, I'd like to bring into the picture a resident of the Mexican state of Sonora. He is a new resident. He came down from the states a couple of years ago, or such a matter. I fell into conversation with him at a gasoline station in the rapidly growing agricultural town of Oregón. He had come in to get some gas for his truck, and he was standing near the pump.

This isn't a very busy season of the year for him, he said, and he added with a grin that he likes to come into town and chew the fat with the Americans whose cars are filling the highways as their owners seek warmth and sunshine.

I wasn't too sharp yet at this business of liters and pesos instead of gallons and dollars, and he stepped in to help me get un-snarled. When, with a command above my vacuum, you try to cope with unfamiliar units of measurement and unfamiliar money, you're apt to get all wound up like a kitten in a ball of yarn. After he got me straightened out, I asked him how he was doing.

"Oh," he said, "things are going pretty good down here, thanks to you Americans who are keeping prices high — especially cotton prices — with your high parity supports. We aren't doing so bad."

"By the way," I asked him, "where is all this cotton around here being marketed?"

"Why," he answered, "in the UNITED STATES, of course."

That answers the question raised by the tufts of cotton along Mexico's new Pacific Highway. It is some 200,000 acres of rich irrigated land — with 12 months growing season. In a couple of big new dams, it has storage capacity for a two years supply of water. Water costs \$4 an acre per year, and you can use all you want.

When you need labor — Well, I suppose the less said about that the better. But a day's pay down here commands about the same number of pesos as a day's pay in dollars in the U.S. And a peso is worth eight American cents.

Farther south, in the state of Sinaloa, they're developing a new irrigation project that makes one's eyes bug out. I don't know the statistics of it. When, in a country that speaks Spanish, one possesses only a handful of Spanish words, information isn't easy to come by.

But it is vast. One drives for miles alongside huge irrigation canals. These main canals cross the highway at intervals of about a mile, and wherever they cross a new bridge is under construction, compelling a detour.

Let's put it mildly. These detours become tiresome in the course of an hour or so.

Weather
FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Mostly cloudy with occasional light snow through Thursday. Low Wednesday night 28-33. High Thursday 30-35.
High yesterday 34
Low last night 28

Better Air Bail Out Method Seen
LOS ANGELES (UP)—The Air Force's "fastest man on earth" says equipment will be developed to enable men to bail out safely from an altitude of 40,000 feet while traveling 2000 miles per hour or faster.

Lt. Col. John Paul Stapp, Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., air research specialist, said last night safety developments would keep pace with increased plane performance.

As long as an airplane remains intact, a man can take any speed an airplane can take, said Stapp, who once was strapped on a rocket-powered test sled which sped 632 miles per hour.

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Senate Ready To OK Funds Investigation

WASHINGTON (UP)—The Senate was ready today to approve a "wide open," bipartisan investigation of attempts to influence Senate votes "improperly or illegally" through campaign contributions and lobbying.

Ike Reported Still Undecided

THOMASVILLE, Ga. (AP)—Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey, after seven days in seclusion with President Eisenhower, says he has "no idea" whether the chief executive will bid for reelection.

Humphrey, one of the President's trusted advisers, says further that he and Eisenhower did not even discuss the big question during the first week of their quiet hunting visit at the Cabinet officer's plantation home here.

Humphrey just about flabbergasted newsmen with those remarks as he left by plane for Washington last night from Spence air base at nearby Moultrie, Ga. He was on route to the capital for a few hours at his office this morning, before going on to New York for a speaking engagement tonight.

Humphrey plans to fly back to Thomasville tomorrow to resume his role as host to the President. Eisenhower is expected to return to Washington Saturday.

The President traveled here a week ago today to build his health in the warm sun and quite likely decide—in the light of his Sept. 24 heart attack—whether to seek a second term.

Eisenhower had said in advance he was going to talk over the matter with trusted advisers after his arrival here. White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty told reporters in response to questions that Humphrey certainly could be listed as a trusted adviser.

An hour and a half before Humphrey took off for Washington last night, he and Eisenhower concluded another day of hunting. Eisenhower bagged 11 birds and Humphrey brought down eight.

Crater Roads Said Closed

All roads into Crater Lake National Park are closed today, according to the ranger station. Flows are operating on Highway 62 in an effort to establish one-way traffic for necessary vehicles but a road closed sign is up at the entrance to the park.

The weekend storm is still continuing. Skies are overcast and it was snowing moderately today with a light southeast wind blowing.

Seventeen inches of snow fell Sunday night, 17 inches fell Monday night and 11 inches Tuesday night. Snow depth is 167 inches compared with 72 last year and 122 inches in 1952, a heavy snow year.

Maximum temperature Tuesday was 28 degrees; minimum 14 at night 19 and 22 degrees at 8 a.m. today.

Ski conditions are fair, the ranger station reported, but closed roads bar travel into the park.

Army Magazine Hits At AF Missile Stand

WASHINGTON (UP)—America's worldwide military strength will be largely cancelled out if Russia is first to perfect ballistic missiles with 1,500-mile range, the magazine "Army" said today.

The magazine, published by the Association of the United States Army, jumped on the Air Force for contending that such mid-range missiles in Russian hands would not basically alter present military conditions.

At the same time, one of the most urgent calls yet for a speed-up in ballistic missile development came from a famed German who claimed no other weapons will be able to deter or win global war in the future.



SMILING IN THE SNOW this morning for the early morning photographer was Edith Stockstill, 827 Jefferson Street. Edith was on her way to Woolworth's where she works at the drug counter.

Both Parties Confident Of Win In Farm Bill Debate

By UNITED PRESS
A key White House Democrat said today he is willing to go as high as \$1 billion a year to finance a "soil bank" farm program.

Chairman Harold D. Colley (D-NO) made the statement at a House Agriculture Committee hearing as the Senate prepared to launch a full dress debate on whether to restore rigid farm price supports.

Both sides predicted victory by a narrow margin. The administration has balked at returning support to 90 per cent of parity for cotton, wheat, corn and peanuts.

But Democratic sponsors are determined to push it through. A presidential veto could result.

The bill also includes a modified version of the administration's proposed \$1.1 billion a year "soil bank" plan to take land out of cultivation while the government pays down present huge crop surpluses.

Colley observed during testimony by Undersecretary of Agriculture Truman D. Morse that he personally is willing to approve an annual outlay of up to \$1 billion to make the program work.

The congressional battle over rigid supports is expected to be one of the biggest this year. Farm problems also will provide a major election year campaign issue.

Some Republican senators have prescribed President Eisenhower will veto any legislation calling for curtailing the administration's flexible support program in favor of rigid price props.

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson said he would recommend that the President veto such legislation. And the President said he would be "gravely concerned" if Congress passed it.

Democrats contend Mr. Eisenhower won't use his veto in order to save his "soil bank" program. But Republican point out that Mr. Eisenhower has said a return to rigid supports would nullify the "soil bank."

There was virtually no Senate opposition to the "soil bank." It would pay farmers for taking surplus crops out of production and planting conservation crops such as grass and trees.

But Democratic and GOP leaders of the House Agriculture Committee yesterday assailed both the administration's flexible support program and some provisions of the "soil bank" plan.

McKay suggested that "Rogue River people themselves arrive at a mutual understanding which will eliminate past frictions."

Patterson's letter had asked a review, suggesting development to help prevent such floods as struck last December.

Most Trains To Operate, SP Reports

Most passenger trains will operate today, and normal holiday freight service is planned, Tom McCarty, SP district passenger and freight agent in Klamath Falls reported today. He said that present plans call for the operation of the Daylights today and the Cascades tonight.

The Klamaths scheduled for today were annulled, he said. However, the southbound Klamath due here Tuesday morning cleared here at 8:20 a.m. today, 24 hours late, and will maintain that approximate schedule for the remainder of its trip. The train had been held at Oakridge.

The Cascade which cleared Klamath Falls Tuesday morning was held until 3 a.m. today at Crescent Lake, and arrived at Portland at 8:30 a.m. today, again about 24 hours late. The northbound Klamath which left here yesterday followed it up the line.

The slide, one of three which blocked the main line, took about 12 hours longer to clear than had originally been estimated. McCarty said that this was because it was originally thought to be just a snow slide, but that it turned out to have trees, posts and other miscellaneous objects buried in its heart.

The slide, which derailed two tank cars in a passing freight train, was finally cleared at about 12:45 a.m. today. It occurred at 4 a.m. Tuesday. There were no injuries to trainmen.

The other two slides were minor affairs which were cleared by normal snow removal equipment, McCarty said.

Meanwhile, bus services out of Klamath Falls were operating on approximately normal schedules, although some buses operating south over Willamette Pass are slightly late, a spokesman for the bus station reported today.

Several schedules which normally use U.S. Highway 99 between Weed and Eugene were diverted via Klamath Falls yesterday because of closures on 99 in the vicinity of Grants Pass, but these services are operating on their normal route today.

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Aspirant Calls For Change

Mrs. Dorothy Lowell, Wednesday in announcing her candidacy for county clerk on the Democratic ticket, said she believes it is "time for a change" in that office.

"I have no fault to find with the present county clerk," she added, "but I believe a change would be beneficial. I also believe I could do a good job."



DOROTHY LOWELL

Mrs. Lowell, an unsuccessful candidate for state representative in 1954, has been associated with her husband, Frank Lowell, in the management of Klamath Packing Company, Klamath Livestock Company, Lowell's Lockers and the Sav-Mor Market.

The candidate has been a resident of Klamath Falls for 22 years. She is a native of Colorado.

Heavy Storm Takes Three In Washington

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Rain turned to showers in Southern Oregon Wednesday and flood waters fell almost as fast as they had risen in a one-day rampage.

Colder temperatures checked snow melt in Eastern Washington where water Tuesday flowed down city streets and three men drowned.

The Southern Pacific's main line, closed by Cascade mountain slides, was cleared and the trains went back to schedules that had been held up about 24 hours.

The Pacific Highway, cut by floods and slides Tuesday, was reopened its entire length. So were other Southern Oregon main roads. Many were still closed or softened that in many cases schools were closed because buses could not run.

The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., which lost its coaxial cable in a massive slide a mile south of Canyonville, some 40 miles below Grants Pass, service restored by 6:30 a. m. Television stations were without network pictures Tuesday night. Many phone and teletype lines also were cut but service was restored on most of these earlier by rerouting.

SEVEN-INCH SNOWFALL
Grants Pass, where 7 inches of rain fell in the 24 hours to noon Tuesday, had only 44 of an inch during the night and the Rogue which crested Tuesday just over flood stage at 17.9 feet, was down to 8.7 feet at 8 a. m. Wednesday.

Merchants in Grants Pass were pumping out basements which had been flooded when water ran several inches deep through the business district from flooding irrigation ditches and inadequate storm sewers.

The state of emergency under which Grants Pass was ruled from early Tuesday, was cancelled at 5 p. m. when it was apparent the main Rogue would not flood.

Ability of the Rogue and the Umpqua to take the heavy runoff presents a repeat of the devastating floods of December.

Still, there was damage. Some 50 families were evacuated just below Grants Pass on the south side of the Rogue and 20 houses were flooded up to the eaves by surface water rushing across the low land to the river.

Along the Umpqua, which also was destructive in the December flood, about 15 families were evacuated from low-lying areas.

There was no flooding along the Willamette.

EASTERN WASHINGTON
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Plant Strike Violence Stops

FARMINGDALE, N.Y. (UP)—Strike violence at the Republic Aircraft Corp. stopped today and both the company and the union said they could observe the George Washington holiday.

The jet plane manufacturing company said nobody would work on the holiday and the union said only token pickets would patrol the gates of the company's four Loop 1 and plants.

The truce brought peace in the strike for the first time since Monday when fighting broke out between pickets and non-strikers and continued spasmodically through the first two days of the week.

At the same time representatives of the striking International Association of Machinists (IAM) and the company announced they would meet Thursday in an attempt to negotiate a settlement in the four day old strike.

The meeting was the first since negotiations broke down on Saturday just before the strike was called.

Fistfights, arrests, and injuries occurred repeatedly on Monday and Tuesday.

At least 76 persons, most of them strikers, were under arrest and dozens were treated for injuries. Most of the arrests occurred Monday when violence flared both in the morning and in the evening.

It broke out again Tuesday at the start of the normal day work shift about 7 a. m. It exploded again toward evening.

During all the outbursts at least 200 of the 12,000 strikers were on picket duty. Most of the violence flared outside the main gate of the Farmingdale plant.

A spokesman for the airplane manufacturing company said 2,200 employees, including some members of the striking union, reported for work Tuesday.

WASHINGTON DIVORCED
CLEVELAND (UP)—George Washington was sued for divorce yesterday. His wife, Nellie, charged extreme cruelty.

day and telephone lines were restored but the Northwestern Pacific Railroad was blocked in the Eel River Canyon by two big landslides and 13 smaller ones.

TRINITY RIVER
Flooding Trinity River water washed out a temporary bridge at Hooda, 35 miles northeast of Eureka. The bridge, completed 23 days ago, was a replacement for one washed away in the holidays.

The Washington drowning victims included two brothers, Clifford Hack, 44, of Pasco, and Harold Hack, 39, of Kennewick, caught in an irrigation tube they were repairing. The irrigation canal overflowed into the tube. The third victim was Ray Hemmer, 34, Chelan city employe who backed a truck, in a snow removal job, into Lake Chelan.

Europe Lists 762 Killed In Storm

LONDON (AP)—Yugoslav air force planes bombed glaci icepacks blocking Adriatic rivers Wednesday in a "declaration of war" against Europe's worst winter in living memory.

Special teams of rifle sharpshooters patrolled Communism Poland in a hunt against marauding wolf packs driven out of their lairs by starvation.

The shivering continent counted 762 known dead as the subzero spell rolled up its 23rd day with little or no relief in sight.

Floods and landlides caused fresh chaos in Italy and parts of southern Europe as a slight thaw set in.

CROP DAMAGE
Crop damage on the continent ran into hundreds of millions of dollars. Vegetable stocks ran dangerously low in many places.

Britain's big potato stocks froze solid in Lincolnshire. Picking of green vegetables came to a halt.

Spanish air force planes finally succeeded in dropping food supplies to nearly 60 persons marooned for 14 days atop the highest mountain on Mallorca in the Mediterranean Balearic Islands. The group — which reportedly included six Americans — preparing a site for a U.S. radar station.

German weather experts said the freeze-up may be Central Europe's worst in 200 years. They said the average temperature for the first 20 days of February ran slightly below the lowest average for the month since records were first kept in 1766.

The latest death toll by countries: France 189, Italy 102, Turkey 72, Yugoslavia 70, Britain 55, Holland 30, Denmark 40, Germany 34, Greece 20, Austria 22, Spain 21, Sweden 20, Portugal 17, Belgium 15, Switzerland 12, Norway 9, Poland 4.

LOW TEMPERATURES
The temperature plummeted to zero in most of East and West Germany with relief in the Baltic waterways.

The Sein River froze over for five miles just outside Paris. The Atlantic Ocean froze for a quarter of a mile out to sea along a six mile strip of coast near La Rochelle.

Mississippi 'Bombing' Set

CHICAGO (UP)—Negro disc jockey Al Benson planned to celebrate Washington's Birthday today by "bombing" Mississippi with 3000 copies of the U. S. Constitution.

Benson said he wasn't yet sure whether he would make the flight in person because Mississippi officials haven't answered his requests for an assurance of safety.

But his chartered plane will take off with its load of the Constitution whether or not Benson decides to go along, he said.

The Mississippi-born record spinner thought up the stunt to emphasize the U. S. Supreme Court ruling on school desegregation. He said the plane would dump the Constitution on the Mississippi cities of Jackson, Vicksburg, and Meridian and return to Chicago late today.

"I'm not trying to hurt or harm anyone," Benson said. "I merely want to drop the Constitution, which is certainly the most legal document we have in the nation."

The copies of the Constitution weigh less than an ounce apiece and they "sure can't hurt anybody," he said.

Mississippi Public Safety Commissioner T. B. Birdson said the state will officially ignore Benson's flight.

However, a Mississippi disc jockey promised a counter "raid" on Chicago and Meridian City officials threatened to arrest Benson if he lands there.

The retaliation "raid" plans came from Allan English, who spins records for Oxford, Miss., radio station W8TH.

Oregonians Receive Honor

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. (AP)—Freedom Foundation Wednesday honored 13 Oregon individuals and schools for what they said, wrote or accomplished in 1955 "to maintain the American Way of Life."

The awards were among 823 announced at the seventh annual Freedom awards program at a special Washington's birthday anniversary ceremony at historic Valley Forge. Adm. Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the U. S. Joint Chiefs of Staff presided at the affair.

There were nine Oregon winners in the school division, four of them principal awards entitling a pupil and teacher to a trip to Valley Forge. They are Grants Pass High, and at Salem, Leslie Junior High, Keiser School and the State School for the Blind.

Four Salem schools are among 50 in the nation given second-place awards. They are Busch, Englewood, McKinley and Salem Heights elementary schools.

Richmond school at Salem received an honor medal.

Bush, Englewood, Keiser and Richmond have received Freedom awards in past years.

Henry L. Sater, Burns grade school principal, who won awards in 1953 and 1951, was third in the essay category. Valarie Ann Fivecoat, a pupil at Madras Grade School, also placed third in the essay contest.

Jordan Leader Hints Of Attack

JERUSALEM, Jordan Sector (AP)—King Hussein of Jordan says intelligence reports indicate Israel is preparing to attack his nation in the near future.

The young King made the statement Tuesday at an Arab Legion camp near Jerusalem.

The King declared: "We are ready to fight Israel to defend our homeland, and now we are sure of victory."

In Cairo, meanwhile, Egyptian Interior Minister Zakaria Mohieddin announced a public civil defense drill will be held in that capital next Wednesday.

The minister said civil defense volunteers in Cairo total more than 15,000, including air raid wardens, fire wardens and rescue workers.

Six Airmen Die In Crashes

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Six men were killed late yesterday in two crashes of military planes in south Florida.

Three died when their Boeing KC97 Stratofreighter of the 454th Air Transport Squadron crashed and burned at the Palm Beach Air Force Base. A Marine Corps pilot was killed when his Douglas Skyraider fell 100 yards from the end of a runway at the Marine Corps Air Station at Opa-Locka, near Miami.

Names of the dead were withheld.

Witnesses said the left board engine was alive when the Stratofreighter was coming in for a landing. The plane struck the ground, nosed into an embankment, flipped over on its back, skidding across a road and burst into flames.

Lake Farmers To Get Feed

SALEM (AP)—Farmers of Crook County and parts of Deschutes and Lake counties will be eligible to assistance under the drought emergency feed grain program, Gov. Elmo Smith said Tuesday.

Secretary of Agriculture Benson advised Smith he had decided those sections as disaster areas.

The part of Deschutes County that is affected is east of a line running south from the town of Alfalfa to the Lake County line. The northern part of Lake County also is in the disaster area.

NOMINATION

LIMA, Peru (AP)—Former President Manuel Prado, now occupying the United States from a heart attack, was nominated as a presidential candidate Tuesday night in a national convention of the Democratic Pradista movement.