

## Swirling Floods threaten Oregon's Farms

### Houses Are Abandoned; Four Perish

#### Rain And Melting Snow Add Dangers

EUGENE, Ore. — (AP) — A rain-swollen river flood crest swirled out of here today toward the farming heartland of Oregon's fertile Willamette Valley.

Four persons have perished in the floods and some 500 fleeing livestock here, straggled neighbors away from home and tipped and toppled bridges and communication links throughout the state.

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### CITIES IN FATE

Now in the path of the flood crest are the sprawling acres of business and homes of Albany, Corvallis, the state capital, and other cities in the Willamette Valley near these cities were warned last week to move livestock to high ground.

The Willamette has been one of the heaviest rain-bearing rivers in the Pacific Northwest, and has been over 500 feet above normal for the second year in a row.

Red Cross aides reported the 500 residents evacuated yesterday from the University of Oregon campus and the Letice County Fairgrounds.

Two hundred other Glenwood residents are sheltered at a Veterans' Center in Eugene. Many others are being housed in private homes.

Known victims include two men drowned near the Coquille River, on the Oregon Coast, when a logging camp was swept away by the height of a storm blowing inland off the Pacific. Later that same day a man and wife were crushed when a tree fell on them near a wind storm that battered the coast.

One domestic crew of 13, led by Eugene's A. P. M. left night, held at that level—two feet above normal—before the rain stopped and then began to drop. Trunk highways leading north, south and east were blocked by swirling currents. The Willamette highway to Eastern Oregon was blocked by a landslide.

### For Legislative Action

### Paving, Housing Rate Priority

By TOM FESPERSMAN  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Born of taxpayers' complaints, long-standing needs for improvement and control of streets and roads, the City of Charlotte's proposals for new legislation will be introduced by the Mecklenburg delegation to the General Assembly.

Review of the more important proposals reveals the history of the municipal problems that have caused the City to call for the City Council, Planning Board and conferences during the past two years. Brief background information on the major proposals is given below.

"Relieve cities of responsibility for maintenance upon state-maintained highways within the said City boundaries."

Background:  
There are certain thorough streets in Charlotte (Seventh St. for instance, and Morehead St.) which are maintained by the State Highway & Public Works Commission, and the City has nothing to do with keeping these streets in good repair.

However, the City frequently receives complaints from motorists who say their automobiles have been damaged when the cars hit holes in the streets. The motorists enter claims against the City of Charlotte.

Responsibility  
The Municipal Government has the job of keeping these streets in order, the City should not be held responsible for any damage incurred on them.

"Amend Charter to provide that the City shall be liable for corporations whose streets are damaged by the City."

Background:  
The City officials say that real estate developers in the past have drawn too many lines as to their responsibility in putting new streets into proper condition. City Manager Harry A. Yancey gives this example:  
A developer lays out a subdivision and opens some streets for new houses. He puts into proper condition the streets that run through the central part of his sub-division. But on the edges, where his new development adjoins someone else's property, he neglects the streets, believing that "the other fellow" ought to improve those streets. This leaves some new home owners on streets in such bad condition that the

### THEIR 'PRIVATE' SANTA CLAUS



Little Clifton Cook couldn't wait to wear his new cowboy shirt to Rod Cameron helped him put it on. Here the handsome screen star is fastening the last button on Ruth Lentz and Bobby Howard, both orphanage children, look on.

### Rod Had Rather Play Santa Than Cowboys

By KERRY WYLER  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Screen Star Rod Cameron gave a Christmas party for the children of the Glenwood orphanage yesterday but it's hard to say who got the biggest bang out of it—Rod or the children.

The lanky Western star, who flew to Charlotte Friday night just to buy Christmas presents for the tots, was seated at dinner at the orphanage yesterday when he passed out the gifts to the children.

Each of the 85 boys and girls received a present—a bright cowboy shirt purchased in a Charlotte store. Each shirt was wrapped individually with the child's name and the words "From Rod."

Mrs. Manly D. Whitman, wife of the orphanage's president at the dinner, followed that the "Baby Christmas" was a success.

"What do you want to sing, children?" Mrs. Whitman asked.

"I want to sing 'Santa Claus'," they shouted, and so they did as Cameron grinned from ear to ear.

"You Call Everybody Darling" and the cowboy was near the singing.

The likable screen star attended Christmas of The Little Church on the Lake yesterday and then went directly to the orphanage. And as soon as the party was over the children rushed to his side. And you might have known it. For every boy

### Costa Rican Deba Before Ministers

### Latin Country Accuses Neighbor

By NORMAN CARIGNAN  
WASHINGTON — (AP) — Costa Rica's appeal under the Rio Pact for inter-American help to repel an armed invasion went before 21 Western Hemisphere foreign ministers today.

Neighboring Nicaragua was formally accused of provoking the invasion. The committee supported attack by between 200 and 1,000 men.

The foreign ministers will decide today whether to convene an emergency session to consider defensive measures under the Rio Pact. The committee also will discuss the inter-American defense system formulated by the American states in the Pacific side of Costa Rica and overpowered a 200-man expedition in the town to located in the northwestern part of the Central American republic which resides within 180 miles of the Panama Canal.

### Yankee River Baffle Looming

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Chiang Kai-shek's military aid to the Government is coming sour, it is expected.

With a Chinese Communist attack on the National Government military sources said Red infiltration was rampant in the northwest of the Yangtze River.

These sources reported that more than 200,000 National Government troops were encircled 145 miles west of Suichuan, about 145 miles northwest of Nanking.

The Red troops were reported to have broken through the Yangtze River line and to have captured the city of Suichuan, about 145 miles northwest of Nanking.

### Reds Outlawed

Daniel O'Connell, secretary of the Communist Party in the United States, charged the invading force is made up of Communists, Nicaraguan mercenaries and not more than 100 Costa Rican political exiles.

Rafael Calderon Guardia, a former Costa Rican president routed by the current junta last May, was named as the leader by the San Jose regime.

In Nicaragua, Gen. Anastasio Somoza, war minister and "strong man," decried the troops came from his country and said they were entering in La Costa Rica to threaten the National Guard.

Costa Rica, which itself put the Rio Pact into force December 3 by denouncing the last needed ratification, invoked the pact yesterday by asking for a conference of foreign ministers.

This plea was taken up at an extraordinary meeting of the council of the organization of American states.

Under terms of the Rio Pact the foreign ministers' meeting could not meet until the aggressor and adoptive nations had agreed to identify the aggressor and adoptive nations and to discuss diplomatic relations involving economic sanctions or outright military assistance.

Under the treaty, the attacked country may call individual nations to supply military and other aid in advance of the foreign ministers conference.

Costa Rica limited her plea to a conference. But Ambassador Mario Riquelme, Costa Rican minister to the United States, said that military and all kinds of help because we have no army. The Costa Rican plea was advanced about a week ago.

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"Thank God she was found alive," said Allen when notified by the Associated Press that she later had been found. "I hope they'll let me fly to Guam and bring her back home. Her condition improves enough for the trip."

Allen returned from Guam only recently. Both young women worked on the Navy's 442nd Central Postal Directory in the Litter Day Salina Church mission. The mission was destroyed by Japanese soldiers.

More than 200 Marines, soldiers and island police had worked on the island for days.

She has been a Navy Civil Service employee for two years. She disappeared from the island goods shop, presumably about 10 p. m. Saturday. A passenger reported that he noticed

### Congressmen Hot On Trail Typewriter Figures In Spy Probe

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL  
WASHINGTON — A Congressional spy investigator was reported hot on the trail today of typewriter figures who were used in 1937 and 1938 to copy secret Government papers for a spy ring.

Aides to the House Un-American Activities Committee would not comment on these reports circulating at the Capitol except to say that Acting Chairman Mundt (R-S.D.) might have an announcement about a typewriter some time in the afternoon.

Mundt made a flying week-end trip to his home town. He was due back this afternoon. Because of his absence, a committee session originally scheduled for noon was postponed.

The committee has been searching for typewriter ever since it got its hands on papers which

### Hiss Granted Leave From Peace Foundation

NEW YORK — (AP) — Alger Hiss, a principal in the Soviet spy investigation, submitted his resignation as head of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace today, but trustees granted the resignation. He was granted a three-month leave of absence.

Characteristics which can be deduced from the committee's files have been trying to locate the type-

### Truman Asks Boost In Cabinet Salaries

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman asked Congress today to raise the pay of his top-level Government officials.

The President presented his recommendations through Budget Director James C. Watson. He asked the Government may pay higher salaries to the best men in the Government.

Webb told a Senate post office committee today that the President's proposal was the highest level.

Webb proposed salaries of \$17,000 to \$23,000 for undersecretaries, cabinet secretaries, heads of independent agencies, boards and commissions.

"I submit," Webb said, "that the Government cannot continue on a sound basis over a long period if its most important positions of leadership and responsibility must be filled by men who receive private salaries or by men without the means who serve at too great a personal sacrifice."

### Arrested In Connection With 'Reign Of Terror'

TARLTON, Tenn. — (AP) — Seven men have been arrested in connection with a "reign of terror" which gripped the town during the fires of Sheriff Jim Meeks last year.

The arrests were made by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The men were charged with participating in the "reign of terror" which gripped the town during the fires of Sheriff Jim Meeks last year.

Deputy State Fire Marshal Kirk Webb, who worked with Meeks during the fires, said he had been a P. A. Sloan in the investigation. There is every indication that the "reign of terror" was a "reign of terror" which gripped the town during the fires of Sheriff Jim Meeks last year.

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### IN TODAY'S FARM PAGES

News and feature articles with plenty of interesting photographs, gathered especially for the farmers, dairy men and poultrymen of this area.

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### 10 SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS

WEATHER  
Fairly cloudy tonight and tomorrow. High 54, low 34. Tuesday high 54, low 34. Wednesday high 54, low 34. Thursday high 54, low 34. Friday high 54, low 34. Saturday high 54, low 34. Sunday high 54, low 34.