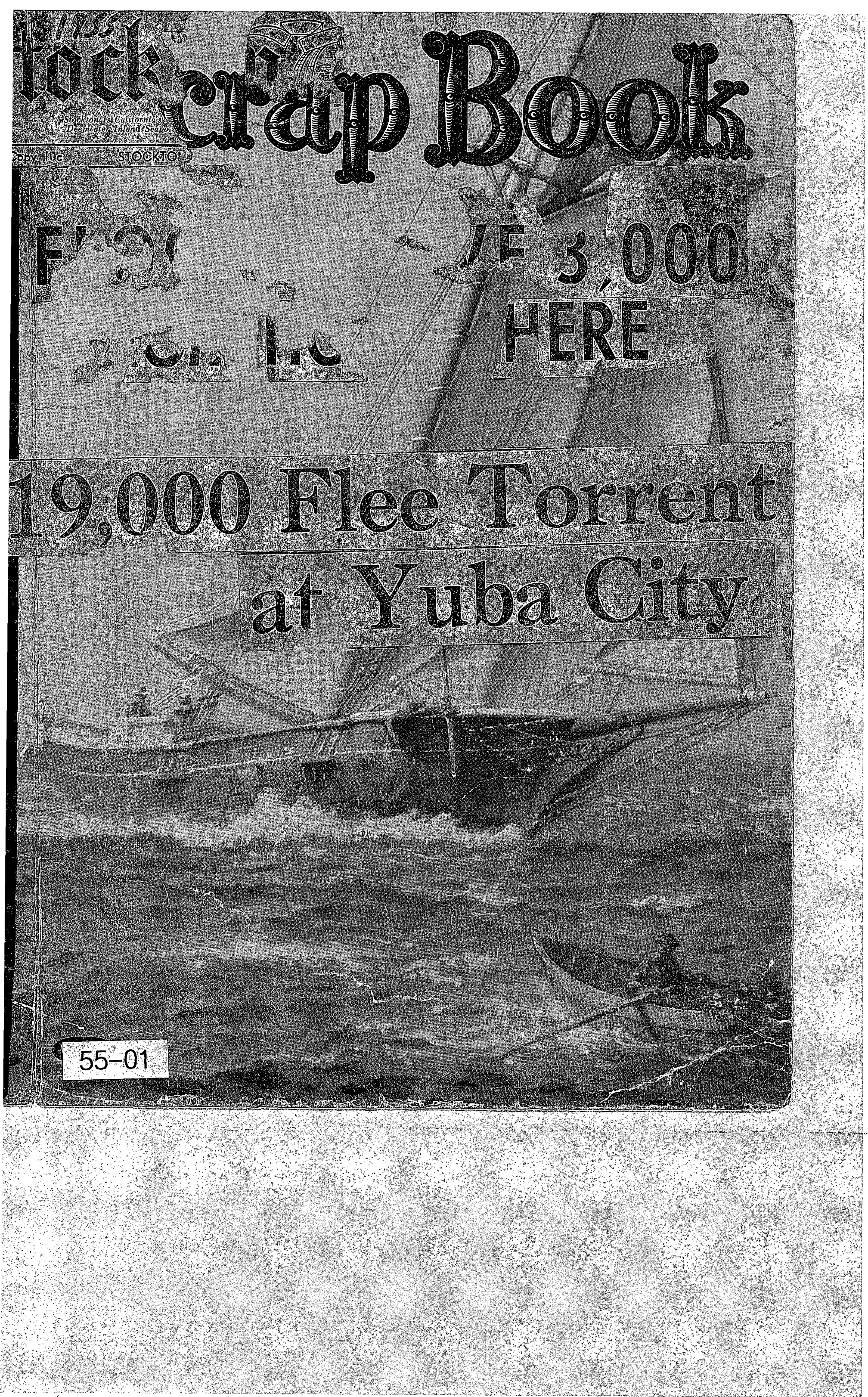
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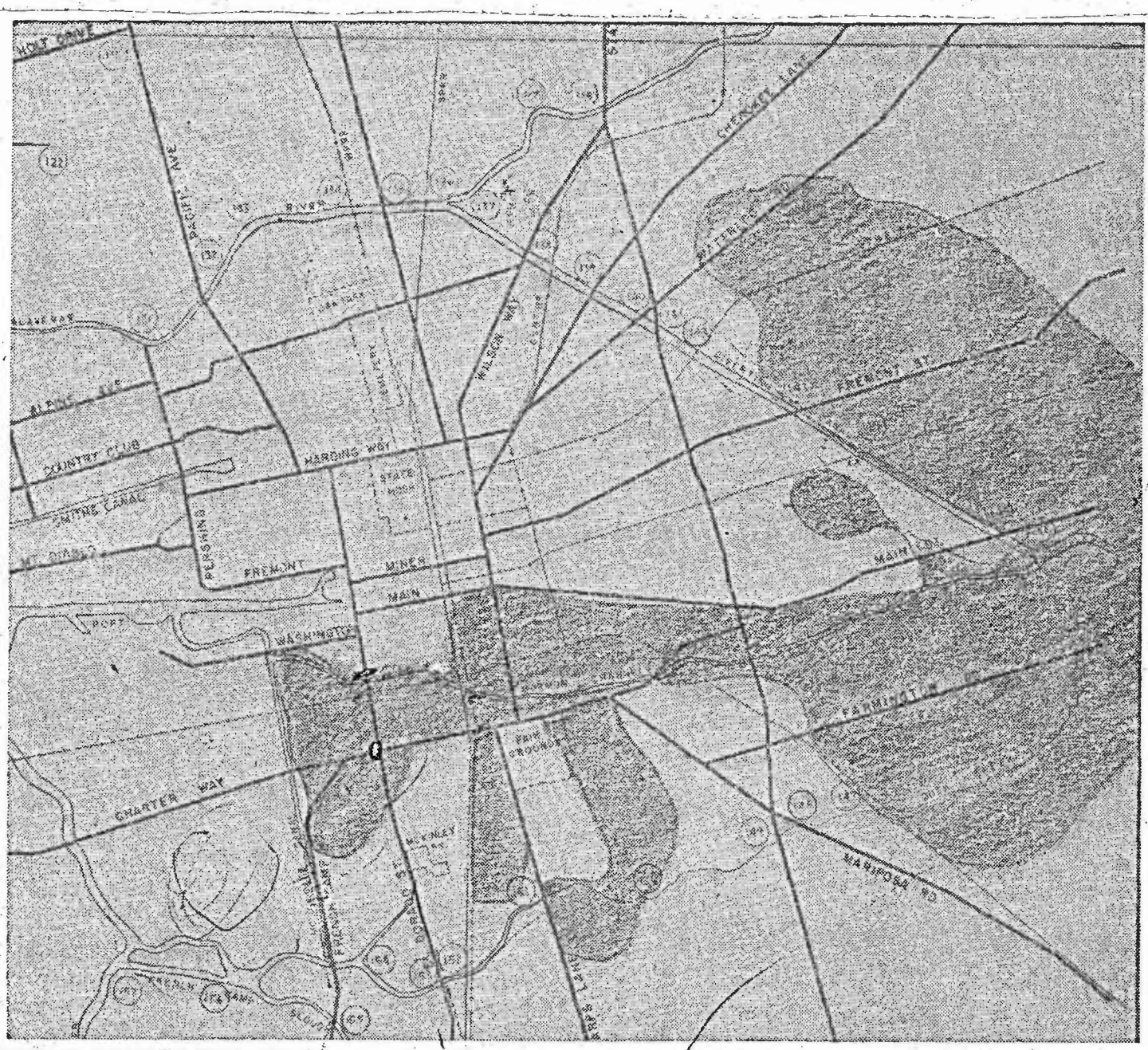


FLOODED AREAS IN CITY—The above map shows those areas of city and immediate enviorns which were flooded over the Christmas weekend when waters of the Diverting Canal and Mormon Channel burst over their banks. The affected area on the east extends from just north of Waterloo Road on the north to the Santa Fe tracks on the south. Flooding extended in the southern sections as far west as McDougald Canal. Most of the 3,000 to 3,500 residents of the areas affected have moved back into their homes except in the Corona Park-McKinley Tract subdivisions south of Charter Way and east of the French Camp Turnpike.

Levee Collapse Climaxes Fight to Save Area

Marysville Dikes Hold as Flood Danger Eases

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24 (UP)—A Feather River levee collapsed at Yuba City today sending more than 19,000 fleeing for their lives as raging coastal and mountain torrents continued to engulf cities in 3 Western states where at least 15 persons have been killed and 25,000 made homeless.

The Christmas Eve disaster—termed "major" by the President—caused many towns to await in horrified anticpation for flood waters to descend while other cities lay stilled in swirling currents and still other sodden towns began clearing away the debris of millions of dollars in damage.

Week-long storms, bringing torrential rains, have ceased, with only variable showers and gray skies predicted over the bleak areas of destruction. All the resources of the government, the state, the Red Cross, armed forces, civil defense and civic groups threw themselves into the sad rehabilitation as the cities counted their dead.

ALL NIGHT BATTLE

At Yuba City, the levee broke early this morning after an army of men had worked through the night to bolster the city's defenses. Thousands of refugees from Marysville, acress the river, also were sheltered in the city. They, too, had to flee again.

Meanwhile, the cities of Modesto and Stockton are threatened by overflows on the Stanislaus and Tuolumne rivers in the latest Northern California flood development.

The people of Yuba City had been alerted to the danger and deserted the city without panic. As the water poured through the levee, widening the break, more than 1,500 police, soldiers and special police patrolled the canal-like streets with order to shoot to kill any looters. But no looting was reported in the dead city. Authorities tried to verify a report that one 11-year-old boy had drowned.

The levee break caused the waters of the Feather and Yuba Rivers at Marysville to drop. That deserted town of 10,000 nestled dry behind its 30-foot high system of levees as 1,500 sand bag volunteers patrolled and prepared to ward off a break. The flood, however, has dropped 25 inches and the danger may be passed.

Chips Floating on Current

A couple of months ago city officials decided it might be a good idea to bring the emergency procedures for flood control up to date, and accordingly arrangements were made for a 2-day school for the employes concerned.

The school, the first in years, was held Tuesday and Wednesday. Friday the rains—and the floods

Excitement does strange things to peoples' minds.

Two volunteers entered a Jefferson Street house that was knee-high in water. Just as they approached the man of the house, he was bending down. One volunteer called to him and caught him as he was aboutto pull an electric cord from its socket.

20,000 Near Mormon Channel Are Warned

An estimated 3,000 Stockton-area residents were made homeless last night and today as swirling flood waters overflowed the banks of the Mormon Channel, the Diverting Canal and other lesser waterways.

Most of those evacuated by police, sheriff's deputies and National Guardsmen live in the south and

Additional pictures and stories of floods are on Pages 26 and 27.

east sections of Stockton. The Red Cross is housing the evacuees in hotels, motels and the Civic Memorial Auditorium.

Between 15,000 and 20,000 residents south of the Mormon Channel were alerted by City Manager John C. Lilly this morning to the possible necessity of fleeing their homes.

THREAT DIMINISHES

By late morning, however, this threat was diminishing as the flow in the Mormon Channel showed signs of slacking off, according to City Engineer Marshall Dunlap, who was making constant surveys by helicopter.

The latest area being evacuated was an 18-square block district in the Corona Park and McKinley Tract subdivisions, south of Third Street and east of the French Camp Turnpike.

Flooding in this area was caused by an overflow of the McDougal Canal, which went over its banks when a pump at Walker Slough failed.

LIGHT RAIN DUE

The United States Weather Bureau in Sacramento predicts light intermittent rain in this area through tomorrow. A drop in temperatures in the Sierra Nevada, which brought snow last night as low as the 3,500-foot level, is expected to lessen new threats of floods.

Hogan Dam reservoir, which provides flood control for Stockton on the Calaveras River, was reported rising this morning at the rate of one foot every 3 hours.

City Engineer Dunlap reports there is storage space for an additional 35,000 acre-feet of water behind the dam. At 7 a.m. today the dam was just over half full. The dam capacity is 76,000 acre-feet, Dunlap stated.

CREST COMES DOWN

At 9 a.m. today the flood on the Calaveras below the dam crest had coursed its way down the Mormon Channel and had emptied into Stockton Channel. This resulted in a 6-foot drop in the water level and is providing some relief.

The Mormon Channel is a branch of the Calaveras, forking off at Bellota, 17 miles east of Stockton.

A new bre[illegible] in the Mormon Channel levee [illegible]s reported at Union and Taylor streets, with water flooding north from that point. Observers say the flooding of the channel north of Charter Way last night is the first since 1911.

Rising waters in the Mormon Channel prompted the city last night to cut through its 10 new earth-fill spans across the waterway, leaving only Center Street as a north-south arterial.

FILLS BLASTED

Using explosives and bulldozers, the city cut through fills at El Dorado, San Joaquin, California, Stanislaus, Pilgrim, Ophir and Aurora streets, a partial fill at Lincoln Street, and the Santa Fe railroad spur.

Col. H. E. Sanderson, president of the local chapter of the Red Cross and chairman of the Disaster Council, and Richard Hill, executive director of the Stockton chapter, are headin Red Cross relief work here.

Lines buses last night to help transport evacuees to shelter points, and for feeding. San Joaquin County is in the area declared an emergency by President Eisenhower.

WORK ALL NIGHT

All city and county crews, including police, firemen, sheriff's deputies, city and county civil defense personnel, and volunteers worked throughout the night in rescue work.

City Manager Lilly said 500 persons had volunteered for flood relief work. He sent out a new call today for enlistment of aid from exservicemen and union members to fill sandbags for bolstering levees.

Edwin Anderson, local manager of the California Water Service Co., said today there is no water supply problem even in the flooded sections of the city. He added that crews have been on the job throughout the flood maintaining a constant patrol along the entire water supply system.

300 PHONES OUT

Fewer than 300 telephones are out of service today, as compared with 3000 yesterday, according to Edward Best, local manager of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co.

Many of the phones out today are in the Morada area. A crane from the Central California Traction Line, which was being spotted at the line's bridge across the Diverting Canal just north of Stockton, cut power and phone service out when it knocked over a pole early today.

Because of last night's flood threat in the downtown Stockton area, many merchants placed sandbags in front of their stores and over basement entrances in the sidewalks.

The Red Cross set up shelters and canteens in the city and throughout the county to assist evacuees and the flood workers. Blankets and cots were provided by the Army in Civic Memorial Auditorium.

LITTLE DAMAGE

City officials pointed out that although many persons were evacuated, the flood waters caused relatively little damage inside homes. Most of the flooding was in the streets.

The Pacific Gas & Electric Co. reported only minor power failures in the city. Crews from the gas division, however, have been kept busy turning off lines and shutting off appliances in flooded sections of the city.

Patrols report that sightseers are creating a traffic jam along the French Camp Turnpike, on El Dorado and Center streets, and Hazelton Avenue.

RADIO STATION HIT

Radio Station KXOB went off the air at 5:15 a.m. today when water flooded the transmitter east of Stockton.

City officials report the Calaveras River presents no immediate threat. Two minor breaches in the levees were reported just west of Pacific Memorial Stadium but they are under repair.

The water averages 5 fo 10 feet from the top of the Calaveras

Rainfall as compiled by the Stockton Record, Southern Pacific and PG&E follows:

	24-hour Period	Season to date	Last season to date
Stockton	1.02	8.00	4.47
Manteca	1.25	6.67	4.21
Lodi	1.86	9.07	6.07
Escalon	1.16	7.60	4.70
Linden	1.80	10.06	5.29
Oakdale	1.68	8.89	5.83
Sonora	3.72	20.84	8.84
Murphys	4.30	24.85	10.44
Angels Camp	3.44	21.47	9.35
Jackson	2.65	18.20	9.60
Livingston	1.45	6.00	3.58
Patterson	1.10	5.80	3.51

Radio Station KXOB, whose transmitter is located east of the Diverting Canal, was forced to go off the air at 5:15 a.m. today when high water threatened its equipment. The station, which stayed on the air throughout the night with flood reports, then combined forces with Station KGDM.

RAINS SLACKEN AS COLD FRONT MOVES SOUTH

Rains over Northern California today were slackening to scattered showers as a cold front moved in from Alaska, pushing the main storm to the south, the United States Weather Bureau in Sacramento reported today. Blue skies broke through the clouds here at 9 a.m.

The bureau said the front also has resulted in lowering the snow line in the Sierra to the 3,000-foot level. The rains of the past few days melted the snow pack up to 100,000 feet, adding to already swollen rivers.

OUTLOOK UNSETTLED

Despite these encouraging developments, the bureau said the weather map continues to present a rather "unsettled picture." Cloudiness with occasional showers is forecast for the Central Valleys through tomorrow, but the outlook beyond that is uncertain, the forecasters reported.

Stockton received 1.02 inches of rain during the past 24 hours, bringing the total for the season thus far to 8 inches, compared with 4.47 inches at the same time last year.

Cooler weather with a high near 54 degrees is expected tomorrow after a low tonight near 43 degrees. Yesterday's high was 62 degrees, a degree below the previous day's low. This morning's low was 46 degrees.

The temperature at 10:30 o'clock this morning was 50 degrees, compared with 60 degrees at the same time yesterday.

KNIGHT SURVEYS DAMAGE BY AIR

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 24 (AP)—Gov. Knight took off today in his National Guard plane, the Grizzly, for a look at flood-ravaged Northern California, including the critical Yuba City-Marysville area.

The sky was mostly blue as the governor left the capital. The rain stopped here last night for the first respite in several days.

Knight was accompanied by Stanley Pierson, state civil defense director, and Adj. Gen. Earlo M. Jones, as well as by about 30 newspapermen, some of them in a 2nd plane.

The governor came back to Sacramento last night from Los Angeles. He planned to return there tonight for his interrupted holiday stay.

Douglas Barrett, the governor's assistant press secretary, said the itinerary is indefinite but that Knight hoped to land wherever possible. Barrett said no stop would be possible at Yuba City-Marysville.

CHIEF O'KEEFE COLLAPSES FROM WORK ON FLOOD

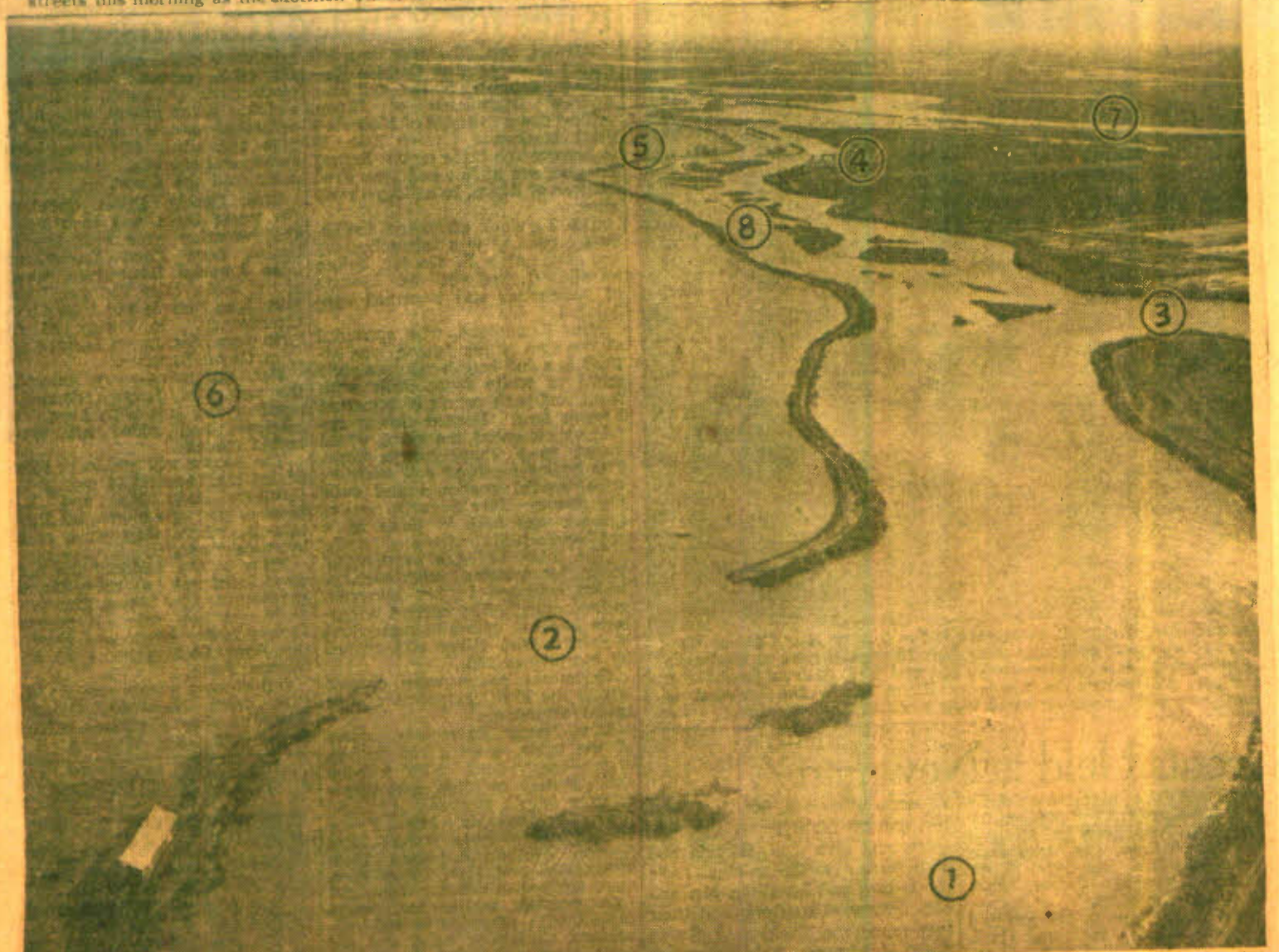
The strain of directing flood fighting activities for 2 straight days caught up with Police Chief Jack O'Keefe early this morning.

O'Keefe, who had only 5 hours of sleep since early Thursday, was treated in Emergency Hospital at 4 a.m. for fatigue and a painful left shoulder and sent home to rest.

The chief had been co-ordinating the activities of the police with other emergency units since the flood danger started Thursday morning and slept only briefly yesterday morning.

Capt. Rex Parker is in charge of police activities until O'Keefe's return.

FLOODED AVENUES—This picture, taken on East Jefferson Street, could have been repeated on scores of South Stockton streets this morning as the Mormon Channel overflowed its south bank. Water inundated most of the streets to Charter Way forcing the evacuation of several hundred families living between the channel and First Street. (Record photo)



AIR VIEW OF FLOODED DELTA—In the aerial view of inundated Empire Tract, above is shown the wide levee break which flooded the rich peat land of the widely-known island. The break (No. 1) occurred on Little Potato Slough. No. 2 shows the immensity of the ripped-out levee. No. 3 is Potato Slough. No. 4 is the Venice Island Ferry located directly west of Herman and Helen's Fishing Resort (No. 5), well-known to striped bass anglers all over Northern California. No. 6 shows the western portion of the flooded Empire Tract. No. 7 shows where Little Connection Slough (No. 8) joins the deep water channel to Stockton.

Flood Waters From Rising Streams Hit Many Valley Areas---Evacuation Started

Tuolumne Rivers Climb Out of Banks, Flood

SONORA, Dec. 23—Rolling waters of Tuolumne County creeks and rivers, swollen by 8 days of continued rain, today climbed out of their banks in foothill lowlands, heavily damaging some river bottom resorts and homes.

Don Stewart, Chinese Camp, California Division of Highways maintenance man, said homes and resorts in the Jacksonville area along the Tuolumne River had from 18 inches to 2 feet of water in them.

Communication lines into Jacksonville, Mocassin, Big Oak Flat, and Groveland are down. PT&T workmen are hunting the breaks in communication lines today.

The danger of flooding in the Valley also was increasing as the rain-filled rivers rushed seaward. Major dams are halting some of the runoff, but there is no control over the waters of the tributary flowing into the large rivers below and these were the danger points today.

During the past week, with rain falling steadily, up to 8.99 inches have been recorded in Sonora. This makes the total rainfall 13.74 inches, creating earth-soaked conditions.

Continued downpours must run off, because no more can be absorbed into the ground.

Rivers rose between 4 and 5 feet overnight and the rise continued steadily today.

HIGHWAY CREWS

Charles Hof, Tuolumne County road commissioner, said his crews labored through the past 24 hours to keep culverts open under county roads. Many were unable to contain runoff waters and Hof said flooded roads were reported in the Red Hills, southwestern Tuolumne County, along the Draper Mine road and the Woodhams Ranch, and along the Sonora-Tuolumne road, both in central Tuolumne County.

Principal road hazard today in the county system, Hof added, is falling trees which are toppling across roads. A slight wind was blowing and any increase would heighten this hazard.

COFFER DAMS OUT

The Stanislaus River washed out coffer dams at the Beardsley Dam site near Strawberry Wednesday night, flooding the dam area. Work at this location had been halted for the Christmas holidays and no crewmen were endangered.

Work at the Donnells dam, upstream on the Stanislaus, also is halted for Christmas vacation and no washouts at this location were reported yesterday. Workmen at both projects will report back Tuesday.

In the Sawmill Flat area near Columbia State Park the home of Bil Anderson was flooded this morning when a 20-foot high earthen dam on the nearby Souza ranch broke, flooding the Anderson home and surrounding area.

ROADS BLOCKED

Other county roads were passable this morning, but rock slides and flooded areas in many spots slowed traffic. The California Division of Highways in Sonora said major slides were reported on the heavily traveled Sonora Pass highday on both sides of Jamestown, at the Twain Harte grade and along Highway 49 near Parrotts Ferry.

The bridge across the Stanislaus River at Parrotts Ferry was in danger today as waters rose close to the arch of the span. Traffic was normal across this bridge, however.

NO NEW SNOW

In Tuolumne today no new snow was reported overnight and a heavy rain was falling up to the 8,000-foot level.

The warm rain and a minimum temperature of 45 degrees at many places along the mile-high contour had washed away nearly all the snowpack, leaving only patches up to the 6,000-foot level.

At Dodge Ridge the pack dropped a foot overnight and became patchy as the warm rain fell through the night.

Runoff waters from the Dodge Ridge snowpack, 1 to 3 feet in depth, washed over the ground and left the bare earth exposed in many places in the area.

Rivers were rising.

The Big Oak Flat Road between Shawmut Grade and the Stevens Bar Bridge, a distance of 3 miles, was inundated and was closed as the Tuolumne River pushed up 8 feet above the flood mark set in the flood season of 1950.

EVACUATIONS

Along the area closed off, 10 or 12 homes and resorts have been evacuated. Mountain River Lodge and Davis Camp are reported under water.

The exact situation in many areas is hard to discover as all communication lines into the area are out.

The State Division of Highways maintenance crew blocked off the road leading to Groveland last night and assisted a number of families out of the area to higher ground.

The Tuolumne River was reported still rising today after adding 20,000 acre-feet of water to the reservoir behind Don Pedro Dam last night.

The Stanislaus was rising.

About 6 families, employes of the PG&E at the Stanislaus Power House, were isolated when water cut across the road leading to the power house and blocked them in.

None of the people are endangered and all can be evacuated by other routes if this becomes necessary.

The rain in Tuolumne showed little sign of abating today. More than 4½ inches fell in Sonora in the 24 hours ending at 8 a.m. today. Pinecrest received 4.77 inches and Goveland registered a record-breaking 6.30 inches in the 24 hours.

Six-Foot Flood Crest Due Today on Stanislaus

OAKDALE, Dec. 23—All is in readiness as the Stanislaus County sheriff's office, with all available personnel at its command, stands by for a high rolling crest expected to come down the Stanislaus River into this area late this afternoon.

Early today PG&E attendants at Stanislaus Powerhouse above Melones Dam warned of a crest of 70,000 second feet of water coming down. The filled Melones Dam was then overflowing at a depth of 6½ feet over the top of the dam with an intake of 35,000 second feet.

Sheriff Dan Kelsay said a plane of the auxiliary County Aero Squadron took to the air at noon to direct deputies and rescue parties if necessary to save marooned persons and livestock.

Twelve families in the Orange Blossom Colony area moved shortly before noon, taking what they could with them and piling furniture and valuables on trucks in their flight.

A turkey breeder was busy moving 2,400 head of breeding stock from his turkey farm in the path of the flood waters.

The Stanislaus River was clocked at 20,000 second feet at the Orange Blossom Bridge at 11 a.m. with the forerunner of the anticipated 70,000 second feet slated to hit there about 3 p.m.

That's the bleak flood picture painted by Oakdale Irrigation District officials who said the dam now is spilling water 6½ feet over the top over the total 700-foot width. The intake was estimated at 35,000 second feet.

> Sheriff's deputies began a task of warning all residents in the area below the Melones Dam to evacuate their homes immediately because of the wall of water cresting down the Stanislaus River.
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> The deputies were making contact especially with residents in the lowland areas near Knights Ferry and Oakdale.
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> The crest is expected to pass Oakdale late this afternoon or early tonight.

The 70,000 second feet crest is due to enter the Melones Dam at noon "and there's no way of stopping it—it's going right on through and down the already flooding Stanislaus River.

The officials added "the crest will just come in and go right over the top."

The dam filled at 6 a.m. and officials said water started flowing over the top of the dam at 7 a.m., increasing continually to the 6½-foot mark at 10 a.m.

During the 1950-51 flood the dam filled up and the overflow was peaked at 53,000 second feet. Today's crest would be 17,000 second feet more than established during the disastrous flood of 1950-51.

SOS FOR 'DUCKS'

MODESTO, Dec. 23—Stanislaus County officials today sent out an SOS for mechanized "ducks," amphibious vehicles, to evacuate several families marooned in flooded areas in several districts of the county.

The SOS was given when boats proved useless in at least one area because of swift-running streams laden with debris from the Coast Range on the West Side.

Three families living east of Orestimba Creek, about 2 miles south of Crows Landing were marooned when the creek spilled over its banks to inundate the area. Deputies were dispatched with a boat, but the current and debris has halted their efforts to bring out the families.

> An area one and one-half miles square between Newman and Crows Landing was reported under water shortly before noon today. The water in some places was 10 feet deep. Highway 33, in the area, was flooded and was ordered closed.

NEWMAN

By 10 a.m. an Army "duck" was standing by to effect the rescue of the marooned families.

In the Newman area, Mark's Gravel Pit was filled and Del's Place, a resort between Newman and Crows Landing along the San Joaquin River, was evacuated and the buildings were partially under water as the residents were brought out. Also evacuated in the same operation was the family of L. C. Moorehead whose ranch home was in the path of flood waters.

Five members of a family living on Anderson Road, north of Highway 33 and south of Crows Landing, were removed by boat this morning, but members of 2 other families in the same area refused to leave, "unless the water gets higher." This area also is threatened by the flooding waters of Orestimba Creek which drops down sharply out of the Coast Range.

While the flood picture looked bleak this morning an even darker future is forecast as the swollen Stanislaus River has yet to crest as it flows westward out of the Sierra.

BRIDGES OUT

Officials have ordered several bridges closed and among these is the Orestimba Creek bridge on Highway 33.

Some sort of a crest, stemming from overnight heavy rains in the Mother Lode, is expected at Knights Ferry at noon and officials estimate the Stanislaus River at that point to be "considerably" over the flood stage.

Residents in Knights Ferry and the Orange Blossom Colony area west of Knights Ferry, were evacuated in the early morning hours. The expected noon crest will flood these 2 areas, officials said.

$1,700,000 Is City Damage

Damage from the flood is an estimated $1,700,000 in Stockton, just short of the amount necessary to make Mormon Channel an emergency water outlet and a freeway, the city council was told at a special meeting last night.

The figures admittedly are rough estimates but may be low for the flood damage, Stanley Ott, city planning director, stated.

He listed this damage: Utilities, $300,000; property in private homes, $1,000,000; business property, $200,000; retail outlets, $200,000. The estimates were made as the city's staff presented a study of possible flood control measures to the council.

BODY OF MAN FOUND IN CAR

The body of 66-year-old Eugene Rangel, 1809 E. Clay, was found yesterday in his old model car after his vehicle had been mired down in Mormon Channel, between the new California Walnut Growers Association plant and Charter Way.

Identification of the body was made by Rangel's daughter, Mrs. Lupe Espude, 1227 S. Pilgrim, who was called to the scene. Police said that Rangel had been listed as missing for 3 days.

Authorities theorized that the automobile was swept from Diamond Street, which leads from the walnut plant to Charter Way, sometime Friday night by the rushing waters of Mormon Channel. The road was from 2 to 3 feet under water Friday night.

Only 2 wheels and a portion of the fenders were visible when the vehicle was first seen about 7:55 this morning by Carol Cooper, of 3125 Lewis, and Kenneth Woods, 1971 S. Olive. Cooper, an East Side patrolman, and Woods, a walnut plant construction worker, said they had been in the area of the plant during the weekend, but had not noticed the car.

Police and deputies pulled the car from the water with a tow rig after attempts to force open the car's door proved unsuccessful.

DANGER, DETOUR—The Linden Road east of Stockton was closed at 1 a.m. today as fast-rising waters of the Diverting Canal poured across the roadway. By noon the waters were 2 feet high and the fast current made travel impossible even for heavy trucks. (Record photo)

DON'T STOP HERE, SANTA—The home of Mrs. Edward Johnson, 5611 Linden Road, was gaily decorated this week in anticipation of Santa's arrival tomorrow night. Today, Mrs. Johnson was packing her bags and getting ready to evacuate her family. (Record photo)

SANDBAGGING—Emergency crews from the Southern Pacific Railway Co. were rushed to the Diverting Canal trestle early today to build sandbag barriers in an effort to control raging flood waters. (Record photo)

FLOODING—Water from last night's heavy rains was backed up to lawn-to-lawn level at Inman and Princeton streets this morning. The depth of the water is indicated by the all-but-covered fire hydrant shown at lower left. (Record photo)

FLOOD VICTIMS SAID GOUGED BY PUMPERS

Flood victim "gougers" and "rumor mongers" were criticized by city officials at a special meeting of the city council last night.

Basement pumpers appear to be the main offenders of gouging tactics, said John Lilly, city manager.

Councilwoman Edna Gleason said she heard a contractor worked an hour in pumping out a basement and charged $47.50. Another worked for 2 hours and 10 minutes and charged $100.

However, this man was paid only $5 and the lady signed an agreement to pay the remainder at $1 a month, Mrs. Gleason gleefully added.

$2,500 FOR FOUNDATION

Lilly said he received a report that one building contractor had quoted a price of $2,500 to repair a settled foundation. The house owner estimated the job should cost about $500.

William Biddick Jr., city attorney, suggested that those who plan on Red Cross assistance should get work cost verified first. Others who believe the charges are unreasonably high can force contractors to show the charges are reasonable, Biddick stated.

FALSE RUMORS

"We had a fleet of trucks and cars whose sole purpose it was to verify reports," H. M. Dunlap, city engineer, said of the many false rumors of broken or dangerous levees.

Dunlap said he had no objection to investigating spots in the levees where there was reason for concern.

As an example of what he objected to when the city facilities were overtaxed, Dunlap told of a woman who called and asked for a check of the levee near her home. She explained she was downtown shopping and was worried about her 6-year-old son she had left with a baby sitter.

The Red Cross advisory council, which includes contractors, has agreed on price levels to be charged for such work, and information is available through its office at disaster headquarters in the Civic Memorial Auditorium.

Persons unable to pay for damage to their homes caused by the flood may apply for financial assistance through the San Joaquin County chapter of the Red Cross.

A volunteer crew of 30 off-duty firemen, working without compensation and at no charge to householders, has been pumping out flooded basements in Stockton's stricken area, Fire Chief Lyle Stevenson said today.

The firemen have been working two 5-hour shifts a day to clear basements of flood waters, using portable equipment from Sharpe General Depot. Householders requiring assistance should dial HOward 4-4648.

Housing Help Sought for Flood Victims

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (UP)—Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel (R-Calif.) asked the Housing and Home Finance Agency today for an immediate survey of Northern California to determine whether emergency help can be given families in the flooded areas.

The agency already has advised his office that it may be able to supply trailers to provide temporary shelter for persons driven from their homes.

Epidemic Following Flood Held Unlikely by Experts

There is no major threat of an epidemic or big health problem as a result of the flood.

This welcome word was given this morning by Donald Layson, public health engineer with the San Joaquin Local Health District. However, Layson did offer suggestions for insuring sanitary safety.

Diseases which could result from polluted water and food include typhoid fever, influenza and other intestinal maladies, the engineer said.

Layson reported that no trouble occurred as a result of sewer plants becoming flooded. He said that one plant was flooded in the city's southwest area Saturday but was quickly cleared yesterday.

"All the city's water plants are good. One on Sharps Lane and one just north of Charter Way and east of Center Street were threatened and were taken out of service Saturday as a precautionary measure," Layson declared.

The private water supply in some fringe areas of Stockton offers a more serious problem, according to Layson.

He cautions residents in those areas to pump wells dry and use a disinfectant if flood waters contacted the well water.

He also advised against using any food which came in contact with flood water.

"Fruit and vegetables which have natural coverings—potatoes, oranges, lemons and the like—may be eaten if they first are washed in a commercial disinfecting solution, prepared by adding 8 tablespoons of disinfectant to a gallon of water," Layson said.

As a final word of advice, Layson said persons returning to cleared homes in flooded areas should open windows to provide plenty of ventilation.

"This will prevent molding and the presence of musty odors," he said.

"I suggest pumping out the wells and, in the case of 6 and 8-inch diameter wells, pouring in about 2 gallons of commercial disinfectant. Then pump the well until an odor of clorine is noticed in the water. Let it stand for about 4 hours and, at the end of that time, the well may be pumped out again.

BOIL DRINKING WATER

"During the waiting period, I suggest boiling water for 20 minutes before using," Layson said.

Another problem in the unincorporated sections of the city is plumbing.

Layson said several complaints have been received of persons pumping the contents of septic tanks out onto the street or onto property. This is not recommended because it creates a sanitation problem. Action will be taken against residents who persist in doing it, Layson declared.

"In those areas which have been flooded and in which septic tanks are used, I suggest residents use their plumbing systems, although sparingly, if the ground is free of water. The subsoil is capable of handling the sewage if too much is not flushed into it," Layson said.

Layson said that when people feel they must pump out septic tanks, it is advisable to call a commercial pumping service in to do it.

FOOD WARNING

The engineer also warned residents not to use any food left unrefrigerated while they were refugees from their homes.

U.S. AID IS ORDERED FOR FLOOD AREAS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (UP) —President Eisenhower today declared flood-stricken Reno and Washoe County, Nev., as major disaster areas.

The President's action followed a similar order yesterday that applied to California.

In a telegram to the Nevada governor, Charles H. Russell, the White House allocated to the federal Civil Defense Administration "such funds for federal assistance as are necessary to supplement state and local efforts."

Russell asked the President for federal assistance in a telegram received last night. He estimated flood damage to public property alone in Reno and in Washoe County between $500,000 and $1,000,000. He said the "emergency (is) increasing hourly."

STATE HARDEST HIT

President Eisenhower yesterday declared California, hit hardest by the floods, a major disaster area. He otified Gov. Goodwin J. Knight by telegram "such funds . . . as are necessary to supplement state and local efforts" in the widespread relief program.

Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson offered California and Oregon surplus foods for the emergency feeding of flood victims. The Small Business Administration declared Northern California, Southern Oregon and Western Nevada disaster areas.

The moves came swiftly on the heels of a plea from Senate Republican leader William F. Knowland (Calif.) to Eisenhower for all possible federal help to flood-stricken areas of California.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said the President's action gives the Civil Defense Administration a virtual "blank check" in its flood relief activities. He said it was similar to federal action in the northeastern floods last summer.

DEEPLY CONCERNED

Presidential Aide Wilton B. Persons, who relayed the telegram to Knight, told the California governor that the President had asked him to "express his deep concern with the hardship and suffering caused the people of your state by these floods."

Knight, requesting federal aid, told the President there already has been extensive loss of life and property in flood-stricken areas and an "even more severe inundation imminentily threatens" northern parts of California.

Delta Endangered by Swollen Rivers, High Tides, Winds

A 3-way combination of swollen rivers, above normal tide, and southerly winds today presented a flood threat to thousands of acres of rich Delta farm lands.

The combination was described as a "serious situation" by John M. Luther of the California Central Valley Flood Control Association in Sacramento.

Observers pointed out that the crests of the floods have not as yet reached the Delta area, and that the tides will become progressively higher for the next week.

Strong winds which have borne the present storm are credited with raising the high tide level in San Francisco Bay as much as 2 feet above the unusually high tides for this time of year, the U.S. Corps of Engineers office in Sacramento estimated.

William Harper, office manager of Zuckerman - Mandeville Inc., Delta farm operators, said a reading of 9.7 feet was recorded at noon today at Connection Slough, between Old River and Middle River, as the affect of the high tide was being reached at that point.

Harper said the Mandeville Island levees have been heightened since the 1938 flood, but that the primary danger is from pressure against the levees as the water rises. The levees are being patrolled by National Guardsmen and sandbagged at points where stress likely is to develop.

The predicted high tide today at Stockton, using the San Francisco Golden Gate reference point was 4 feet. Tomorrow's predicted high is 4.2 feet; Sunday, 4.5 feet; Monday, 4.7 feet; Tuesday, 4.8 feet, and Wednesday and Thursday 4.9 feet.

The high water mark during the flood of 1938 was between 9 and 10 feet.

Sheriff Carlos A. Sousa requested that pleasure boat owners refrain from using their craft during the flood threat because of the danger to levees from their wakes.

Robert Nessler, owner of the King Island Fishing Resort, said he had reports water has reached the levels of cafes at the Paradise Point resort. located on Disappointment Slough, Cohn Tract, and at Herman and Helen's Fishing Resort on Little Connection Slough, Empire Tract.

1,000 HOMES DAMAGED HERE

More than 1,000 Stockton area homes were damaged in the Christmas weekend floods, according to first estimates of American Red Cross field workers.

Jack Bassett, director of the local Disaster Center operations, assessed the local damages with the aid of local volunteers, to provide a basis for estimating local requirements to national headquarters.

The preliminary toll:

Persons: 1 dead, 4 hospitalized, 1,750 given mass care, 500 still needing emergency food and shelter.

Homes: none destroyed, 622 with major damage, 377 with minor damage.

Businesses: 50 with minor damage.

Farm buildings: 60 buildings destroyed, 12 with major damage, 26 with minor damage.

Richard Hill, local Red Cross chapter manager, said that the total number of individuals affected by the floods probably is in excess of 2,500 based on an estimate of 750 to 800 families displaced.

About 1,750 of these were handled through the Red Cross, and the balance fled their homes directly to friends or relatives.

ARMY SUPPLIES ARE SENT TO FLOOD AREAS

Supplies and equipment, including helicopters and amphibian trucks, are being dispatched today from Stockton Army and National Guard units to assist in flooded areas.

Sharpe General Depot officials who began yesterday sending out supplies in trucks, said they have received authorization from Washington to help during the emergency. Requests for aid from public officials are being channeled through 6th Army Headquarters at the Presidio.

The depot's disaster train, which includes 10 hospital cars and mess cars, has been alerted and is standing by. Depot personnel also have been ordered to ready boats used by engineering units.

LEFT THIS MORNING

Five helicopters from the 30th Engineer Group (Aviation) left Stockton Field this morning to assist in the Healdsburg, Redding, and Yreka areas. One helicopter, which has a capacity of 5 to 7 persons in addition to its 2 pilots and crew chief, was sent to Yreka, accompanied by a 2-place helicopter, and 2 of the small helicopters were ordered to Healdsburg.

Six 2½-ton amphibian trucks (DUKW's) from the 118th Ordnance Company, California National Guard, were ordered to report to the adjutant general's office in Sacramento yesterday afternoon to pick up supplies and equipment for the Chico area, and 2 others were sent to Modesto this morning.

The detachment of 14 men and 6 DUKW's have been placed on standby duty.

The depot's engineer supply section has been shipping out sandbags, shovels, picks, emergency lighting equipment, and other supplies. A total of 30,000 sandbags has been sent to Contra Costa County.

Sacramento's McClellan Air Force Base said today 2 tons of empty sand bags have been flown to Reno to be used there for containing the Truckee River.

A couple of soggy Stocktonians were standing at a downtown intersection this morning when all at once everything was bathed in a golden light.

"Hey, look, there's the sun coming out," said one.

"Yeah," replied the other, wonderingly. "Looks funny, doesn't it?"

About 100 prisoners from the County Jail Honor Farm worked all night filling sandbags and placing them into position in a break in the Diverting Canal levee near the Southern Pacific railroad bridge near Main Street.

WET CHRISTMAS—The year came to a disastrous close in Stockton as torrential rainfall, accompanied by warm weather at high altitudes, sent rivers out of their channels and over the tops of levees. The picture shows what happened in the southwest part of the city just before Christmas when water that poured into the Mormon Channel overflowed the banks and inundated many blocks of low-lying areas. The streets conspicuous in the foreground, from right, are El Dorado, Center, and Commerce. The large structure at upper right is the Edison High School.

RUSSIAN RIVER SCENE—Some of the homes in the Guerneville resort area surrounded by flood waters from the Russian River are shown in this airview. Many families were evacuated from their homes when the river swept over its banks in flash floods. (AP Wirephoto)

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KNIGHTS FERRY, Dec. 28—Residents of this community have interrupted clean-up operations following the recession of Stanislaus River flood waters, to plan the restoration of their century-old firehouse and to heap praise on the 12-year-old boy who rescued the historic firewagon.

Families facing ruin in their own homes grieved when the rampaging river tore the firehouse tower from its foundation and swept it down the street and began talking restoration almost before they tackled reconstruction work of their own.

J. G. Taylor, president of the Community Club and one of 3 trustees of the monument, declared today:

"With residents working, together we can reconstruct the building so it will withstand future floods."

Eye-witness accounts of the firehouse crash blame the poor foundation at the rear of the building for its surrender to the flood waters. The tower floated intact, and will be salvaged. It has been second only to the covered bridge as a target for tourist cameramen.

Telephones also have been busy with the retelling of the work of Harold (Corky) Bowen in saving the 100-year-old firewagon from the flood.

The boy and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bowen of Oakdale, were in town to pick up their Christmas turkey, when the flood hit and marooned them here.

Harold raced to a local grocery for the key to the firehouse as flood waters rose in the streets. When the key could not be found, he, 7-year-old Jimmie Sharp and another companion made their way to a car and obtained a saw to force open the firehouse door.

By the time the door was opened, the Bowen youth was working alone, with water up to his armpits. He rushed to the wagon and pulled it to high ground with the aid of his mother and Mrs. Raymond Sharp.

Corona Park and McKinley Tract Are Inundated

Most of the 3,000 to 3,500 Stockton-area residents who were forced to take refuge from floods over the Christmas weekend are returning to their homes today except in the Corona Park-McKinley Tract subdivisions.

The homes of the 500 residents of the subdivisions still were under 4 to 5 feet of water this morning. Elsewhere in the 125-block area of the city affected by the floods evacuees are returning to face a major cleanup job.

Corona Park and McKinley Tract subdivisions, south of Charter Way and east of French Camp Turnpike, were the hardest hit areas in the city. At the height of the flood water was waist deep in most homes.

TAKEN TO TRACY

Evacuees from this area were housed in local hotels and motels and at Deuel Vocational Institution near Tracy.

Corona Park and the McKinley Tract and a 5-block area around the city corporation yard were flooded Saturday when McDougal Canal levees washed away from 3rd to 8th streets along the French Camp Turnpike.

Hundreds of volunteers spent Christmas in an unsuccessful attempt to patch the breaks with sandbags. The flood resulted when high Mormon Channel waters flowed south through the canal.

City Engineer Marshall Dunlap said he has pumps operating at Walker Slough and that the area should be clear by tonight. Flood waters in the subdivisions, he added, are receding fast.

TOO SOON

John C. Lilly, Stockton city manager, said today "I can't begin to estimate the damage yet."

Danger points in the county today from flooding are Thornton which is isolated by the Mokelumne River; the Mossdale area and San Joaquin City at the confluence of the San Joaquin and Stanislaus rivers.

The San Joaquin River at Mossdale was measured at 18.25 feet at 7 a.m. today, a rise of 6 inches from the 2 a.m. reading. The danger point is 22 feet at this point. In 1950 the river flooded at 24 feet.

Rivers Still Rise on West Side

MODESTO, Dec. 28 — New flooding occurred today in Stanislaus County's West Side, but authorities said the situation "is not serious."

The San Joaquin River in the Hills Ferry district between Newman and Crows Landing rose 8 inches above the 1950 flood stage, inundating farmland along the river.

Sheriff's deputies said the sparsely populated area was alerted yesterday and most families evacuated and moved out their livestock.

Downstream at the junction of the river with the Tuolumne River, the Grayson Road area still is threatened and residents have been alerted. Deputies said most of the levees protecting the section are not too strong.

The Tuolumne rose about 3 feet yesterday as a result of mountain rains earlier. Water sloshed into roads in the Riverdale and Robertson tracts but no new inundation of homes occurred.

Meanwhile, supervisors declared the county a disaster area in hopes of receiving state and federal aid for rehabilitation and named acting road commissioner Ellis Delbon to the permanent post.

Delbon estimated it may cost $100,000 to replace the washed out McHenry Bridge and $20,000 to repair the approach to the Blossom Bridge. He said he hopes to complete a further survey of bridge and road conditions on the West Side in the next few days and report to supervisors.

The Oakdale Farm Bureau today issued a call for volunteers to aid flood-hit ranchers along the Stanislaus River. The victims of rampaging river waters are removing debris, repairing fences, spreading wet hay to dry, and removing mud from homes and farm buildings. Charles Gilpin, Oakdale 3123, is registering volunteers.

Tuolumne County Damage Set at Quarter Million

SONORA, Dec. 28 — Swollen rivers and creeks in Tuolumne County caused an estimated $250,000 damage during a week of floods in river and creek bottom areas, county officials said yesterday.

The estimate, considered a minimum by road and housing engineers, includes damages to county roads, highways and private property along the Tuolumne and Stanislaus rivers.

Supervisors estimate flood waters which washed away culverts and small bridges in all sections of the county caused $100,000 in damages to the county road system, while repairs and maintenance to the state highway system will take another $50,000.

Property damage, principally to resorts and homes along the swift-flowing Tuolumne, some damage to the Tri-Dam project, loss of private roads and bridges, and overflowing creeks which destroyed fences, will total about $100,000.

Officials said the county is "lucky" to have escaped without more serious damage. The county loss, they said, is small compared with property losses in other sections of Northern California.

WATERS RECEDE

Meanwhile, all creeks, aided by cold weather which dropped temperatures below freezing in the foothills and near zero in the mountains, were back in their channels yesterday. Rivers still flowed "high" and were out of banks in flat riverbottom areas. Sunshine most of yesterday helped streams to continue dropping.

Traffic through the county, with 2 exceptions, was near normal yesterday. County roads in the Middle Camp area are still impassable because 4 culverts or bridges were washed away, and the Sonora Pass Highway, 1 mile east of Jamestown, was blocked while State Division of Highways crews cleared rock slides.

Traffic was routed through Volponi Acres, a nearby subdivision, while these repairs were completed. This highway is open today.

Telephone communications to Jacksonville, Moccasin, Groveland and Big Oak Flat, destroyed when the Tuolumne overflowed in the Jacksonville area, was normal yesterday after PT&T crewmen from Sonora and Modesto had worked through the Christmas holiday to restore service.

Many PG&E line breaks, both major and minor, have been repaired, and service, failing only for brief times during the flood, is normal again.

CLEANING UP

In the Jacksonville - Moccasin areas, resort owners are clearing away debris left by more than 6 feet of water which flooded the Mountain River Lodge and Dan's Camp, both major south side resorts. Repairs have been started.

There were no deaths or injuries because of the flood in the county, but a hermit in the Stanislaus River gorge near Columbia State Park was reported missing for a time during the weekend.

He is Ingvald Isaksen, 62, who formerly resided in a cabin in the gorge.

The cabin was washed away. John Hammer, a miner in the area, found Isaksen near the Experimental mine, and took him to his cabin. Meanwhile, a sheriff's party, led by Sheriff Don Vars, had searched along the river for Isaksen before he was located.

A car, property of Emil Pardina, Jamestown, was destroyed Monday when waters of Woods Creek overflowed. The car was washed about 100 yards downstream.

Meanwhile, rainfall in the Sierra foothills climbed to 24.42 inches with 18.79 inches of this total falling in December, making the month the wettest in history.

Records of the weather in the foothill country date back to 1887, and the closest to this December total rainfall was in 1889 when 18.25 inches were measured.

With light rain falling in Sonora yesterday afternoon, the record for the month is expected to climb higher.

The seasonal rainfall to date already has passed the total for 14 seasons since 1887 when less than 24 inches were recorded during the entire season. The average rainfall for a season in Sonora is 30 inches.

LINDEN CUT OFF FROM STOCKTON

LINDEN, Dec. 24—Shortly before noon today the bank of Mormon Slough, 2 miles southeast of Linden started to show signs of crumbling. An appeal was sent at once to the Civil Defense Headquarters in Stockton for sandbags and men were sent to the area to reinforce the bank.

Should the water break through it would come straight down Linden road and into the town.

Water from the overflowing Calaveras River started approaching Linden yesterday afternoon, coming across the fields and orchards from the Bellota direction. The town is cut off from Stockton.

Between 40 and 50 farm families left their homes when the unimproved entrance roads to their homes from the highway started to go under water and the flood began to reach toward the houses.

This morning the water stood 4 inches deep on Main Street, near the town fire house and appeared to be rising. At the time a message was being received telephone connection was broken.

For a time yesterday Linden could be reached by detouring from Stockton by way of Waterloo Road or by Copperopolis Road. During the night, however, the roads connecting the Waterloo and Linden roads went under water and driving became too dangerous for most people to attempt.

Copperopolis Road went under water late yesterday east of the Diverting Canal, making it impossible to reach points east.

21 in Brentwood Flee Their Homes

BRENTWOOD, Dec. 24—Fifteen flood refugees found shelter in the American Legion Hall here late yesterday and one family was farmed out to a private home as waters from Marsh Creek inundated their homes.

Flood waters were not rising this morning, however, and no other families in this area were evacuated.

The 15 refugees in the Legion Hall comprise 3 families. Another family, 6 persons, found shelter in a private home.

Parts of Knightsen was evacuated late yesterday but all evacuees were taken to private homes.

Flood waters have hit not only Brentwood and Knightsen, but Oakley, Byron and Bethel Island.

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Twice yesterday, a Stockton couple and their 5 children had to flee flood waters.

At 4 p.m. Orville D. Short carried his wife, Wilma, and children from their new home at 4415 E. Fourth as swirling water, spilling from nearby Mormon Channel, threatened momentarily to invade the house.

"I didn't carry you in over the threshhold when we moved in, but I'm carrying you out over it," Short told his wife, trying to find humor in the situation.

FURNITURE ON BEDS

After driving his family to the Stockton City Auto Court, 1022 S. Wilson Way, Short returned at 7 p.m. to their East Stockton home to place their new furniture on beds and possibly out of reach of the mounting water.

Some 2½ hours later, while Short was still at home, Mrs. Short and the children again were evacuated—this time by Stockton police as once again Mormon Slough slipped over its banks, inundating the auto court.

Short was reunited with his family at Red Cross headquarters at 930 N. Commerce.

The children—Linda, 13, Jean, 9, Danny, 7, Donald 5, and Nancy, 14 months—all of whom had colds, seemed none the worse for their experience.

NEXT TO CHANNEL

"We didn't realize the auto court was right next to the channel," Short said ruefully, as he sipped coffee.

Short said he and his family would spend the night with Mrs. Short's mother, Mrs. Harvey Parker, in Thornton.

Short said he was able to move only a small amount of the family belongings from the home.

Her expression suddenly becoming taut, Mrs. Short started to ask, "You didn't forget—" . . .

"No," her husband broke in and grinned, "I didn't forget the Christmas presents."

CIVIL DEFENSE EFFORT SPEEDS FLOOD RELIEF

San Joaquin County's Civil Defense Communications Center got its first real workout over the weekend as all county resources were marshaled for flood duty.

Supervisor Chairman C. B. Bull was in command of the center, aided by his deputy defense director, E. F. Trau.

The center began operations at 9:01 p.m. Thursday, at first reports the rains might cause floods to threaten the county.

Operations have continued without respite continuously.

KEY PERSONNEL

Key people working with Bull and Trau have been Sheriff Carlos Sousa, Undersheriff Michael Canlis, Health Director E. M. Bingham, Road Commissioner Lloyd Bradley, Welfare Director Charles Stuart, Farm Advisor Wesley Fleming, Personnel Director Charles Shean, Purchasing Agent John Bourne, Highway Patrol Captain Leland Drais and Fire Warden William Armanino.

With the sheriff's radios and a 17-station radio net with the rural fire districts, the control center had quick contact with every section of the county.

NETWORK AVAILABLE

The civil defense radio net, paid 75 per cent by State and Federal funds has been extended gradually the past two years by the County Board of Supervisors and was ready to operate just in time.

"We were learning as we went," Trau commented this morning. "After a few hours it was a smooth and efficent operation."

Typical problems handled by the center included the sand bag situation.

The county defense officers had to have quick and correct answers to the sand bag questions, like "how many, full or empty, when, where, transportation, volunteer crews, relief, feeding "

That was just on sand bags. Every other problem had multiple facets. Like levee breaks—what roads to block, how serious is the break, who should be evacuated?

OTHER WORKERS

Among the others working out of the center were communications experts Fred Carlile, Bill Verle, Robert Peterson, Leroy Wysuph and Orson Harmon.

Public Information Expert Charles Epperson was on duty, along with Transportation Adviser Charles Dickman.

Hundreds of volunteers executed the decisions made at the center.

HIGH WATER PUTS CRIMP IN TRAFFIC

Traffic in and out of Stockton, and especially within the city, was seriously disrupted today as effects of the flood were felt on nearly every type of transportation.

The major obstacle to movement is within the city. The overflow of both Mormon Channel and the Diverting Canal has left Center Street, covered with water for 6 blocks, as the only avenue for moving north and south.

Crosstown traffic mingled with cars rerouted from major highways and emergency equipment on the partially flooded street that stands as the only link between the flood-dissected sections of the city.

REUNIONS RULED OUT

Christmas homecomings are being postponed or canceled as rail and bus traffic is off schedule for the 3rd straight day. All local railroads and bus terminals report delays in schedule or elimination of runs.

Only the airlines are unaffected locally with both companies servicing Stockton reporting everything on schedule.

Automobile traffic out of the city faces detours on several routes, with others closed by slides and washouts.

Traffic using the Highway 99 Freeway east of the city is rerouted into the city at the flooded Main Street underpass to use the Center Street crossing.

Highway 50 traffic coming from Tracy and the Bay Area, still open, must be routed across to Durham Ferry Road by way of French Camp Road, as is traffic destined for Manteca from other points including Highway 4 (Borden Highway). Borden Highway is open only as far as Pittsburg.

COUNTY NET CLOGGED

In the county network, Farmington Road is blocked off from Stockton east, Linden Road is closed by the Diverting Canal overflow, and the Lower Sacramento Road was blocked between Lodi and Galt last night when water overflowed the banks of Dry Creek, just west of Highway 99.

Highway 99 is open from Sacramento to Merced, with a detour leading to Fresno but threatened at any time.

Highway 33 (West Side Highway) is closed from Crows Landing south.

Routes to Calaveras County still are open with both Highway 12 and Waterloo Road passable.

CITY ASKS U.S. CHANNEL FUND

Request for a 3 million dollar Federal appropriation for the construction of a depressed freeway and flood raceway in Mormon Channel was made in a telegram sent yesterday by City Manager John C. Lilly to Rep. Leroy Johnson's office in Washington.

The request stems from last weekend's disastrous floods in Stockton when the Mormon Channel overflowed its banks and inundated large areas of the city.

Lilly's telegram:

"Propose request for 3 million dollar appropriation with which to construct flood raceway — depressed freeway and appurtenant surface traffic crossings. Consider flood raceway necessary to carry off flood waters to prevent recurrence of extensive damage to homes, agriculture, industries, communications, transportation and federal and municipal facilities.

"Freeway will be valuable traffic carrier in connection with Port of Stockton, military installations and transportation of agricultural and defense products. This request is unrelated to any proposal concerning new Hogan Dam and or diverting Canal levees. We do not want this request to jeopardize dam and canal projects in any way."

GUARDSMEN PATROL LEVEES IN DELTA

Stockton National Guard units were called to duty at noon today to aid in patrolling flood-threatened levees.

City Manager John Lilly called the state adjutant general, Earle M. Jones, who ordered the local Guardsmen into action.

Lt. Col. Robert Quick, plans and training officer for the 49th Division Artillery, said he is calling on Division Artillery Headquarters Battery and Headquarters and A batteries of the 164th Field Artillery to supply the men.

In addition, the local Guard headquarters is co-ordinating the use of other artillerymen for flood work throughout Northern California, including batteries of the 149th AAA Bn of San Mateo and the 637th FA Bn of San Jose.

Local Guardsmen were last called to flood duty during the storms of 1950-51.

MARYSVILLE GETS EVACUATION ORDER

MARYSVILLE, Dec. 23 (AP)—The City Council of Marysville today ordered the evacuation of Marysville's 12,500 residents in the face of a mounting threat of floods.

The radio broadcast bulletin at 12:30 p.m. urged an orderly movement of traffic across the Tenth Bridge, the only way out of the city at the junction of the swollen Feather and Yuba rivers.

Transportation was promised for pedestrians reaching Yuba City across the bridge, so they could be taken to higher ground.

A statement issued by U.S. Weather Bureau in Sacramento said the Feather and Yuba would hit their peaks sometime in the afternoon.

"This is without doubt the greatest flood in the records of this river system," said Sacramento Bureau Forecaster Lloyd Magar.

NEWMAN AREA IS HIT HARD

NEWMAN, Dec. 24—Flood waters from the creeks rising in the Coast Range continued to batter areas around this town today. With every available man either on duty or on call authorities believed they would be able to control the situation as far as evacution, feeding and saving life and property is concerned.

Firemen and volunteers evacuated and Frank Azevedo family this morning from their home on Villa Menucha Road, northeast of the city.

At noon today everything west of the Miller & Lux Canal to the base of the foothills was under water in this area. The acreage flooded could not be estimated today but it consists of some of the most valuable farm land in this section.

The Jackson-Perkins Co.'s rose growing area of almost 600 acres was under water, as was the Hills Ferry Cemetery. Rose Village, a settlement of 7 houses occupied by employes of the rose growing concern, was evacuated during the night, as was the company's bunkhouse.

Del's Place, a tavern and motel east of the M & L Canal on the Hills Ferry Road was abandoned yesterday afternoon and now has about 2 feet of water over the floors of all structures.

The Southern Pacific tracks for about a mile in this section are under water.

So far no serious damage has been done to the roadbed, as far as can be discovered, and trains are going through, although traveling slowly.

The railroad bridge over Orestimba Creek and the bridge nearby which carries Highway 33 over the same stream were threatened by debris in the creek and crews of men watched both structures all night.

What debris landed against the structures was hauled out or pushed through underneath so pressure against the spans could not build up.

Lockeford Area Hit by Mokelumne Flood

LOCKEFORD, Dec. 24 — Hundreds of acres of rich farmlands in this area are under deep water today after the swollen Mokelumne River overflowed its banks early last night and spilled over levees.

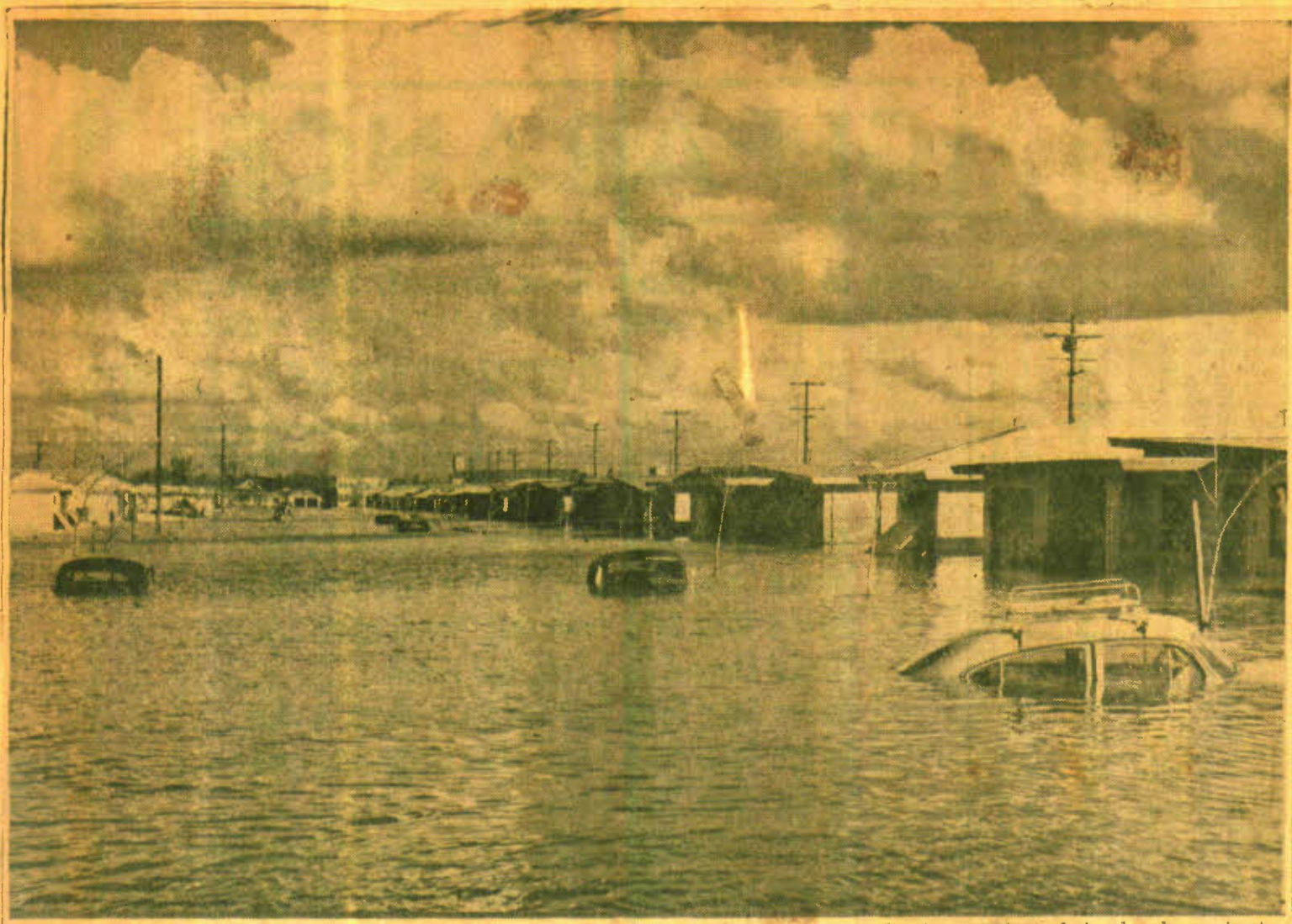
Chester Locke, rancher, said his ranch was the first to go under water. At 5 p.m. yesterday, he said, muddy waters began pouring over the Mokelumne levees.

Strengthened earlier this year through a $23,000 reconstruction project, the levees themselves are holding up well and no breaks had been discovered late last night or early today, Locke reported.

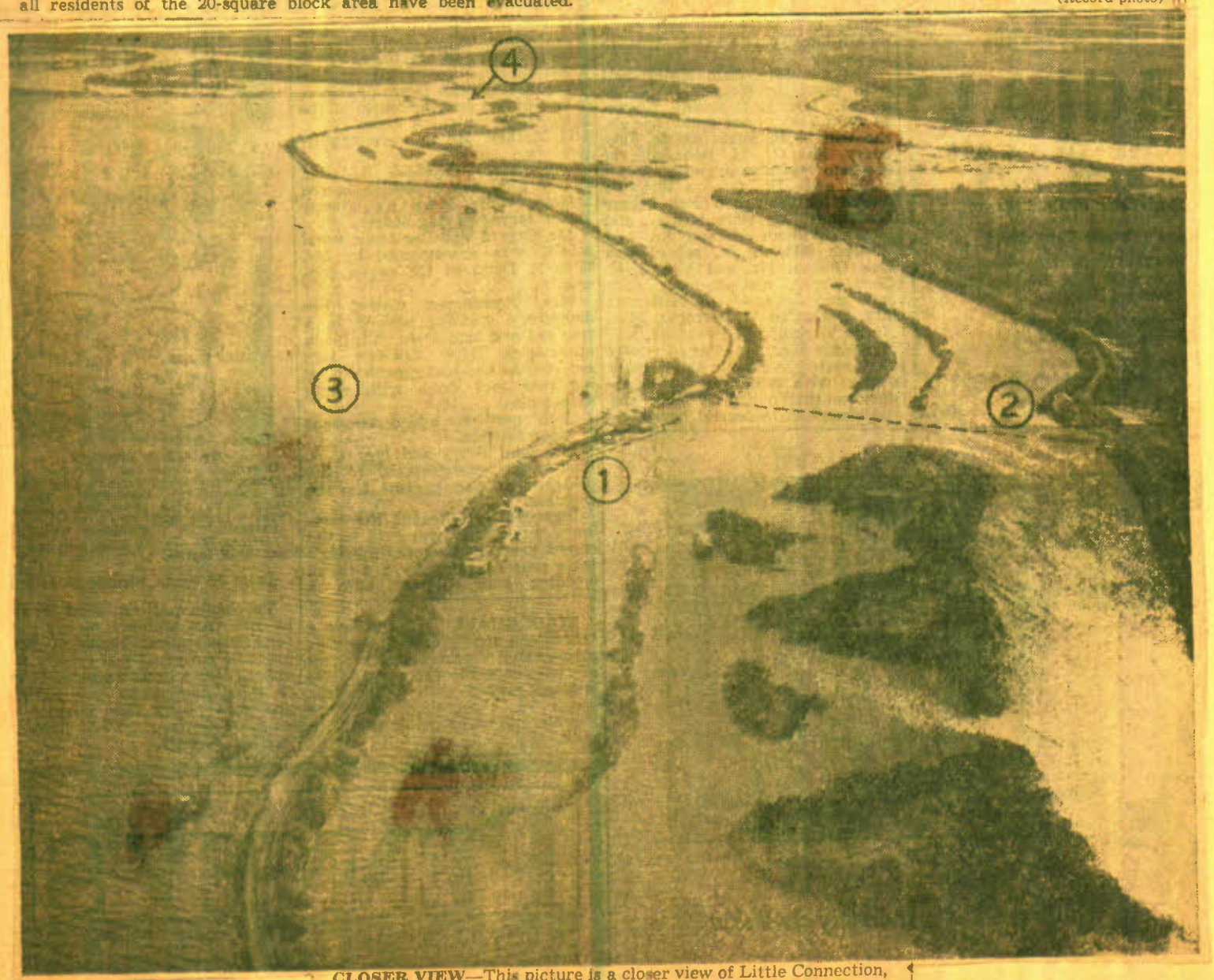
Locke said estimates of damage to recently planted spinach and sugar beets cannot be made until a thorough inspection of the flood area is conducted. Damage to fertile soil in the bottomlands is expected to be heavy, he said.

Locke reported many other ranches in the lowlands along the banks of the Mokelumne near here are completely covered by water.

No damage in the community of Lockeford has been reported, although a number of roadways are flooded.



CORONA PARK WATERWAY—Hardest hit of the Stockton flood areas, the Corona Park subdivision southeast of Charter Way and the French Camp Turnpike is still under 4 to 6 feet of water and all residents of the 20-square block area have been evacuated. This scene, with water lapping over tops of abandoned cars, is at Howard and Lincoln streets. Additional Stockton and Central California flood photos are on pages 6, 8, 9, 13, 14, 21, 23, 30 and 31.
(Record photo)



CLOSER VIEW—This picture is a closer view of Little Connection, south of the point of the break which flooded Empire Tract. No. 1 is Herman and Helen's Fishing Resort. No. 2 is the Venice Island Ferry. No. 3 is Empire Tract and No. 4 is the Channel.

Church Young People Aid Flood Victims

Friends, relatives, and even strangers worked side by side with Corona Park residents today as they continued the drudgery of clearing the flood filth from their houses.

Among the strangers who rolled up their sleeves and pitched in to help were young people from Central Methodist Church.

Promise of more help came from a citizen's commitee which is organizing work crews of adults for the weekend.

This committee today established headquarters in the YMCA and is receiving calls from Corona families who need more hands in the monstrous clean-up task. Mrs. Arnold Rue and Mrs. Albert Culhane, acted as dispatchers for the young church people out in Corona today and lined up jobs for the adult crews.

HELP PLEDGED

Members of the Adian young people's group of Central Church, led by Mark Jantzen Jr., and advised by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nelson, already had planned to give more than moral support to the flood victims when a group of community leaders met yesterday to see what they could do.

The group included Dr. Harold Jacoby, College of the Pacific sociology professor; Carl Melander, director of the YMCA; Morris Greenberg, Jewish Community Council leader, and leaders in the Ministerial Union.

The committee hopes to give aid to elderly couples and families without sufficient manpower. Crews will be armed with special cleaning equipment.

FEELING BETTER

Residents were feeling better today as some of the muck began to disappear. The typical reaction yesterday was that of Richard Ing, 515 W. Fifth, who stared at his muddy home and blurted out:

"I get sick looking at it."

This was followed however by a lessening of tension as neighbors swapped flood yarns and made the best of the worst.

Ing already had friends who were flooded out of their home in an earlier inundation when the waters came Saturday.

PLENTY OF BAIT

Before he waded through the debris in his house Emanuel McCurn, 550 W. Fifth Street, whose house was the first on the block to receive the waters, visited a bit with neighbors and stared for a while at the thousands and thousands of worms left wriggling in the streets. "Plenty of bait," he said, and turned back to his house.

It was the little things that piled dusgust on disgust. As Mrs. Allen Nelson and her family worked, she commented, "And I just had that sofa cleaned."

The small mementos and keepsakes which were lost hurt. Mrs. Nelson brightened somewhat: "I got my birds out first."

Across the street, Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Angeles managed to laugh at the devastation inside their 4 walls. "It's such a mess, you wouldn't believe it." Then, "You have to laugh, what else?"

Brentwood School Used to House Evacuees

BRENTWOOD, Dec. 23—The Brentwood Elementary School is serving as an evacuation center for Brentwood area families as flatlands in Eastern Contra Costa County were under flood threat today and some areas reported water rising slowly and approaching flood stage.

Arrangements were made at Brentwood and Concord to care for any refugees driven from their homes and preparations were made to evacuate a number of persons from homes in Knightsen, expected necessary about noon.

KNIGHTSEN, Dec. 23—Flood waters from the Marsh Creek started to flow into this community at 11 a.m. and stores and offices were threatened with inundation. Most families have left and those remaining here are ready to evacuate at a moment's notice.

The threat to Knightsen came as a result of Marsh Creek going out of its banks during the night. At noon no water had entered this town but a close watch is being kept on the creek which appeared to be rising slowly.

When Marsh Creek left its banks last night it flooded Delta Road, between Knightsen and the Oakley-Brentwood Road. At noon today cars with high clearances were able to get through but the water was rising slowly and it appeared the road would be blocked before the day is over.

In the Dainty Avenue area at the Brentwood north city limits, 50 families were evacuated from their homes at 6 a.m. today.

The Davis Camp area, a mile north of Brentwood, also was cleared.

The Legion Hall also is being prepared for use by refugees, if any are forced out of their homes. Red Cross personnel is standing by to aid evacuees and an appeal has been issued for food and clothing.

ESCALON

High Waters in the Escalon area have struck in the Lone Tree district, covering roads.

In Escalon itself, the waters are covering grounds of the new Escalon High School, and will be into the buildings if the water continues to rise.

GUSTINE

Families in the Mac Swain area near here have been warned to evacuate their homes in the path of the rising waters.

The Gustine-Merced highway (140S) may be closed if the water rises any more. It is now almost at the bridge level.

The All Year Highway to Yosemite is closed at Timber Lodge, and the Pacheco Pass road near Los Banos was reported passable but dangerous this morning.

In the Newman area, an Army "duck" is standing by for emergency evacuations as Orestimba Creek is flooding the lowlands.

Mark's gravel pit is full of rain waters, and Del's Place, a resort between Newman and Crows Landing has been evacuated. The buildings are partially under water, reports say.

Also evacuated was the family of L. C. Moorehead, whose ranch home was in the path of flood waters.

DRIVERS WARNED ON WATER PERILS

Capt. Charles A. Monk, in charge of the traffic division of the Stockton Police Department, warned motorists to be particularly careful in driving on wet and flooded roads.

"Motorists should slow to at least 10 miles an hour when they approach a watery area, even an inch deep. If they drive faster than that, the water may flood ignition systems and stall their car, creating a traffic stoppage and road hazard," the captain said.

In addition, there is a dangerous mechanical danger present when brake linings become wet and brakes fail, Capt. Monk said.

"We have had 6 accidents in the city alone during the past 24 hours for these reasons."

Levee Break Hits Tracy Area Farms

TRACY, Dec. 27—A levee of the San Joaquin River about 5 miles southeast of Tracy and just south of the Banta-Carbona Irrigation District intake canal at the end of Critchett Road, gave way at 9:30 p.m. last night and inundated 500 acres of farm land.

Five families in the flooded area were evacuated.

The break was not a surprise to those battling the cresting San Joaquin as the spot has been a source of trouble since Saturday night when a "boil" appeared near the levee.

Roads to the Thornton area were opened to traffic this morning as flood waters receded. The town had been isolated since Saturday.

Another cause for alarm was the fact the levee was shot through with gopher holes.

The rushing river waters ate out a 200-foot wide swath as it cascaded onto the farm land.

Volunteers and flood control experts watching the levees also reported another break, this in a secondary levee at the north end of the already-flooded San Joaquin River Club, near San Joaquin City. The break in the secondary levee, holding back seepage from the river, flooded 60 acres.

Readings at San Joaquin City at 8 a.m. today showed a drop in the San Joaquin River flow to the 25.7-foot mark and at Mossdale at the 20.31-foot mark. Flood stage at San Joaquin City is 27 feet and 24 feet at Mossdale.

The high at San Joaquin City since the flood threat started is 26.89, established Sunday night.

More Rain Seen for This Area

More rain is expected to fall in the Stockton area tonight and tomorrow as flood victims here move back into their homes to begin cleaning up debris.

Meanwhile, local officials are worried because heavy rains are falling up to the 7,000-foot level in the Sierra, melting a snow pack.

It was warm rains melting the mountain snowpack, which resulted in the deluge of water that flooded the Stockton area over the Christmas weekend.

Intermittent rains fell on Stockton today. In the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today .10 of an inch of rainfall was measured here, boosting the season's total to 8.10 inches compared with 4.47 inches at this time last season. Normal rainfall for this time of year is 4.24 inches.

Little change in temperature is expected in Stockton tonight. Saturday's high reading was 55 degrees. The high yesterday was 64 degrees and the low was 47 degrees. The minimum temperature early today was 52 degrees.

At 9:30 a.m. today the temperature was 57 degrees, 4 degrees higher than at the same time yesterday.

Near-Record Set by Downpour of 2.17 Inches

All city and county agencies, including the Red Cross, Civil Defense offices, police, firemen and auxiliary crews have been alerted to stand by for emergency work in floods that threaten the Stockton area after heavy rains yesterday and last night, with still more expected.

Officials expect the worst to come, with the heavy runoff from mountain streams still 12 to 14 hours away. These streams are reported brim full as a result of warm rains that melted snow up to the 10,000-foot level in the Sierra Nevada.

Details of the flood situation in Stanislaus and Contra Costa counties, and Mother Lode high water areas, are on Page 16.

Almost 5 inches of rain fell in the Angels Camp area over the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. The runoff feeds into the Calaveras River behind Hogan Dam, which protects Stockton.

Officials declared this to be the biggest immediate danger to the Stockton area.

The torrential downpour splashed 2.17 inches of rain on Stockton, flooding streets, knocking out 3,000 telephones, inundating lawns, and threatening to wash into homes in some areas of the city.

The United States Weather Bureau in Sacramento sent out warnings today that heavy rains are expected to resume tonight and tomorrow and that gusts of wind up to 50 miles per hour can be expected.

City police and firemen, their auxiliaries, and off-duty work crews were called out about midnight to help meet the flood threat and to warn residents early today of flood dangers.

Rainfall as compiled my the Stockton Record, Southern Pacific and PG&E follows:

	24-hour Period	Season to date	Last season to date
Stockton	2.17	6.98	4.47
Manteca	1.05	5.42	4.21
Tracy	1.60	5.82	4.27
Ripon	1.58	5.79	3.51
Lodi	1.43	7.21	6.07
Escalon	1.95	6.34	4.70
Linden	2.06	8.26	5.29
Galt	1.60	7.94	7.13
Modesto	1.29	5.35	4.81
Merced	1.90	5.05	2.32
Oakdale	2.33	7.21	5.83
Knights Ferry	2.36	6.88	5.38
Sonora	4.57	17.11	8.84
San Andreas	3.75	15.17	8.27
Murphys	4.75	20.55	10.44
Angels Camp	4.86	18.03	9.35
Jackson	2.92	15.55	9.60
Livingston	1.58	4.55	3.58
Patterson	1.58	4.70	3.51
Groveland	6.80	21.48	9.82
Melones	3.98		
Pinecrest	4.77	20.01	10.38

NEAR-RECORD

The 2.17 inches of rainfall in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today brought the city's total for the season to 6.98 inches as compared with 4.47 inches at this time last season. Normal rainfall at this date is 3.99 inches.

This was a near-record rainfall for Stockton. A 48-hour weekend reading on March 22, 1937, registered 2.33 inches, most of which fell during a 24-hour period. A total of 2.07 inches fell in a 24-hour period during Feb. 1-2 of 1945.

The Mokelumne River at Lodi is running bank-high and is expected to flood momentarily on both sides. At the Melones Dam on the Stanislaus River, 6½ feet of water was pouring over the bulwark and the crest still was 2 hours upstream at 10 a.m.

Train Service, Bus Lines Hit

Transportation at Standstill in Floods

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec 26 (UP)—Railroad and bus service was nearly at a standstill in many areas of Northern and Central California today because of floods.

The Southern Pacific reported its Shasta Route closed because of a slide at Cruzette, Ore., but the Shasta Daylights ran over the longer Siskiyou Route.

The Overland Route was closed over the Sierra because of a washout at Emigrant Gap. Workmen hoped to restore the line in time for today's Overland schedule.

LINE BLOCKED

The San Joaquin Valley line was blocked by a washout north of Tulare. Trains detoured over Santa Fe lines between Fresno and Bakersfield.

The SP canceled 9 trains yesterday.

The Western Pacific's main line was blocked by slides. WP trains were detoured via Barstow.

Slides closed the Northwestern Pacific Railroad between San Rafael and Eureka. NWP officials denied a report that the line would be out until April. They said it should be open in 3 weeks.

BUSES HIT

Pacific Greyhound lines canceled its service to Reno, running buses only as far as Colfax. Service to many Northern California points was subject to detours.

Reno airport was expected to reopen this morning. United Air Lines announced it scheduled a plane for Reno which would leave

OPERATION SANTA CLAUS—Homeless residents of flood-stricken Yuba City will have a belated Christmas this year and the 2 Lodi dentists shown above are attempting to see that, after all, it is a merry one. Dr. Chris Keszler, left, and Dr. LeRoy Buller are pictured loading a plane with toys and other gifts donated by Lodi merchants. Dr. Keszler flew the gifts from Stockton Field to Marysville yesterday.

WOEFUL WADER—Baulino Agdeppa, of 1826 Turnpike, wearing candy striped shorts, carries a sackful of clothes as he wades through the park in front of his house.

WATER SHOWS ITS POWER—The powerful thrust of the current in the Stanislaus River, swollen by floods from its watershed, is illustrated by this air picture, taken on Christmas Eve. The boiling water pushed and chewed at the levee until it let go at a point southwest of Ripon.

FLOOD DAMAGE IS SURVEYED IN STANISLAUS

MODESTO, Dec. 29—An estimate of flood loss in Stanislaus County came today from 2 sources and sets the figure at about $1,500,000, not including damage to homes. The estimates came from County Agricultural Commissioner Milo Schrock and Road Commissioner Ellis Delbon.

Schrock says that, although he has not made a complete survey of the county, up to 5 p.m. yesterday damage to county crops would be about $1,000,000. He said the damage is no worse than in 1950.

Delbon spent most of the day yesterday in Stockton confering with State Division of Highway representatives. Both state and federal road officials are in Stanislaus County today to make a tour of roads and bridges with Delbon.

BRIDGE LOSS

He said present estimates by his department set the flood damage to roads and bridges of the county at between $350,000 and $400,000. "However," he said, "further damage from the San Joaquin could raise this figure by $100,000. There is some damage to bridges that we have had to estimate because, until we can get down and inspect the footings, we will not know the exact extent of damage. However, we have attempted to place the figure high enough in these instances so we won't be under on our overall estimate."

Delbon says that after today's tour of the county with the state and federal men he hopes to have some definite information as to how much money can be obtained from these sources; method of repayment, if any, and how soon such funds can be obtained.

The commissioner said he will ask the Board of Supervisors to meet with him as soon as he has all the necessary information on both total loss and possible outside financial aid.

Schrock says county crops are not far advanced to be seriously damaged except in the cases of hay and alfalfa. The loss in hay will be confined to stacked and stored hay where water has either seeped under it or is standing inches deep around it. In the bottoms along the Tuolumne River water has risen until walnut and peach trees are showing in many instances only upper branches. Farther down the river, near the San Joaquin River, the land is mostly pasture land and ranchers have moved their dairy and beef cattle to higher ground.

HOME LOSS UNKNOWN

The amount of damage to homes of the county will have to come later through insurance companies, county officials said today.

In the Knights Ferry and Orange Blossom areas on the east side of the county and along the Orestimba Creek and San Joaquin River area on the West Side, some homes were nearly completely inundated. There were about 35 homes badly flooded in these 2 areas.

In the Modesto area, homes in the Riverdale, Riverview and Robertson Tracts were not deeply flooded and in most instances water raised only a few inches inside the homes. However, there were some homes in these areas, located either on the river bank or within a half block of the river, where the water rose to greater depths within the houses. Sheriff's deputies who patrolled the vacated areas to prevent looting estimate that for a time late Saturday evening and early Sunday there were about 650 to 700 homes where families had moved out of these 3 areas. In some cases they took all the household gear.

WATER HITS THE ROOF TOPS AT KNIGHTS FERRY

By MARGERY WILLMS
Record Correspondent

KNIGHTS FERRY, Dec. 24—With water up to the roof tops of homes along the Stanislaus River bank and in the hollows of this foothill community, telephone communications are out and power operates only at intervals.

Families from these low-lying homes have taken refuge in ranch homes on higher ground, some escaping from their houses with no belongings other than the clothes on their backs.

The water came too fast for many householders to save anything. Expecting a slow rise of water to about 2 feet on their lower floors, most were busy carting furnishings to second story rooms when a wall of ravaging waters hit yesterday, swirling into homes and forcing the occupants to flee.

FOOD MOVED

Nearby ranchers yesterday morning moved foodstuffs from the town's one grocery store to the school house on the hill, and when the waters reached the post office soon after mail had been received, the postmistress bundled up the mail and fled with it, also to the schoolhouse.

The town's fire house is swept away, although the engine was driven to high ground. Units of former housing projects which had been relocated on leveled ground were swept away and last night water was lapping at the floor of the historic covered bridge.

The cottage of Mrs. Minnie Kirkpatrick was swept away.

YET IN PERIL

Wildcat Creek, which cuts through higher ground in the area, is filling rapidly and some residents who thought themselves safe, may yet be marooned in ranch homes.

Mrs. Clarence Speedy, who operates the original Knights Ferry hotel as a guest home, returned from her Oakdale beauty shop appointment yesterday to find waters entering the building. She went fishing for her wedding rings and other personal belongings until she was forced to flee the house.

Mrs. Esther Napier is borrowing clothes from friends—she had no time to grab a change when the water trapped her as she was carrying family keepsakes to the second story bedroom for safekeeping.

I walked across the covered bridge early last night. It was shaking and quivering with the force of the rushing water. We all fear that it is lost.

BRIDGE SAVED

In a call from a mobile tele phone unit this morning, Mrs. Willms reported waters are receding and the 91-year-old covered bridge has been spared.

Only foot traffic was allowed on the span today after a check disclosed the flood had reopened a large crack on the road surface. The crack, 50 feet long and an inch wide, runs parellel to the white line. Mike Shuper, an engineer in Knights Ferry, said the crack had been resurfaced once so its reopening does not present a great hazard.

Waters have left the main street of the community and telephone crews are installing temporary magneto hookup facilities in the Masonic Hall to relay messages.

Meanwhile, a mobile telephone unit is keeping Knights Ferry in contact with the outside world.

'EXPERTS' SAID FLOOD WOULD NEVER HAPPEN IN STOCKTON

First Time in History So Much Rain Fell in Short Space, City Manager Says

Stockton was flooded by water which the experts said would never come.

It was the first time history that much water has fallen in such a short space of time, City Manager John Lilly reported today in explaining the flooding of the Mormon Channel.

The Diverting Canal was designed specifically do divert water from Mormon Channel which branches off from the Calaveras River, back into the river northeast of Stockton. Mormon channel overflowed at Gillis Road and sent water spilling into Stockton. The Diverting Canal held firm on the city side, but broke and flooded to the east.

But there was never a prediction that an estimated 6 inches of rain would fall to combine with near capacity flow from Hogan Dam. It was this combination which sent water spilling into South Stockton.

FIRST WORRIES

Stockton officials began to have their first worries Friday night when the muddy waters hit the first fill across the Mormon Channel at Wilson Way. There the 7 by 10-foot box culvert could not handle the volume.

City officials were unaware of the Gillis Road overflow until a police officer reported water running under the Mormon Channel Bridge at Wilson Way, Lilly said. The first move was to attempt to confine the water to the channel by sandbagging. However, when this failed on the south bank, immediate evacuation steps were taken for residents on the south side.

Because of higher levees, sandbagging efforts were more successful on the north side. City workers were successful in keeping the Charter Way Subway from flooding by sandbagging.

The city made a quick decision to cut the fills, in the hope that most of the water would flow down the old channel bed.

NOT ENOUGH

But even this was not enough and the water spread across an area of 125 blocks before receding.

It was not the water from the dam that was responsible for the flooding, but the tremendous runoff in between. The Hogan Dam was filled to near capacity flow last year and to full capacity in March of 1952 without overflowing the Diverting Canal.

The city manager today clarified the replacing of the Stanislaus, California and El Dorado Street bridges by fills. The Stanislaus Bridge was badly damaged by fire and the old wooden bridges at California and El Dorado streets were in poor condition and on hazardous foundations.

Fills, he said, were believed to be the most practical and economic solution. Even so, Lilly said, they were only installed on a temporary basis, with a depressed highway in the channel bed as a potential future development.

Flood Threat Halts Delta Ship Traffic

There is no ship traffic on the San Joaquin River as a result of the flood threat to the Delta.

Officials at the Port of Stockton said that no ship arrivals have been logged since the situation became acute Saturday morning, and that no vessels have sailed.

The added strain on levees from the weight of ocean-going ships and even smaller craft would vastly increase the danger of levee breaks, officials said.

1950-1938 Floods Recalled in Tracy

TRACY, Dec. 24—As residents of this area battled rising waters from Corral Hollow Creek to the south and the San Joaquin River to the east, they recalled the floods of 1950 and 1938.

In the winter of 1950-51, the San Joaquin River reached a height of 24.5 feet just before the western levee broke in the Mossdale area and poured water on approximately 60,000 acres.

The rushing torrent tore out a bridge on the upper section of Highway 50 between Paradise Cut and the San Joaquin. The westbound portion of the roadway link was snapped and traffic in the area came to a standstill, except for emergency operations, for 2 weeks. Travelers were rerouted through the Delta Islands area on Tracy Island Road to the Borden Highway.

In June, 1938, the levees in the same area crumbled and inundated the same Highway 50 area for 2 months. At that time only the old highway existed—the westbound portion travelers know now—and it was covered with water 12 feet deep.

Corral Hollow Creek caused more than $100.000 damage to Pacific Coast Aggregates plant at Kerlinger, 4 miles south of Tracy, in 1952 when it overflowed, flooding equipment and filling a huge crater which the plant had dug for gravel.

ISLETON READY TO EVACUATE

ISLETON, Dec. 24—Officials here today say they are ready to evacuate this community of 2,000 persons "at a moments notice" as the threat of floods grew more serious at 6 a.m.

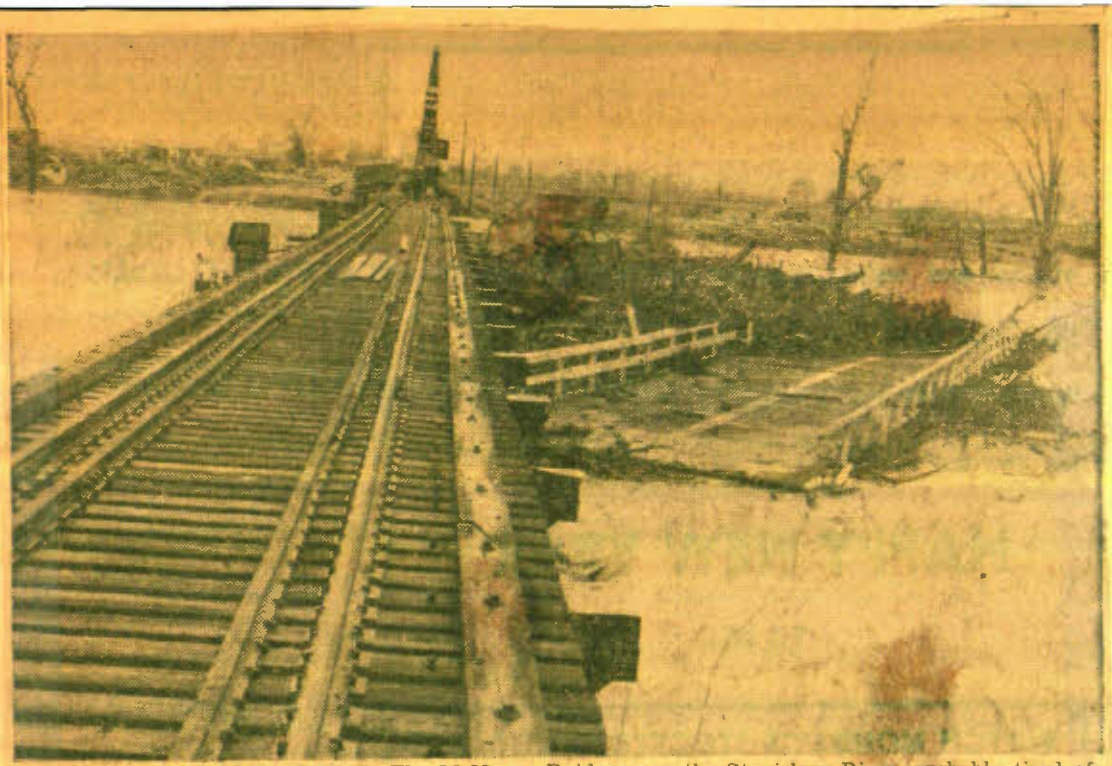
Waters of both the Sacramento and Mokelumne rivers are rising steadily, officials reported, and are 3 feet from the top of the levees.

"We expect the worst to come between 6 a.m. and noon, when water probably will back up much higher against the levees," declared Mayor W. B. Stewart.

The mayor, who declared a state of emergency here yesterday afternoon when the flood danger grew more imminent, said high tides from the San Francisco Bay and the overflow waters from Pardee Dam, are expected to cause the major trouble.

Despite the threat of possible danger to the community, the mayor said defense and disaster officials are "breathing a lot easier" now that high winds have subsided. Winds yesterday blew large amounts of water over the levees.

All police, fire and other emergency organizations have been pressed into service. The town is heavily sandbagged, Mayor Stewart, who is directing emergency operations, said.

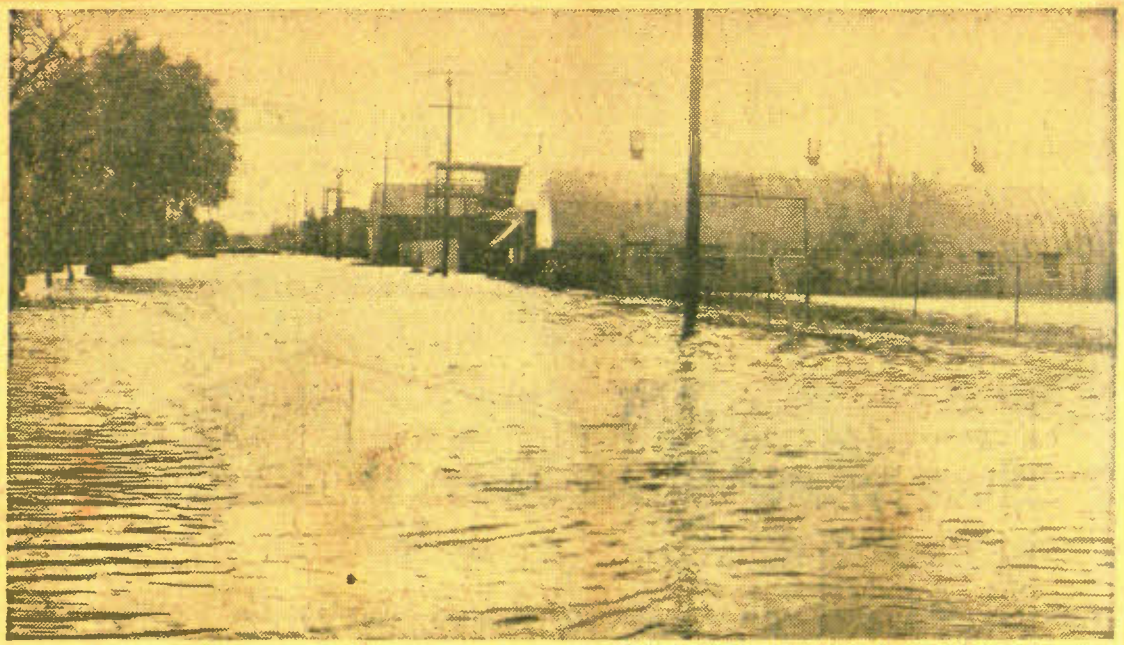


TWO BRIDGES, ONE ADRIFT—The McHenry Bridge over the Stanislaus River, probably tired of people passing over it, decided to take a trip of its own on Christmas Eve. The flood helped and the bridge is shown above, lodged against the trestle of the Tidewater Southern Railroad. Force of the collision between the 2 bridges bent the rail structure and bulged its tracks, but the trestle held and the river dropped a short time later.

STANISLAUS ON RAMPAGE—The mighty Stanislaus, at this time of the year usually a stream surface 30 feet below the bridge at Parrots Ferry, on the Vallecito-Columbia section of temporary Highway 49, looked like this yesterday. As it roared bank full 3 feet below the Parrots Ferry Bridge, it presaged flood conditions which prevailed today on the lower reaches of the Stanislaus.

LA HONDA BEARS BRUNT—The handful of homes at LaHonda Park, one of the recreation spots on Angels Creek on the Murphys Grade Road between Angels Camp and Murphys, were threatened by the fast-rising waters. Several of the homes were isolated when the bridge pictured here was swept away.

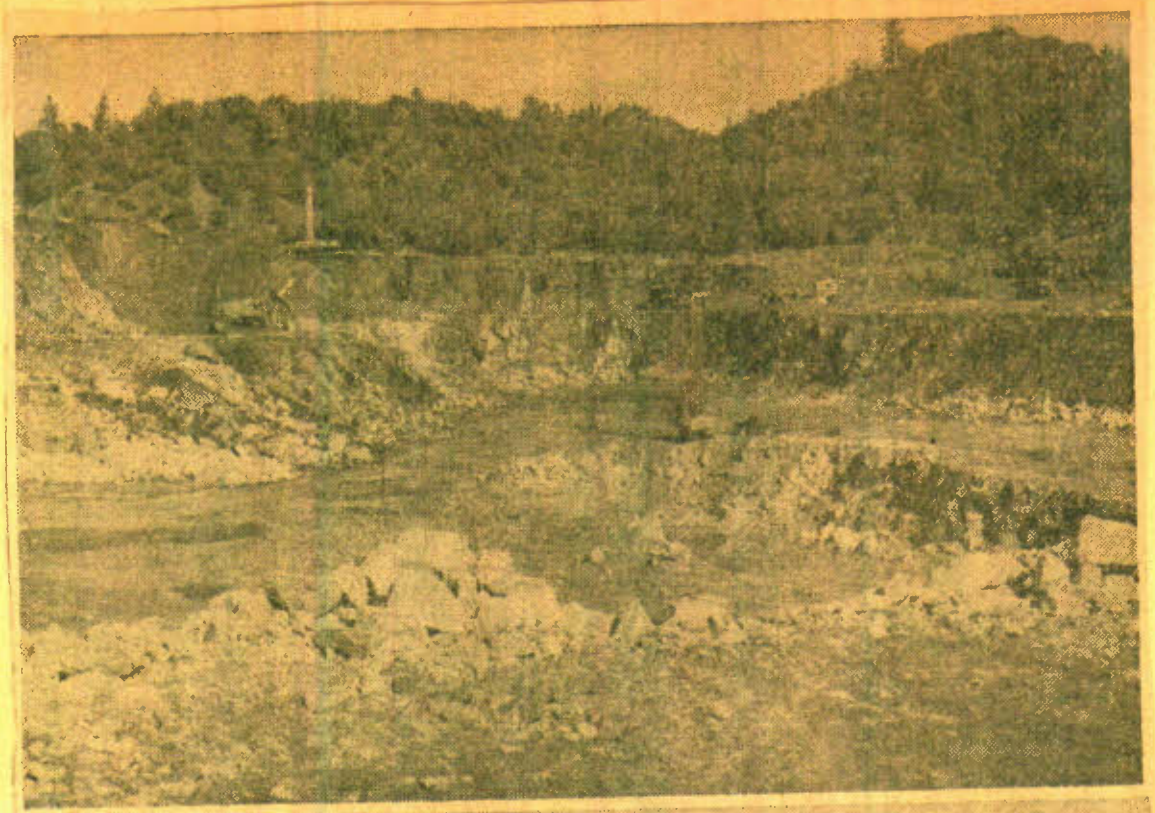
TWICE VICTIM—The Orange Blossom Bridge near Oakdale was twice in the news during the year. On May 21 it collapsed as a truckload of turkey feed (see photo below), driven by Albert Morris, of Fresno, was going over it. At that time the water in the Stanislaus River was about a foot deep. The picture above shows the rebuilt bridge, this time a victim of flood waters. Two dogs, shown floating in the current after an unsuccessful rescue attempt by their owner, were rescued later.

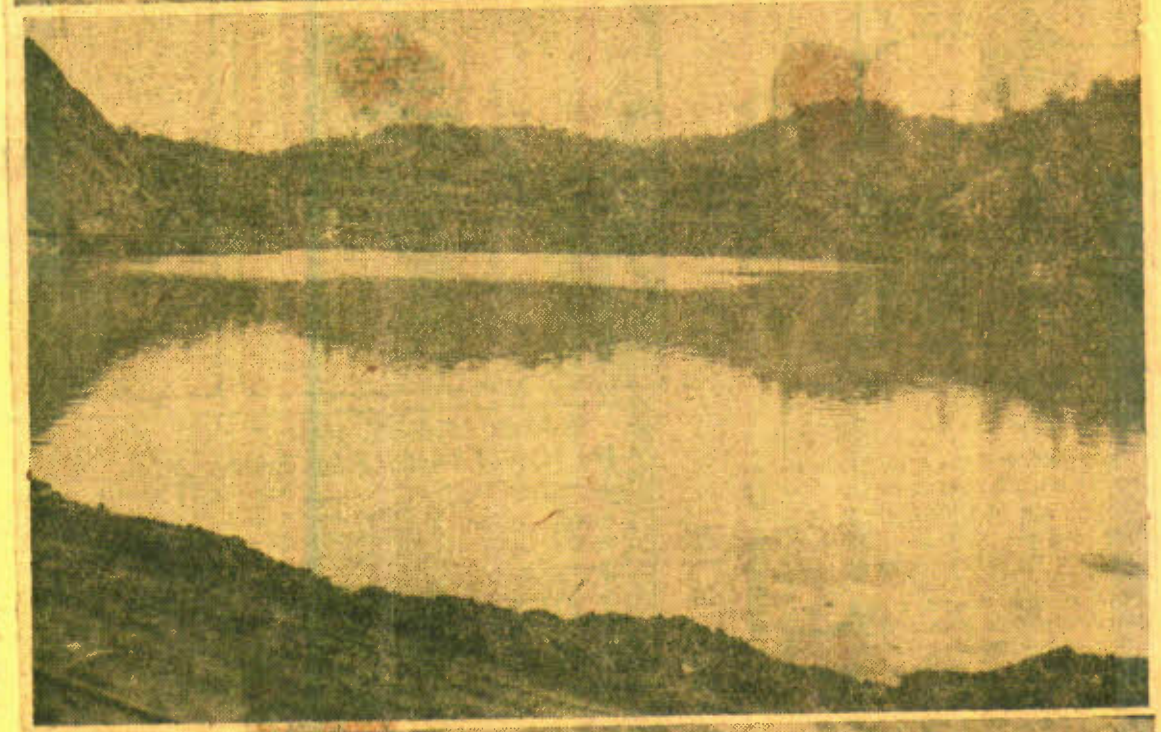


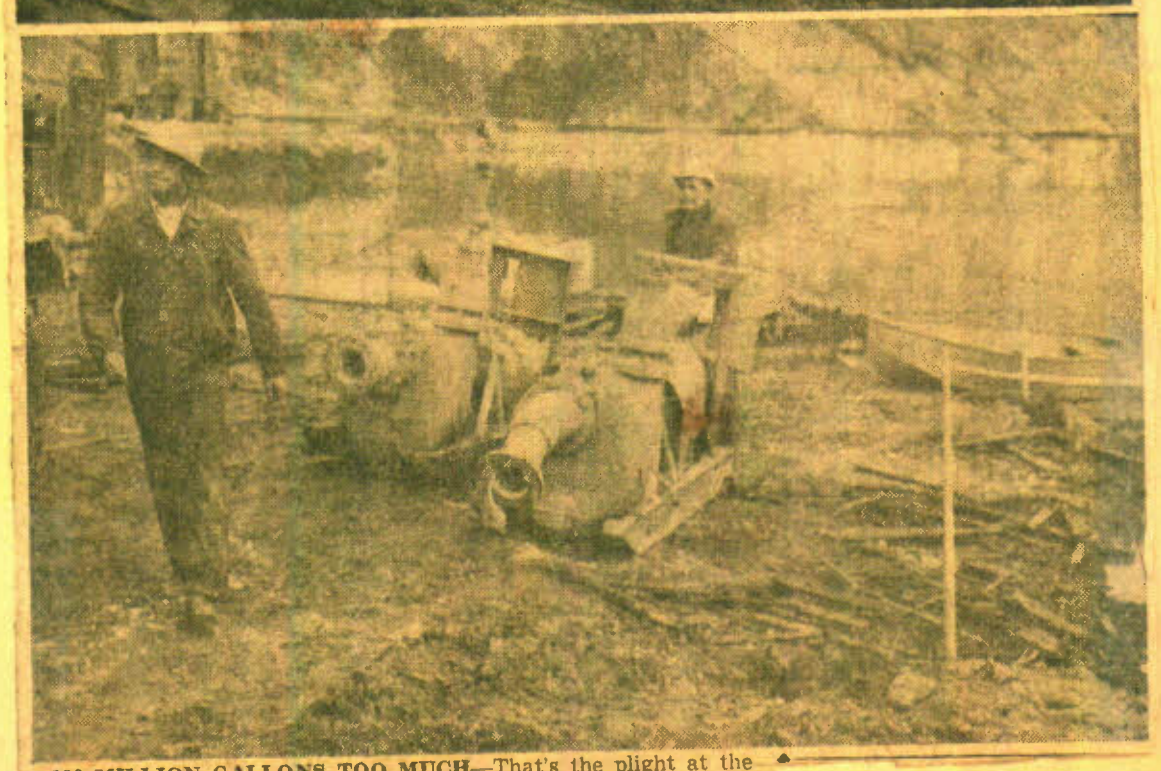
STREET SCENE—Mormon Channel waters surged southward in many East Stockton streets yesterday. Here is the Pilgrim and Taylor street intersection, looking south, with the Borden Co. building in the foreground.

NOW TO MOP UP—Receding flood waters from the Klamath River left this scene of wreckage at Klamath, Calif. Some homes were swept down stream and 500 people were evacuated from the small town. The week-long storm ravaged parts of California, Nevada and Oregon.

MURPHYS GETS DUNKING—While few homes in Calaveras County were menaced by the high water because most of the creeks run in deep cut beds, these two homes at the western edge of the community were surrounded by waters of Murphys Creek. It crept into grounds at the Bret Harte Sanatorium.







300 MILLION GALLONS TOO MUCH—That's the plight at the Calaveritas quarry of the Calaveras Cement Company from whence comes the raw material with which the plant near San Andreas operates. Upper view shows the quarry before the flood. Lower shows the scene after the water from Old Gulch Creek poured into the quarry. Workmen succeeded in clearing the pit of all equipment, including a new $125,000 Bucyrus-Erie drill. At least 20 days of pumping from 12 pumps will be required to empty the quarry. Lower photo shows workmen preparing to install pumps. It is not anticipated that operation of the plant

WHERE STOCKTON WAS FLOODED—The United States Army Engineers, documenting the Christmas weekend flood in detail, took this aerial photograph as the flood waters began to subside. The photo shows the inundated Corona Park area in the foreground with Stockton's high and dry business district along the skyline. The flood waters reached a natural level, draining into the lower lands to the south. The city corporation yard is shown at the left above Corona Park and Edison High School is at the right above the subdivision.

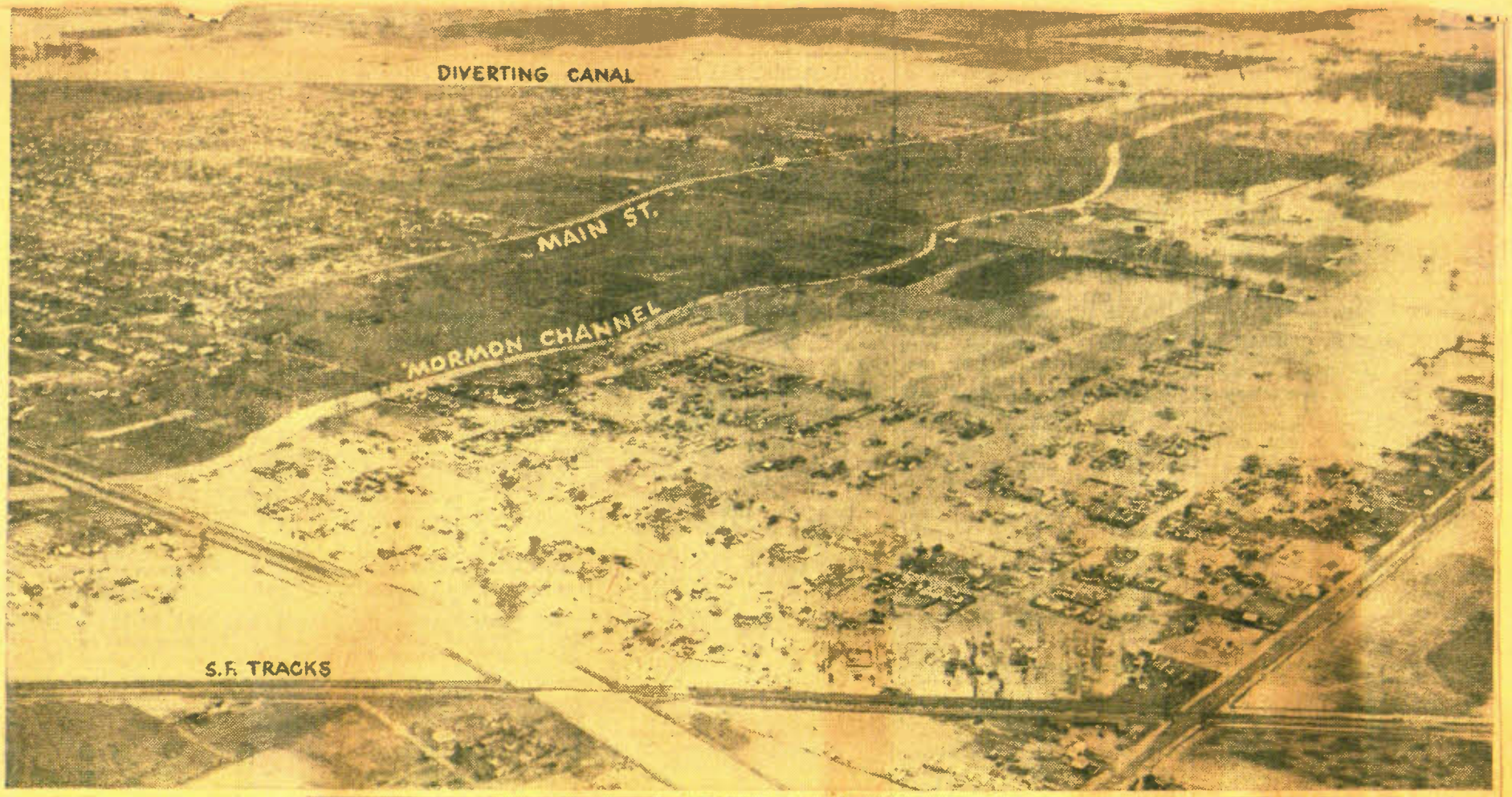
TV BUT NO RECEPTION—The Stanislaus River crumpled the small house in the foreground but left the larger house upright with its television antenna rising from the swirling waters. This scene is downstream from the Orange Blossom Bridge near Oakdale.

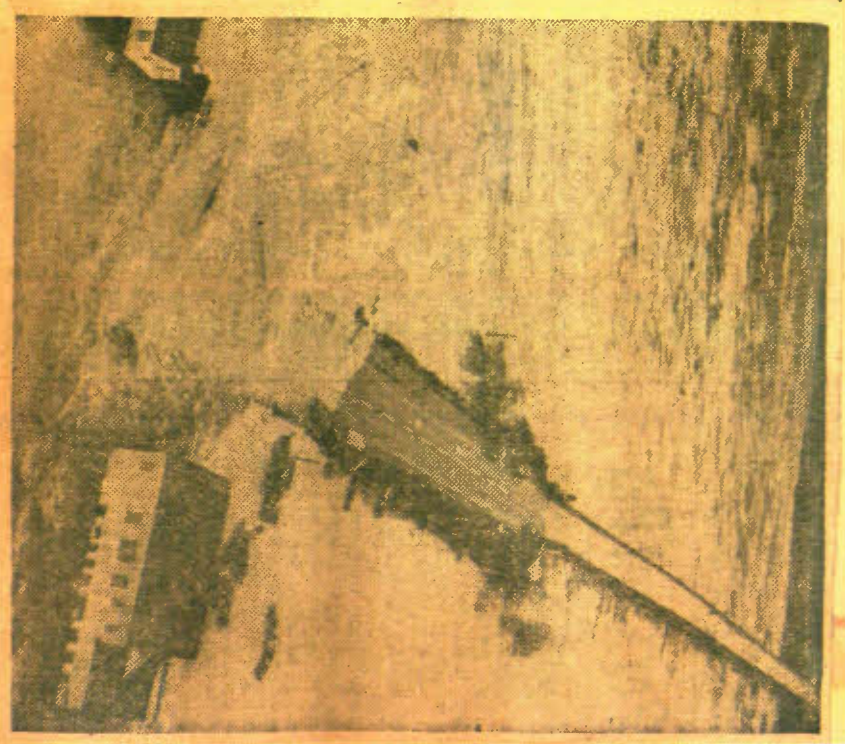
OUT OF BOUNDS—Another view of Turner Road is pictured above as Lodi Lake flood waters [illegible] street, threatening [illegible]s.

MORE WATER—Volunteer crews worked frantically Saturday, dumping sandbags on Turner Road to halt flood waters from Lodi Lake. Picture shows scene looking east on Turner Road, closed in some sections to traffic.

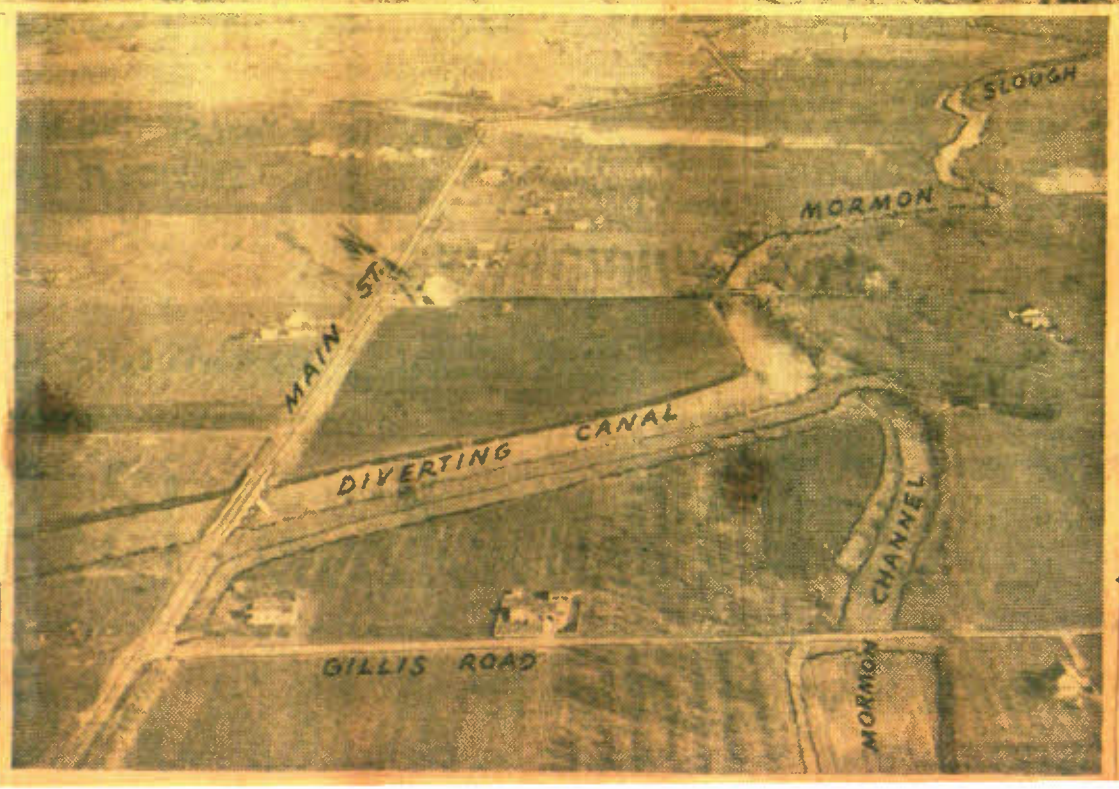
BARRED TO TRAFFIC—Surging flood water resulted in closing of Lower Sacramento Road bridge, Woodbridge. A gap on the highway and crack on side (arrow) makes bridge unsafe for travel.

FLOOD ROUTE—This aerial photograph, taken at the peak of the Christmas floods, shows route of the waters that hit Stockton. The flooding originated from the southeast as water spilled over banks of Mormon Slough, pushed through lowlands to the south and then re-entered Mormon Channel this side of the Diverting Canal. The waters continued westward in the channel, pouring over the banks in mid-Stockton and thence coursing southwest and ending in Corona Park. The Diverting Canal saved Stockton from the east, as is graphically shown by the wide body of water pushed away from the city by the high canal banks. The water originated in mountain streams, was partially controlled through Hogan Dam and then came down the Calaveras River to Bellota where bulk of the waters headed south through Mormon Slough. Flooded districts to the east including the Highway 99 Underpass at the Santa Fe crossing is shown in the foreground. (Record photo)

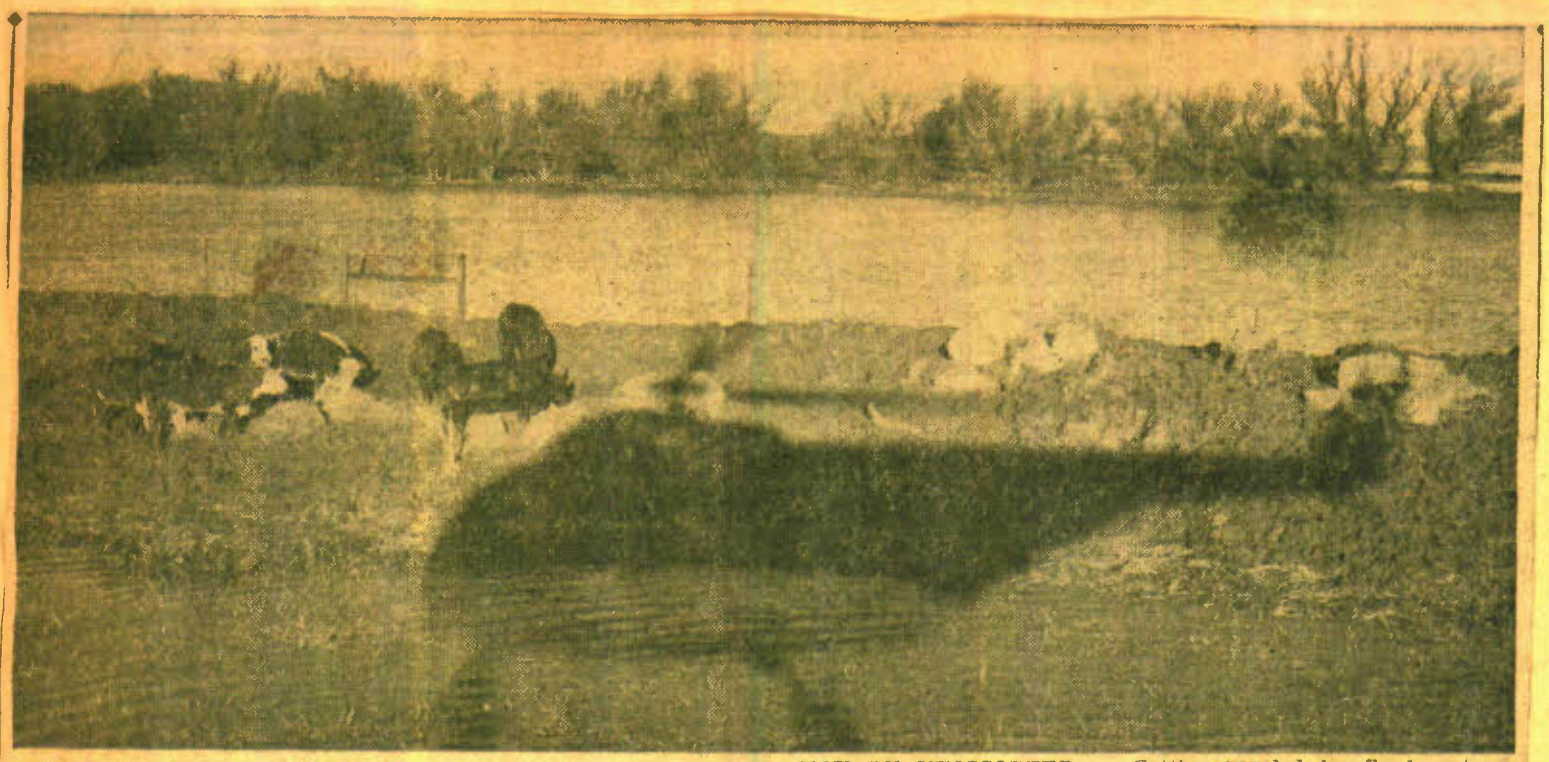


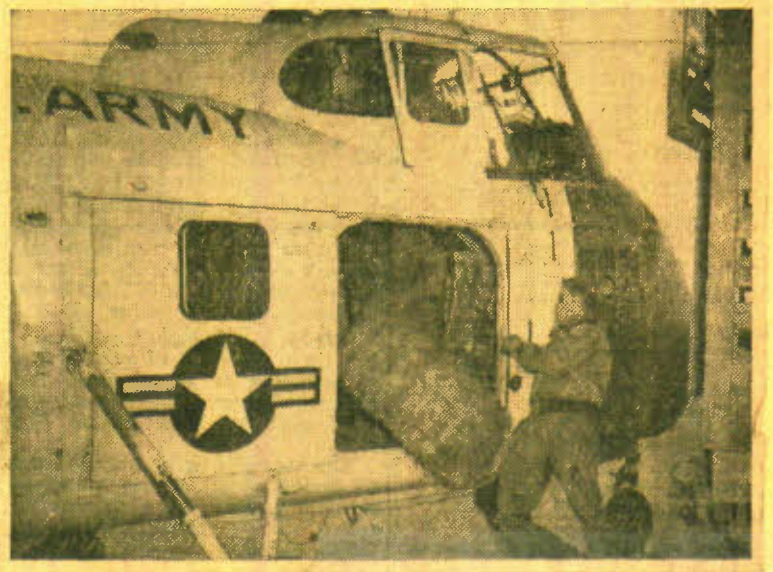


FLOOD CUTS U.S. 101—The Klamath River bridge at the small town of Klamath in Northern California near the Oregon border is made impassable by rising river water.



QUIET WATERS—Three days after the Stockton flood subsided, the source of the waters east of Stockton appeared calm and peaceful. This aerial photograph shows how the Diverting Canal is anchored on south bank of Mormon Slough, designed to send waters heading for North Stockton to pass to the sea through the Calaveras River and thence the San Joaquin River. A short stretch of Mormon Channel is blocked off between the Diverting Canal bank and the Gillis Road fill. The Mormon Channel route is then free into Stockton. Flood waters splashed over south banks of Mormon Slough all the way from Bellota to Stockton, backed up behind Gillis Road and then surged over the road and into the Mormon Channel bed and thence to Stockton. (Record photo)



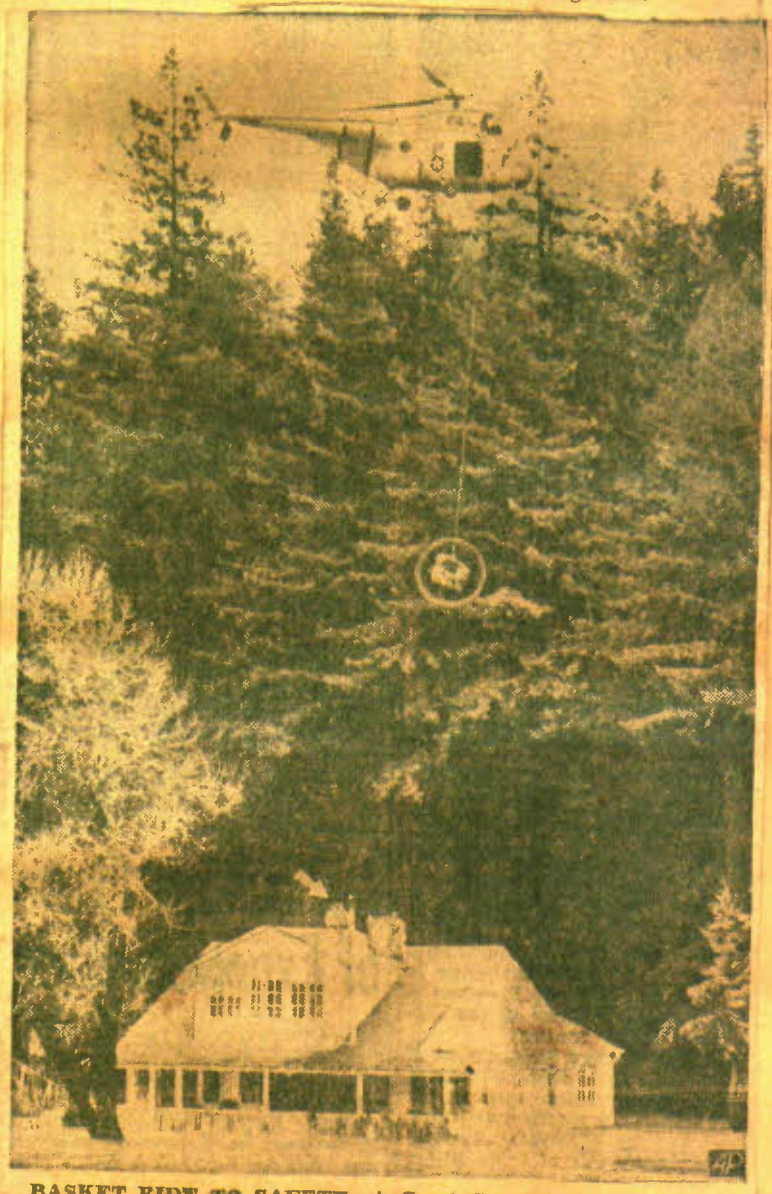


HAY BY HELICOPTER — Cattle stranded by flood waters on the Gunn Ranch northeast of Thornton stretch along a narrow levee, top photo. Their owner, W. G. Eric, prevented by high water of the Consumnes River from getting feed to them himself, called upon a helicopter from Sharpe General Depot in Stockton to hop hay to the marooned animals. The shadow of the helicopter darkens bales of hay just dropped. In the photograph to the left, Wally Eric, who was with the first load of feed, loosens bales just dropped. The copter flew low to herd the animals toward the feed. Below, 1st Lt. Frank R. Wilson, pushes a bale aboard the whirly-bird. *(Record photo)*

FOOD BREAK—Red Cross and Lodi churches responded within a half hour Saturday to an appeal for food for volunteer crews at Lodi Lake Park.

CORONA PARK HARD HIT—Flood waters crashed through the McDougald Canal levees Saturday afternoon, sending a 6-foot flood of water into Corona Park, located southeast of the Charter Way and French Camp Turnpike intersection. Edison High stadium, all set for a game of water polo, is in background.

RENO SWAMPED—Swirling flood waters from the Truckee River, which runs between the Mapes Hotel and the Riverside Hotel in background, are held out of the Mapes lobby by a sandbag barricade. National Guardsmen and 500 airmen from nearby Stead Air Force Base joined employes in boarding up windows and entrances to business firms. An estimated 26,000 sandbags were heaped around them.



BASKET RIDE TO SAFETY—A Coast Guard helicopter hovers over a house at Guerneville, Calif., as it pulls up a basket (circle) containing one of several members of a family marooned on the rooftop (arrow). Other members of the family watch as the basket goes up, and await their turn. Guerneville was one of many Northern California areas hit by heavy rains and floods.
(AP Wirephoto)

PETS SWEPT AWAY—Unsuccessful in his efforts to rescue his 2 dogs, this unidentified man sadly watches them struggle in the angry waters of the Stanislaus River at the north end of Orange Blossom Bridge, east of Oakdale.

THE LAST TO LEAVE—These furniture laden vehicles were the last to cross Orange Blossom Bridge, near Oakdale, pictured here from the north approach. The large van pulled out the pickup, which was mired off the road, and pushed it across the span.

JUST FISHING—Johnny and Michael Peterson, 8 and 12, sons of Dr. and Mrs. Preston Peterson of 1281 Greeley, try their luck with rod and line in front of their home, flooded half-way up the lawn by rain water.

(Record photo)

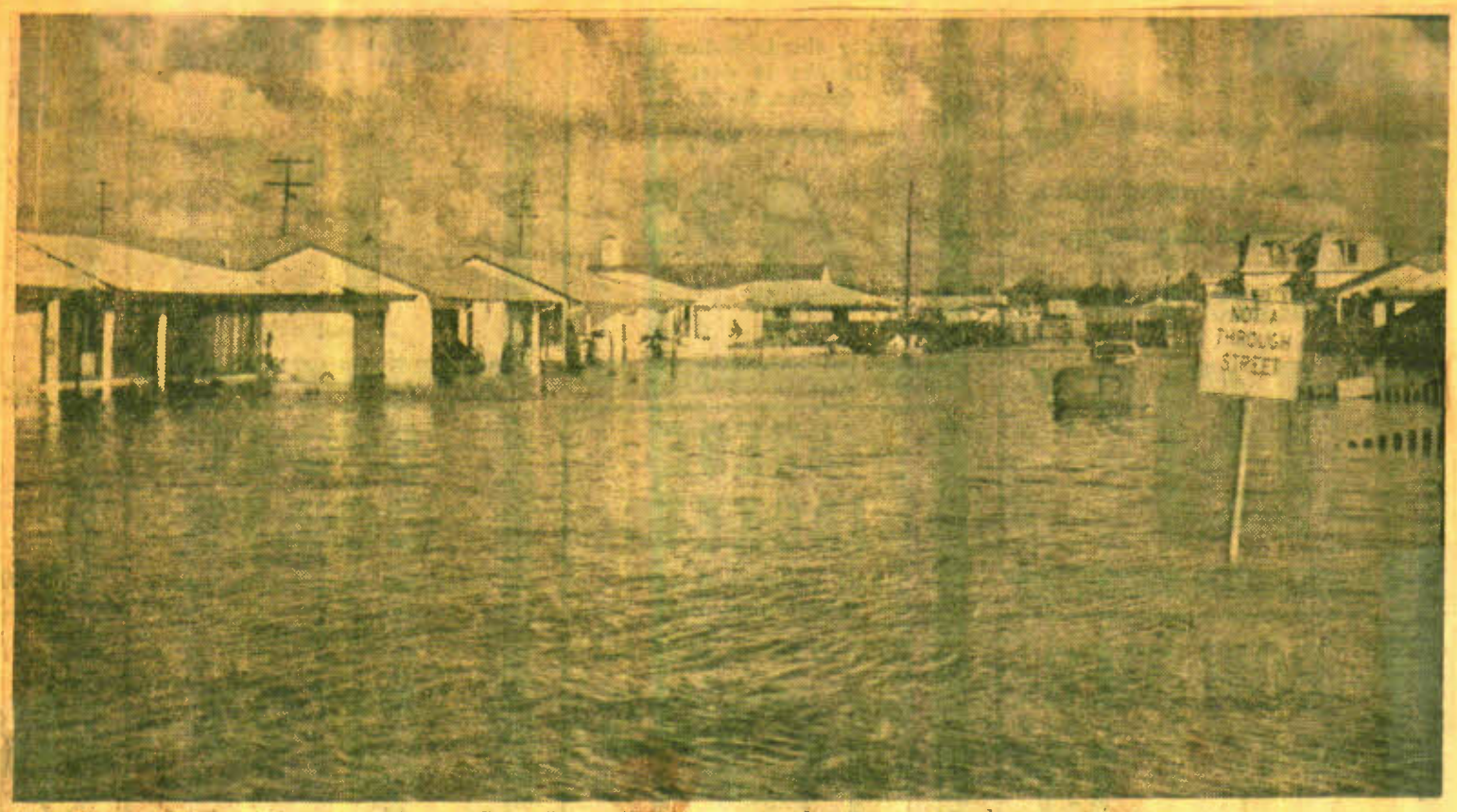
AMPHIBIOUS TRUCK—A work truck plows through foot-deep water at Pacific Avenue and Robinhood Drive, entrance to the flooded Sherwood Manor subdivision. (Record photo)

NO PLACE FOR BABY—The arms of her mother, Mrs. Fred Lamar, provide the only dry resting place for 8½-month-old Debra, as the Lamars return to their home in Corona Park. The first task Mrs. Lamar assigns herself and daughter, Rina, 12, is cleaning the crib.
(Record photo)

HOUSEWIFE RETURNS TO KITCHEN—Mrs. William Arends, on the verge of tears, holds a mud-covered roast she left on the sideboard of her kitchen when she was driven from her home in Yuba City by the flood. She returned on Christmas Day to find furniture soggy with water, drawers filled with mud, and floors laden with silt. Dark lines on cabinets are high water marks.
(AP Wirephoto)

HELPING HANDS—Five-year-old Manuel Soto, right, and his 3½-year-old sister, Frances, wield brooms in an effort to help their neighbors, Shirley Lopez, 12, left, and Virginia Lopez, 14, sweep debris from the Lopez home in Corona Park.
(Record photo)

DIKE OPENED—Ten of the recently constructed earth fill bridges across Mormon Channel were cut through this morning to allow backflow from the Diverting Canal to go unchecked to the Deepwater Channel and prevent further flooding of South Stockton and threatened flooding of the downtown area. Above is the gap made in the El Dorado Street bridge.



SIGN OF THE TIMES—"Not A Through Street," says the sign at the intersection of Lincoln and Howard streets. and truer words were never spoken.

ESCAPING—An unidentified woman motorist, too frightened to stop and give her name, ploughed through the 2-foot deep flood waters of the Linden Road just east of the Diverting Canal. The waters, still rising, threaten to isolate a number of homes in the area. (Additional flood pictures on Page 6.) (Record photo)

MAROONED—Many residents of the Edison Villa Housing project arose this morning and found their automobiles mired in 3 feet of mud and water and completely out of action. This scene is from the Orange Street and Charter Way intersection. (Record photo)

MAROONED MEN RESCUED BY LODI POLICE

LODI, Dec. 24—Two men who took refuge on an island in the middle of the Mokelumne River last night to "get away from the flood" landed right in the middle of the high water near here and were rescued early today with much difficulty.

The men are Stanley Hall, 21, and Charles Reilly, 72, of no fixed address. Rescued with them was a small, black, nondescript dog owned by Reilly.

The men had been camped along the banks of the Mokelumne in a shack a half mile west of Highway 99 and a quarter mile south of the end of Brand Road.

When the water started to rise late yesterday they decided to go to the island and about 10 o'clock made a camp there.

During the night the Mokelumne rose rapidly and about midnight the men found themselves being engulfed. They clung to underbrush and small trees and started calling for help.

About 5:30 o'clock this morning Ray Mason, a farmer living at Rt. 1, Box 35, Acampo, heard their calls and finally located them on the island, which by this hour was under water.

He called the Lodi Police Department and that office called the sheriff. A boat was obtained from Lodi Lake Park, loaded into a pickup truck and brought to the scene.

There Lodi Police Officer Norman Mauch and Sheriff's Deputy Bill Garner manned the small craft, equipped with a light motor, and started for the two men. Beset by the high current and hampered by darkness the two officers were carried several hundred yards downstream before they could gain full control of the boat and get to the pair.

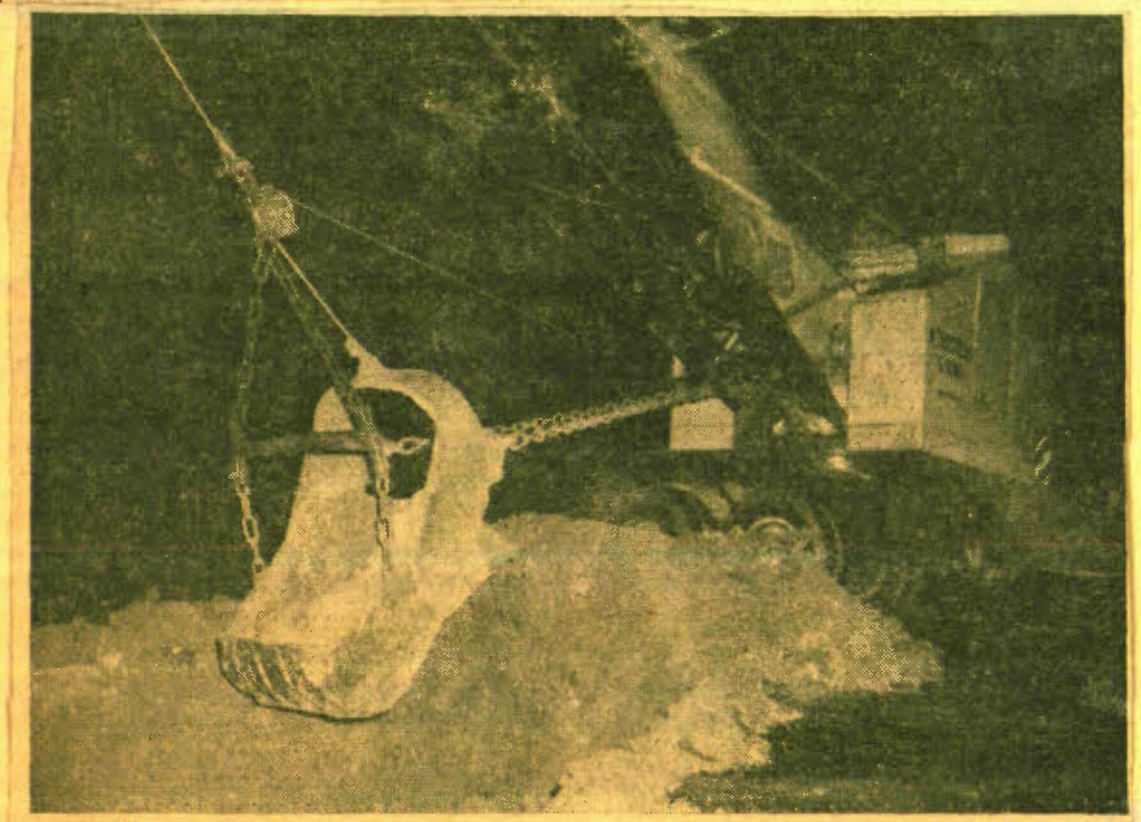
When they reached them the officers found the two clinging desperately to the light brush, with only their heads showing. Reilly was holding the small black dog on his shoulders and refused to let him go as he was lifted into the boat.

Brought to shore, Hall was able to walk from the boat to a police car and from the car into Mason Hospital. Reilly, the elder man, was suffering from submersion and exposure and had to be carried by the officers out of the boat and later into the hospital. He appeared to be in bad shape.

Officers made arrangements to have the dog fed and cared for after they had disposed of the two rescued men.

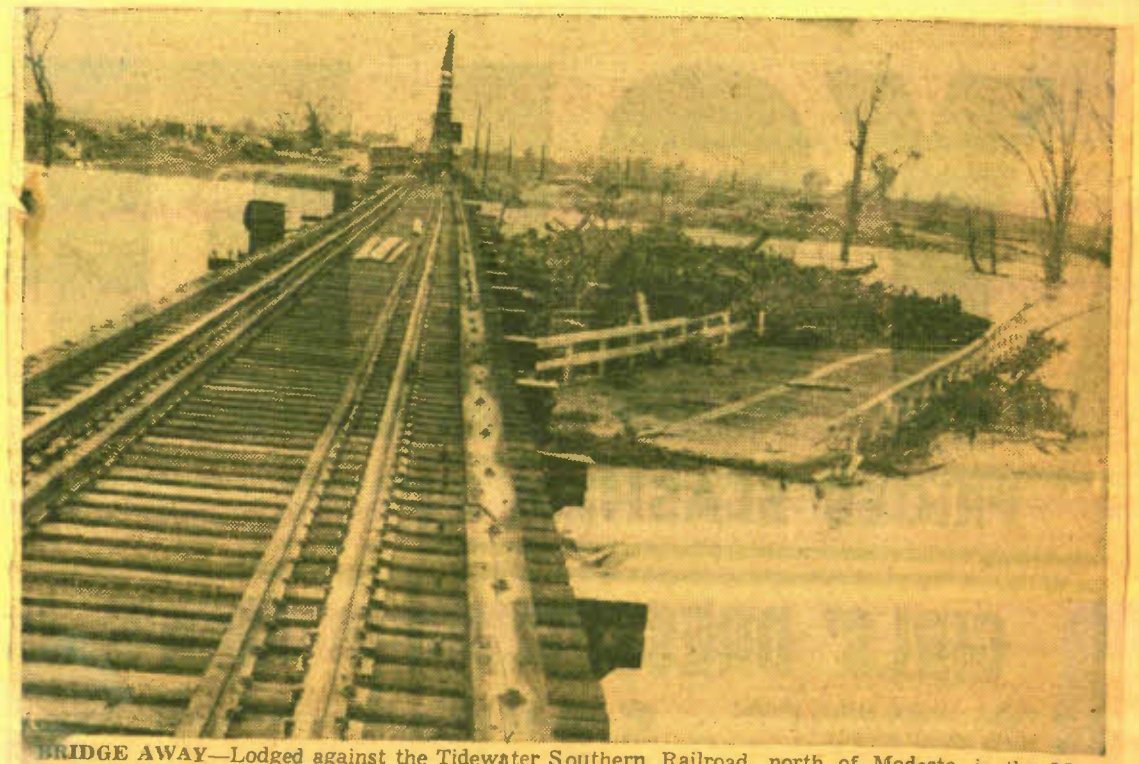
DRAMATIC RESCUE—Charles Reilly, 72, Stanley Hall, 21, and Reilly's pet dog are shown above as they are brought ashore from an island in the Mokelumne River near Lodi this morning. In the upper picture the boat is approaching the short as officers and members of the Woodbridge Fire Department stand by to help the men in the boat. In the lower picture Sheriff's Deputy Bill Garner and Lodi Police Officer Charles Wentland are shown carrying Reilly up the bank to a police car.

WHAT WATER LEFT—When the waters receded from the Woodbridge area yesterday, they showed this 50-foot gap in the Lower Sacramento Road at Woodbridge.



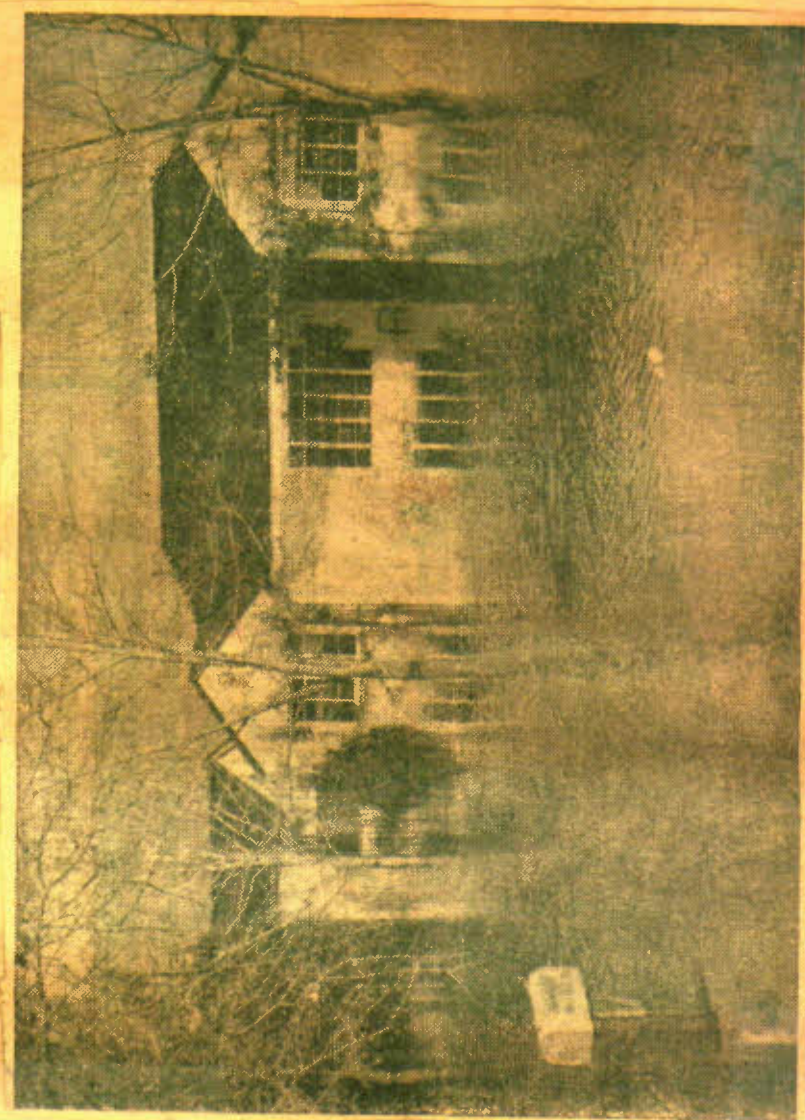
CUTTING THE STREET—Stanislaus Street, across Mormon Channel, which was completed last year to replace an old wooden bridge, was cut last night by a huge dragline to permit the flow of water through the channel.

ARTIFICIAL LAKE—Waters surging over the east banks of the Diverting Canal today were fast spreading over rich farm lands to create an artificial lake. This scene is from the Linden Road Bridge. (Record photo)



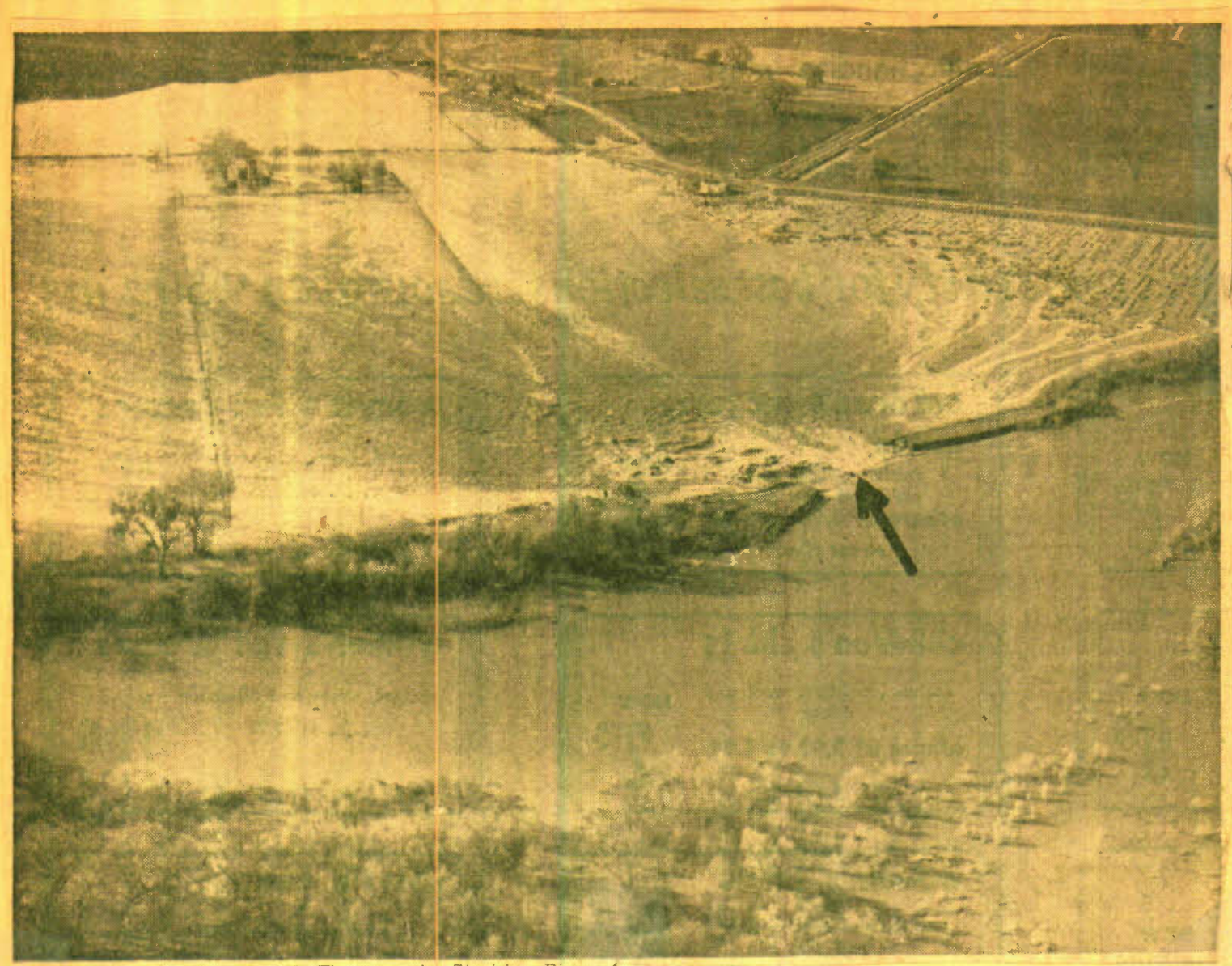
BRIDGE AWAY—Lodged against the Tidewater Southern Railroad, north of Modesto, is the McHenry Bridge, awash on Stanislaus River flood waters. At the end of the railroad track a bulge can be seen. The river has dropped since this picture was taken Christmas Eve.

RAMPAGING WATERS—The Mokelumne River crest hit Woodbridge early Saturday, spilling over the Woodbridge dam (above), and carrying debris, including heavy log shown in foreground.



RISING TIDE—Water from Lodi Lake poured into this lake front home Saturday, forcing residents to move out.

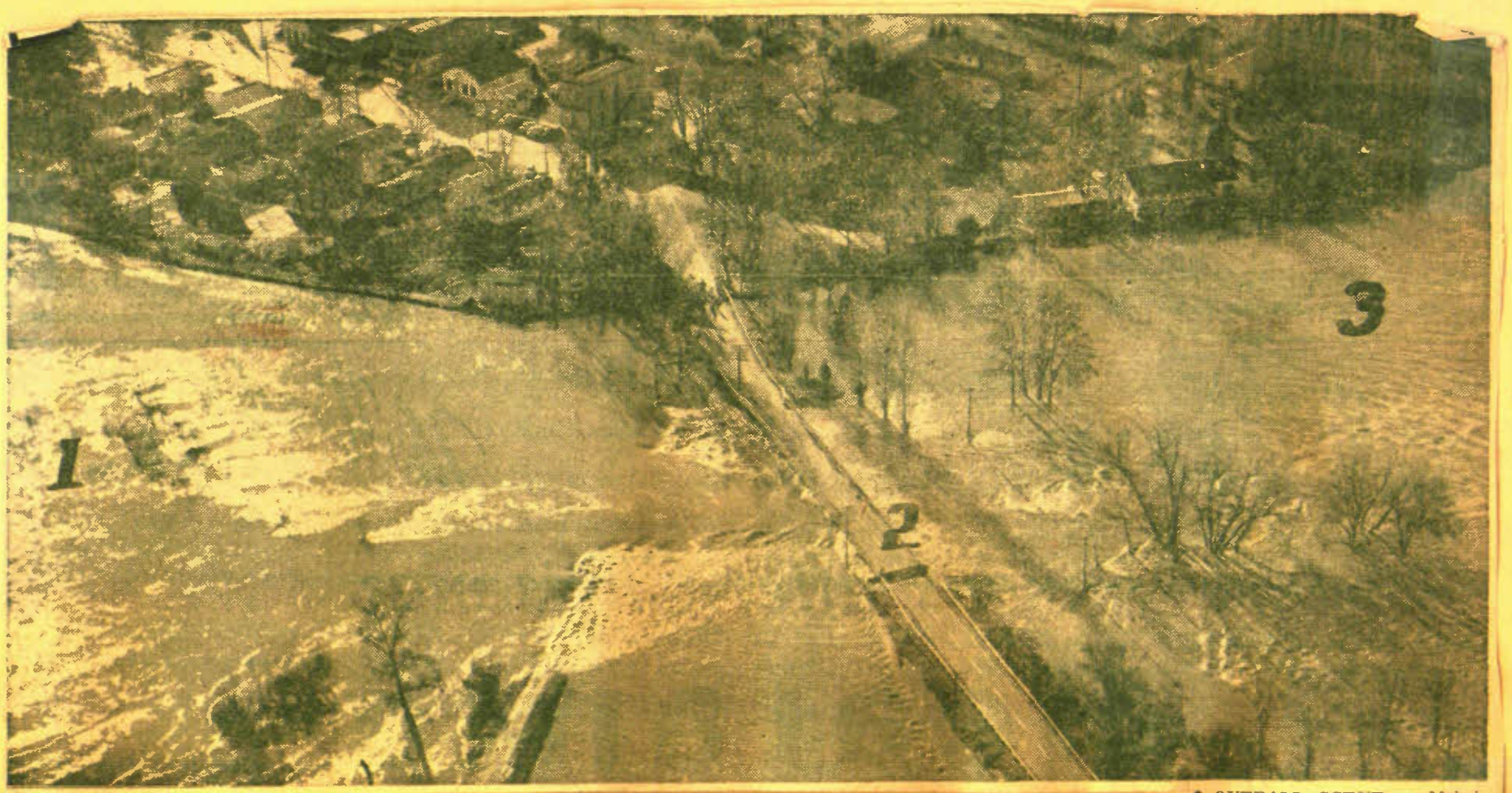
MOSSDALE BRIDGE—Returning Christmas holiday traffic clogged U.S. Highway 50 and Highway 120 at the Mossdale Y last night as the San Joaquin River continued to climb at that point to a high of 19 fet at 4:45 p.m. U.S. Army Corps of Engineer officials anticipated a peak at this point of 22 fet today. The 1950 flood depth at the time the levees gave way was 24.50 feet.



AIR VIEW OF LEVEE BREAK—The rampaging Stanislaus River broke through a levee Saturday afternoon, 9 miles southwest of Ripon, and inundated a large area of rich, fertile farm land in the area. The picture above, a companion shot to the one below, shows the river waters pouring through the break which started as a small niche and quickly widened to 15 feet, then to 30 feet. Families in the area were alerted and evacuated. In some cases livestock were transported out of the area or shifted to higher ground. (Record photo)

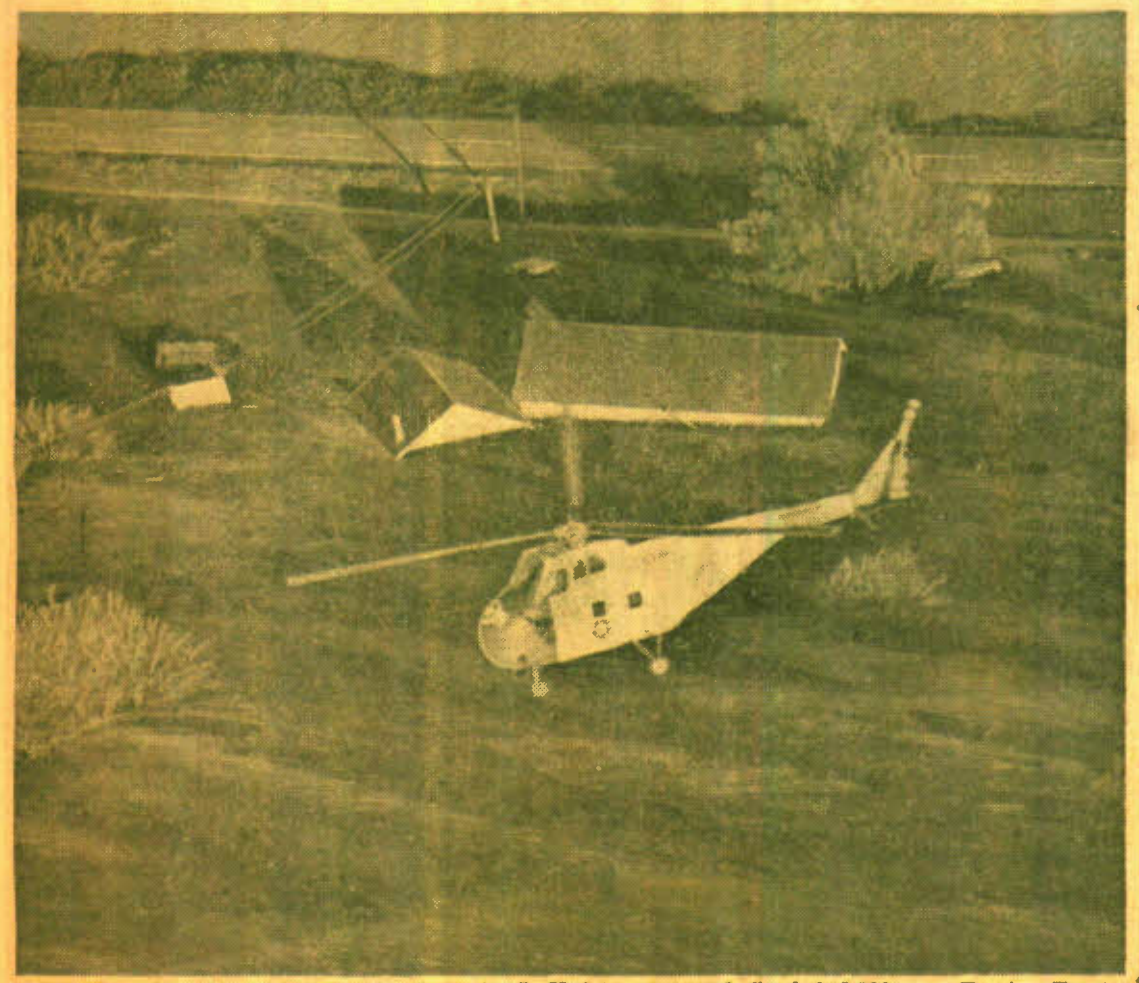
ONE BOAT GARAGE—Melvin Johnson of 1409 E. Lafayette, a rescue worker all day yesterday, drives his 14-foot boat into a Corona Park garage.

AID TO HALT—Mrs. Catherine MacDonald, who has a leg injury received 20 years ago, makes her way up the steps of the Red Cross Headquarters with the aid of her husband, William, and her crutches. Mrs. Mac Donald, a San Franciscan, was carried in a chair from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Geni, 934 S. Sierra Nevada, when the house was threatened by Mormon Channel waters.



OVERALL SCENE — Mokelumne River flood waters engulfed a wide area around Lodi, as shown in this aerial photo. Pictured is (1) what used to be the Woodbridge dam and fish ladder; (2) the lower Sacramento Road bridge, and (3) the Woodbridge Golf and Country Club course. (Record photo)

"THERE SHE GOES"—The pressure of tons of water pouring through Little Connection Slough proved too great yesterday afternoon for this section of levee protecting the Empire Tract, 8 miles northwest of Stockton. The entire tract, the first in the Delta to go under, was inundated. The break relieved an immediate threat to Venice Island which was still in danger today. (Record photo)



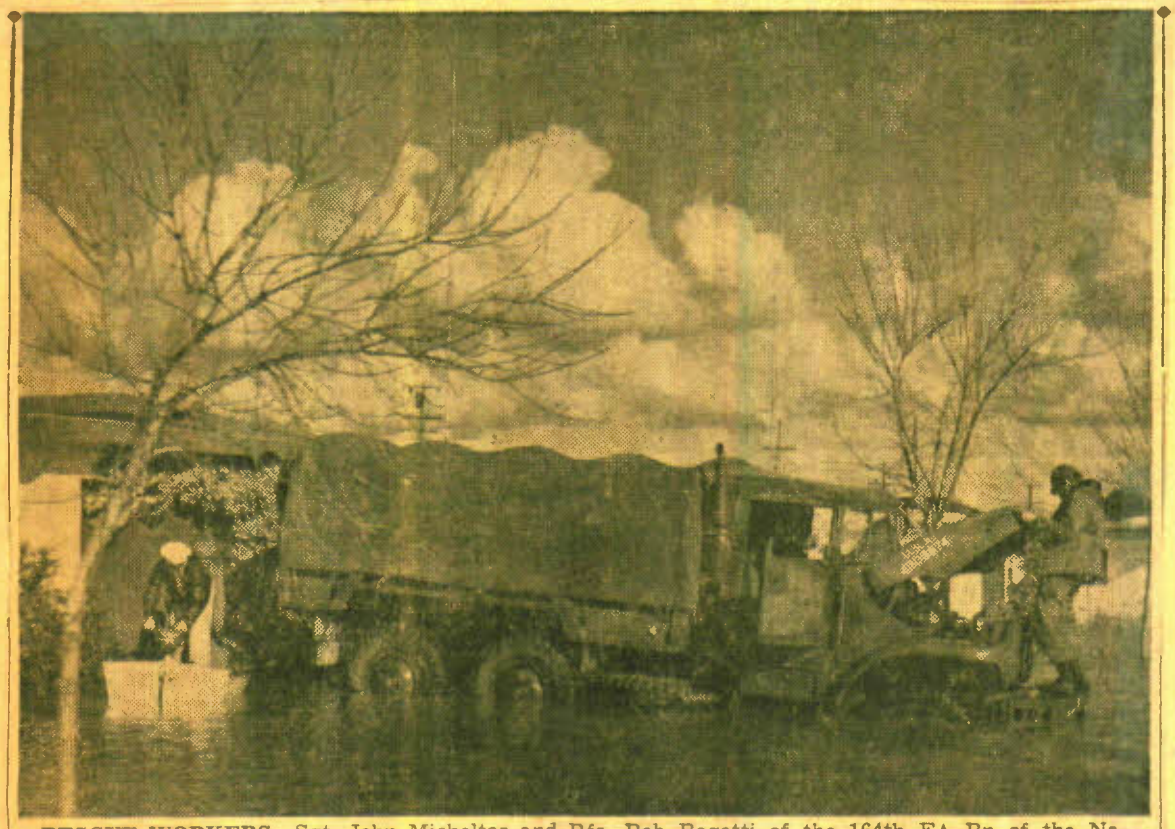
GOVERNOR'S EYE VIEW—Gov. Goodwin J. Knight surveyed flooded 3,300-acre Empire Tract from this low-flying Army helicopter during his stopover here yesterday. Depth of the litter-covered water is indicated by its height on buildings in the tract. Little Connection Slough is shown at top of the photograph, separated by a section of unbroken levee and roadway. (Record photo)

REGISTRATION—Registering at Red Cross headquarters are evacuees (left to right) J. E. Mills, Myrtle Hartsock, and Mrs. Julie Mills, who were taken by Army truck from their home at 1225 S. Sutter. Mills was wet to the waist in an effort to obtain bedding from the basement flooded by Mormon Channel waters.

REMOVING DEBRIS—A constant flow of debris down the high-running Calaveras River imperiled the Southern Pacific trestle yesterday and today. Crews were constantly at work, using a giant crane, to remove the material and sandbag the river banks.

READY FOR THE HOSE—Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Angeles haul a dresser from their Corona Park home so their daughter can hose it off. Ruined furniture and muck-covered floors greeted the family of 5 children on their return to the flooded area. (Record photo)

BUS RESCUE—The Lenardini family was evacuated from their home at 126 E. Jackson by boat and loaded aboard a City Lines bus. From left to right are Lloyd Lenardini who is holding his 1½-year-old son, Lloyd Jr., his mother, Mary Lenardini, and his wife, Mrs. Mary Lenardini. The water was 3½ feet in the street when the Lenardinis were taken from their home.

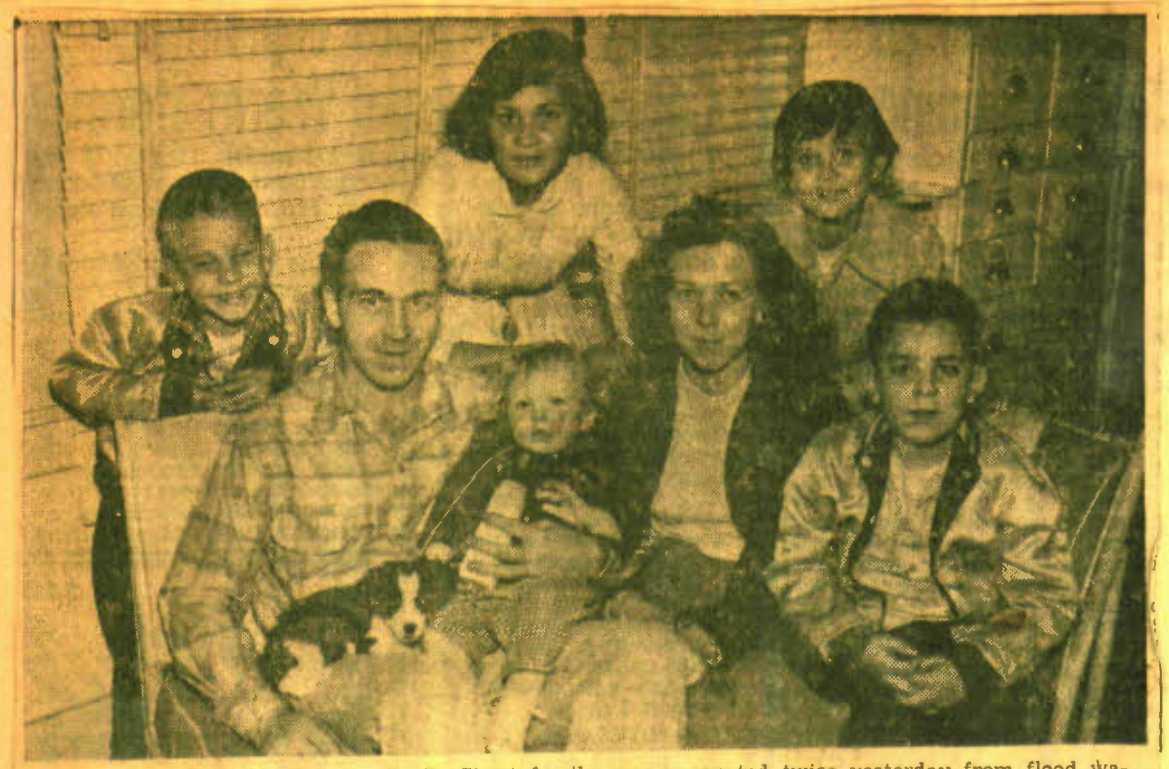


RESCUE WORKERS—Sgt. John Micheltos and Pfc. Bob Bagetti of the 164th FA Bn of the National Guard pilot the only rescue truck able to drive through Corona Park streets yesterday.

TUCKED IN—Assemblyman John McFall of Manteca tucks a robe about Gov. Goodwin J. Knight to ward off the cold after the governor accidentally ripped off the emergency door from the helicopter in which he inspected flood damage in the Delta yesterday. State Sen. Alan Short of Stockton is shown in the background.

CAMERA-LESS PHOTOGRAPHER—Lodi news cameraman Paul Zimmerman, attempting to get near the rampaging Mokelumne River beyond the vineyard shown above, was dunked when the bulldozer (arrow) he was riding ran into a deep spot and capsized. Another photographer snapped this picture. Zimmerman lost his own camera in the muddy waters.

SIGN OF THE TIMES—Truer words were never written than those on the sign pictured above. No Through Traffic, it warns. Photo shows flooded exclusive Lodi Lake area residences in the Laurel Avenue area.



REFUGEES TWICE—The Orville D. Short family was evacuated twice yesterday from flood waters, first from their new home at 4415 E. Fourth and the second time from a motel at 1022 S. Wilson where they had taken refuge, before going to the home of Mrs. Short's mother in Thornton. Seated are Orville, 14-month-old Nancy, Mrs. Short, and Danny, 7. Standing are Donald, 5, Linda, 13, and Jean, 9. (Record photo)

BOILING, CHURNING FLOOD WATERS—The terrific havoc created by the flooding Stanislaus River Saturday noon is graphically shown above in a closeup picture of the break which occurred on the L. E. Ecklund Ranch, about 9 miles southwest of Ripon. Patroling deputies spotted the break first and before volunteers could be rushed to halt the rampaging waters, a 15-foot hole was widened to 30 feet in a half hour and the swirling waters kept eating away at the levee. (Record photo)

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER—Radio jeeps patroling the north and east levees protecting Stockton were controlled through this National Guard command post. Sgt. Kenneth Tatton and Cpl. Dean Coleman are the operators on duty.

FLOOD VICTIM—Police and volunteers are shown as they attempted yesterday morning to remove the automobile of Eugene Rangel, 60, of 1809 E. Clay, from Mormon Channel near the California Walnut Growers Association plant. Rangel's body was found in the car. The vehicle was believed swept into the channel from nearby Diamond Street Friday night when flood water poured over the road. Two police officers shown in the water—Gilbert Rollins, left, and Walter Bahrenfuss, behind Rollins, were treated for immersion in Emergency Hospital. Other man in the water is unidentified. Police said the death will be attributed to the flood and will not be classified as a traffic fatality. (Record photo)

FLOODED AREA—The vast lake north of Lockeford created by the flooding waters of the Mokelumne River are shown above.

INUNDATED BOTTOMLANDS—Above is another scene of the flood in the Mokelumne River bottomlands north of Lockeford.

JUST A REMNANT—This photo shows the remaining section of the Orange Blossom Bridge, on the Stanislaus River, east of Oakdale. At the right is the home of C. O. Wickersham as it appeared after being flooded half way up the windows. Lodged against its rear are the remains of an equipment shed which collapsed during the high water. In the foreground is a jumbled mass of equipment which was in the shed.

INUNDATED FARMLAND — The flooding waters of the McKenzie and Willamette rivers spread over the Willamette Valley of Oregon, covering valuable farmland. Families were marooned by the dozens in this area about 5 miles east of Springfield, Ore.
(AP Wirephoto)

WELL IRRIGATED—Picture shows a Lodi vineyard, east of Lodi Lake, heavily flooded with lake waters. Normally, the only water in the area is that in the Mokelumne River, just beyond trees.

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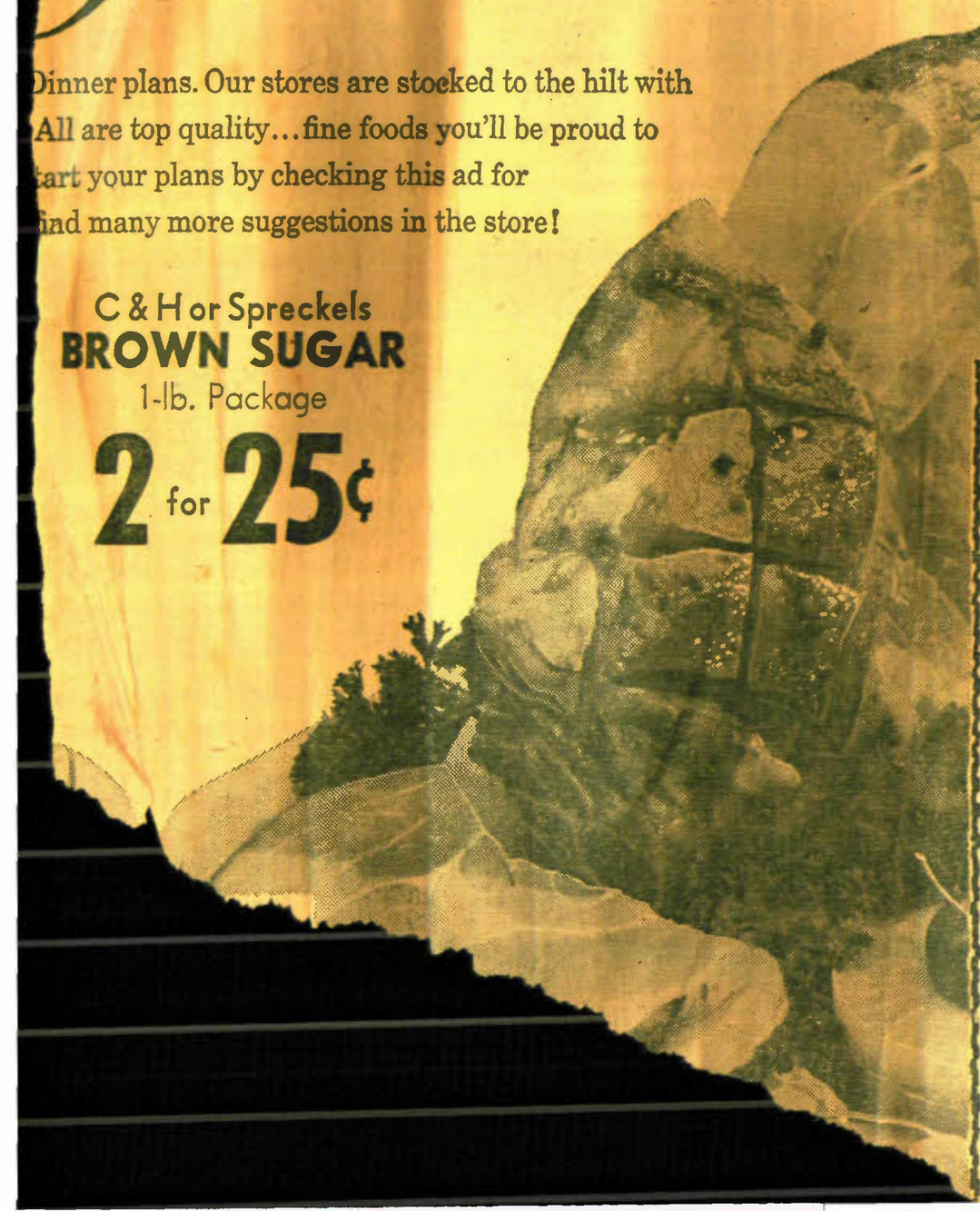

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Flagman Injured; Car Driver Seized

SAN FRANCISCO, April 3 (INS)—A crossing flagman for the Southern Pacific Railroad was gravely injured in San Francisco early today when he was hurled by an automobile's bumper partially under a moving freight train.

A courageous brakeman leaped 14 feet from the top of one of the train's boxcars onto the hood of the auto to capture the driver and hold him until police arrived.

The victim of the accident was Jesus Martinez, 54. His left hand had to be amputated at Southern Pacific Hospital. His arm was also crushed.

The driver was identified as Frank J. Timms, 66, a restaurant manager. He was booked at City Prison on charges of felony drunk driving, refusing to heed a railroad crossing signal and driving without a license in his possession.

The brakeman, George Malone, who saw the accident, was quoted by police as saying Timms tried to back away and flee the scene. Malone said that when he jumped atop the auto's hood, he then leaped to the ground, pulled the driver's door open, snatched the ignition key and collared the driver.

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HEADED FOR STOCKTON—Another camera view of the break in Mormon Slough. Record Photographer Fred Feary braved the swirling waters for these pictures. The water in the foreground rushes through an orchard and then flows across Gillis Road to fill Mormon Channel. (Record photo)

Bill for House of Lords Women Members Passes

LONDON, April 3 (AP)—A bill permitting women to sit in the House of Lords for the first time won final parliamentary approval last night. Queen Elizabeth II will sign it into law soon.

The bill permits the monarch to appoint men and women to the upper house with special titles which cannot be passed on to heirs. The House of Lords is now composed of hereditary seats for men only, plus places for churchmen of the established Church of England.

The Labor party opposed the bill on the ground it did not insure more Laborites in the predominantly Conservative upper house.

4 Perish in Idaho as Car Hits River

HORSESHOE BEND, Idaho, April 3 (AP)—The bodies of four persons were recovered yesterday from a car in which they plunged to death in the Payette River. Officers said they apparently drowned.

Sheriff Jack Williams identified two of the victims from personal papers as Randolph Lloyd, 54, of Milpitas, Calif., and Clarence Leo Jackson, 51, of 419½ Trend Avenue West, Spokane.

He said the FBI joined officers today in trying to determine from fingerprints the identities of the other two, a middle-aged man and woman.

Pair Convicted for Burglary of Downtown Cafe

Two men were convicted late yesterday by a Superior Court jury of the Jan. 14 burglary of a cafe at 29 W. Main.

The defendants, Lolen McVey, 36, of Thornton, and Leo Duran, 30, transient, were referred to the probation office by Judge George F. Buck for a report and sentencing April 14.

The men were arrested after W. B. Smith, a private patrolman, surprised them in the act of looting the cafe. Smith fired shots into the cafe and the men dispersed.

Duran was found in an old wrecked taxi cab in a lot near the scene, while McVey was [illegible] while getting into a

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STOCKTON FACES MAJOR FLOOD THREAT

Local Boy, 14, Confesses Killing Father

Youth Is Seized After Dumping Body From Car

Fourteen-year-old John Cowlishaw, a ninth grade Webster Junior High School student, is being held by Mariposa County authorities for the murder here last night of his father, Ramsey, 58, a meat company salesman.

Undersheriff Martin Tresidder said the youth admitted slaying his father at their home at 2722 Country Club, then driving around with the body in an automobile before dumping it this morning along a side road off Highway 140, about four miles west of Mariposa.

Tresidder said the youth and an AWOL soldier from Fort Ord, Jerry Newell Baker, 20, were halted by California Highway Patrolman George Keyser for failure to heed a stop sign as they drove back on the highway.

CONFESSES CRIME

The youth had his father's driver's license in his possession, and when Keyser questioned him on it, he confessed that he had murdered his father, Tresidder said.

Tresidder said the youth gave no reason for the shooting except "that they just didn't get along." The slaying occurred about 6:45 p.m. last night, the boy told officers.

The boy said he shot his father twice with a .22 caliber rifle. The father's body was found about 20 feet from the road, officers said, about a half mile from the main highway.

PARENTS SEPARATED

The boy had reportedly made his home with his father since returning here in February from Crookston, Minn. He left school here last June and had lived with his mother, Dorothy, before rejoining his father. The couple was separated, authorities said.

The soldier presently is being held as a material witness, Tresidder said, although he had no part in the slaying with the exception of helping the youth dispose of the body.

Two San Joaquin County sheriff's deputies, Kenneth Phillips and Floyd Crow, left Stockton this morning to return the youth here.

Indian Slayer Wins Execution Stay

SAN FRANCISCO, April 3 (UP)—Rayna Tom Carmen, 46, Mono Indian convicted of the 1950 murder of another Indian, has been granted a stay of his scheduled April 16 execution.

The move opened a possible new round of appeals.

Federal Judge Louis E. Goodman issued the stay yesterday, setting April 23 for a hearing at which the State of California should show cause why Carmen should not be given a writ of habeas corpus.

Carmen was convicted of killing fellow tribesman Wilbur Dan Mosewain on Indian lands in Madera County.

Worker Saved From Pipe in Cloudburst

MONTEREY, April 3 (UP)—A Monterey street worker was sucked into a pipe during the height of a cloudburst last night and swept 40 feet to the outfall where a police captain rescued him.

Alfred J. Svopel, 46, was clearing the mouth of the 30-inch pipe when he was carried away. Police Capt. Bob Trenner said he saw Scopel being swept away and ran to the end of the pipe in time to grab him as he "came out like a bullet."

Sacramentan Dies in 7-Story Plunge

OAKLAND, April 3 (INS)—Police said a Sacramento real estate broker was fatally injured in a plunge today from the seventh floor of the Leamington Hotel in Oakland.

The victim was identified as G. Daniels, 45, who was found alive on a third-floor landing at the hotel after the roof leap. He died shortly after arrival at Highland Hospital.

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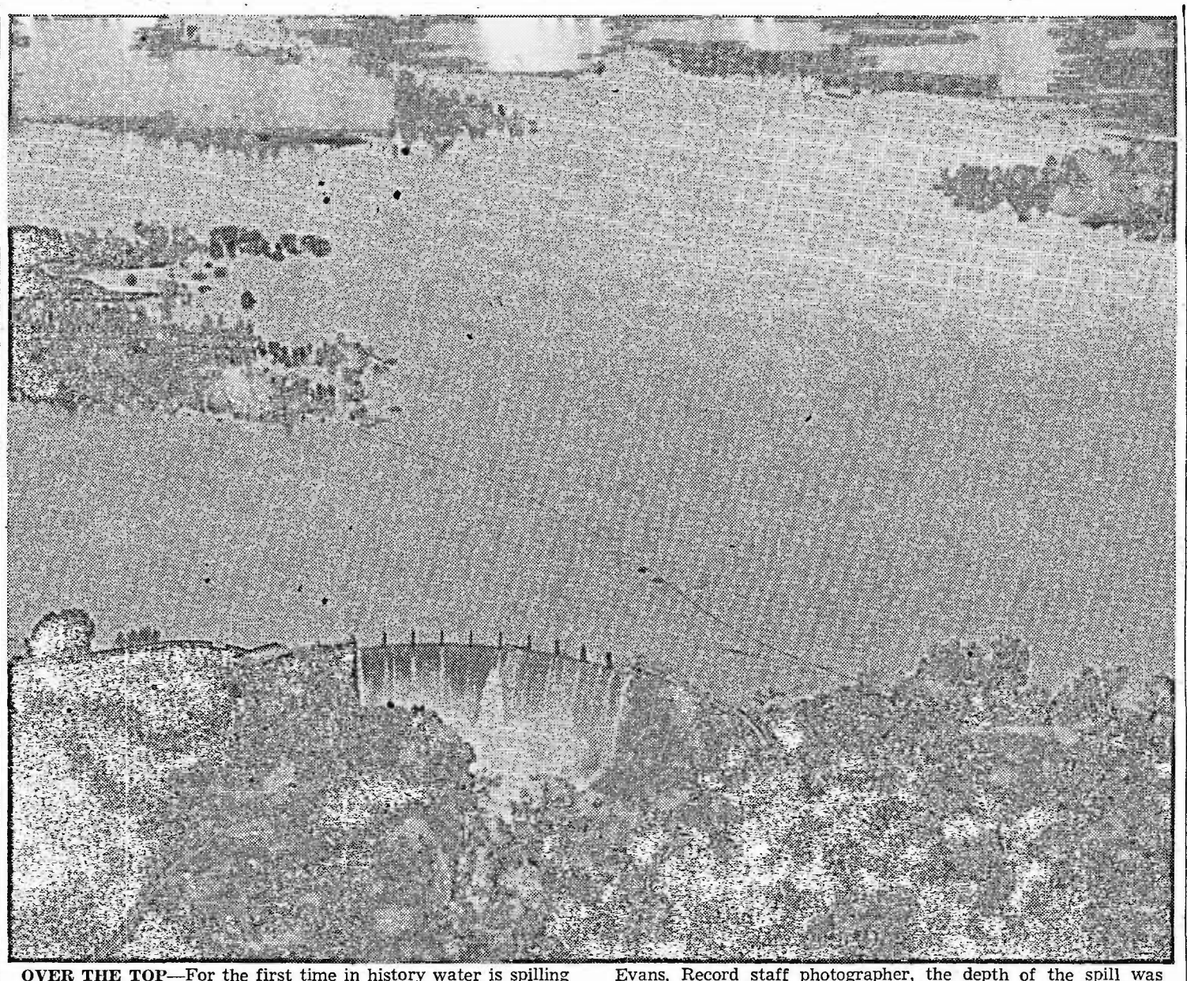

OVER THE TOP—For the first time in history water is spilling over Hogan Dam, Stockton's flood control dam on the Calaveras River. Water began going over the dam late yesterday afternoon. This morning, when this aerial photo was made by Dave Evans, Record staff photographer, the depth of the spill was measured at 2.1 feet. The dam, which has a capacity of 76,000 acre feet, was completed in September, 1930. Additional flood pictures are on pages 2, 6, 10, 14, 17, 29, and 34.
(Record photo)

House Passes Highway Bill

WASHINGTON, April 3 (UP)—The House today passed a compromise $5,500,000,000 antirecession highway bill containing a controversial antibillboard provision. The vote was 300 to 28.

Opposition to the bill collapsed after members rejected, 222 to 109, a motion to send the measure back to a House-Senate Conference Committee for further study.

The lop-sided vote on this crucial test came as a surprise because Democratic and Republican leaders had passed the word that they were not pleased with the bill.

They had expected the bill to be recommitted.

House passage sent the compromise bill back to the Senate where it is expected to win fast approval, clearing the way for members to depart for a 10-day Easter recess.

ARDOR IS LOST

House Democrat leaders who had been pushing for fast action on the antirecession measure lost their ardor for it when Senate-House negotiators unexpectedly inserted the controversial antibillboard provision.

Republican leaders opposed the measure's big spending features. But rank-and-file members of the House—many of them with their bags already packed—apparently decided it wouldn't look good to the voters back home to block passage of the measure just before starting their Easter vacation.

DENOUNCES PROVISION

The motion to send the measure back to conference was offered by Rep. J. Harry McGregog (R-Ohio), one of the five House conferees who had worked out the compromise bill with the Senate.

McGregog complained that the compromise went far beyond the original House measure. Among other things, he denounced the antibillboard provision as an attempt to "put out of business a legitimate business."

The controversial section would give states an extra one-half of one per cent in federal funds if they agreed to accept federal standards for restricting billboards on the new interstate highway system. The standards will be set later by the secretary of commerce.

FLOODING PREDICTED FOR VERNALIS REGIONS TOMORROW

The Flood Control Center of the State Division of Water Resources predicts flooding at noon tomorrow in the Vernalis area where the San Joaquin River is expected to hit 25½ feet, one foot above flood stage.

Meanwhile, the entire San Joaquin Valley from Fresno to Stockton has been declared a critical flood area by officials of the control center.

High tides are contributing to the flood peril along the San Joaquin River. The river at Mossdale stood at 13 feet this morning, about two feet higher than yesterday at 8 a.m. Seventeen feet is flood stage.

A spokesman for the Flood Control Center reported field crews are keeping a wary eye on danger points along the San Joaquin River.

EXPECTS FLOODING

"We do expect some flooding of farmlands and flood threats to several communities," he said.

Meanwhile, Delta ranchers are keeping a close watch on tide and wind conditions. Water is nearing the tops of levees in some places. The situation is described as critical and is expected to remain so throughout tonight.

The Merced area faces possible danger from four streams east of the city but reservoirs appear to be containing the water.

FACES DANGER

South of Merced, Chowchilla and Madera face some danger. The Chowchilla River is on the rise and may top its banks late today. The Fresno River going into Madera is regarded as troublesome.

The Sacramento control center said the Stanislaus River will reach the danger level at Durham Ferry in mid-afternoon with stages of 24 to 24½ feet.

NEAR CAPACITY

Friant dam, northwest of Fresno on the San Joaquin River, is reported nearing its capacity of 520,000 acre feet of water. This morning it was releasing 4,000 second feet, an amount lower than during previous storms.

The Mokelumne River is reported running at 8,000 second feet at Lockeford with about four feet of freeboard remaining. No immediate danger is seen along this stream. The Mokelumne River is over its banks in the Victor area.

Upstream on the Stanislaus River the Tulloch dam is within four feet of the top. Storage in the reservoir was reported at 61,965 this morning. Its capacity is 66,696 acre feet.

Ike Presents Shakeup Plan for Pentagon

WASHINGTON, April 3 (AP)—President Eisenhower today sent Congress a six-point Pentagon reorganization plan. He said it would give the secretary of defense authority for "truly unified" military operations.

In a 7,000-word special message, Eisenhower said:

"We must remove all doubt as to the full authority of the secretary of defense."

Eisenhower said, too, that "separate ground, sea and air warfare is gone forever."

SERVE AS STAFF

He proposed that the Joint Chiefs of Staff be continued, but said that in the future they should serve as a staff "assisting the secretary of defense in his exercise of direction over unified commands."

The President went on:

"Strategic and tactical planning must be completely unified, combat forces organized into unified commands, each equipped with the most efficient weapons system that science can develop, singly led and prepared to fight as one, regardless of service."

DOUBTS VOICED

Even before the message reached Congress, there had been doubts voiced by some influential legislators as to whether the secretary of defense should have greatly increased power.

Questions were raised particularly as to how wise it would be to increase the secretary's authority in the field of strategic planning.

Eisenhower's program would strip the civilian heads of the Army, Navy and Air Force of direct authority over military operations. In effect, those secretaries would be left as merely executive agents.

Eisenhower also proposed that

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'Worst Flood' Since '11 Seen

Walter Hogan, former Stockton city manager and recognized expert on water problems, said today that the county may experience its worst flood since 1911 when "almost all San Joaquin County was a lake."

Hogan said that the county faces a "critical period in the next 24 hours" when runoff from the current series of rain storms reaches here from Calaveras County. Even cessation of the storm today would not eliminate the threat, he said.

The Calaveras River watershed poses the most serious flood threat to the county, especially endangering populous South Stockton, hard hit by the 1955 flood, Hogan said.

FEARS TOLD

Commenting on public fears as to the soundness of Hogan Dam in view of the spilling of water over structure, Hogan declared emphatically:

"There is no chance in the world it could go out. It is correctly designed. It was designed for spilling over. There could be 10 feet of water going over the top and it wouldn't go out."

The Hogan Dam, named in Hogan's honor, is located on the Calaveras River near Valley Springs in Calaveras County. From this point the Calaveras River flows to Bellota where much of the water is diverted into Mormon Slough, which flows into the Diverting Canal east of Stockton. The canal in turn returns the water to the Calaveras River in Northeast Stockton. The Cala-

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Season's Worst Storm Maroons Scouts in Sierra

RENO, Nev., April 3 (AP)—Some 150 Explorer Scouts who are taking a week of Air Force survival training in the Sierra are finding themselves in the worst snowstorm of the season.

An Air Force spokesman at the Stead Air Force Base said, however, the Scouts were safely bedded down in their mountain camp. They will be returned to Stead by truck convoy as soon as possible to wait until the worst of the storm blows over.

Scouts leave Stead annually for a week of living in the rugged and snowy Sierra. They undergo training much the same as that given regular Air Force personnel. Air Force instructors and civilian advisors accompany them.

Demo Leaders Reject Ike's Complaint on Acting Too Fast

WASHINGTON, April 3 (UP)—Democratic leaders rejected today President Eisenhower's complaint that they may be moving too fast on anti-recession bills. They promised more of the same after Easter.

Speaker Sam Rayburn, for the House, and Sen. Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.), for the Senate, said the Democratic Congress has given all proper consideration to the economic measures which it has been speeding to the President's desk.

Rayburn noted further that the President, who has the power of veto, has been going along "pretty well" with what Congress has sent him. A notable exception was a bill to freeze farm supports, which the President rejected.

"I think we have given all consideration necessary to what we have passed," Rayburn told newsmen.

Mansfield, acting Democratic leader of the Senate, agreed. He said furthermore that the Democrats will continue their anti-recession drive and that more legislation can be expected after the Easter recess.

Mansfield said the Democratic Congress grabbed the ball in this field because the Eisenhower administration either failed to act or acted too timidly.

Hogan Dam Overflows After Water Reaches Record High

NEW FLOOD THREATS HIT CENTRAL AREA

SAN FRANCISCO, April 3 (AP) — New floods threatened Central California today in the wake of storms that caused multi-million dollars of damage, flooded 5,000 from their homes and left hundreds snowbound in the mountains.

Three Southern Pacific trains, with 240 persons aboard, were rerouted after being held up for a day by snows in the High Sierra. Among them was the City of San Francisco whose 97 passengers spent last night aboard the luxury train in a snow shed.

A new flood struck Carmel Valley, 85 miles south of San Francisco. Army, Navy, Coast Guard and sheriff's officers warned families as the Carmel River went over its banks on the Monterey Peninsula.

FLOOD WARNINGS

Flood warnings covering a large area of the Central San Joaquin Valley were issued by the U.S. Weather Bureau at Fresno. It said four rivers—the Fresno, Chowchilla, Keweath and Tule would reach flood stage during the day.

Already 5,000 people in half a dozen cities around San Francisco Bay had been driven out by floods and threat of floods. The largest group was the 900 residents of swamped Alviso on the southern tip of the bay.

Crop damage ran into uncounted millions. South of San Francisco half of Santa Clara county's four million dollar apricot crop was reported lost, and lettuce was unplanted in Salinas valley, America's salad bowl. To the north the Yuba County's almond crop was reported blighted.

DISASTER AREA

Govi Knight proclaimed the entire state a disaster area.

The sun shone periodically today but two more storms were reported on the way.

Among hundreds of persons snowbound were about 200 passengers on seven Reno-bound buses caught during the night between Kyburz and Strawberry in the Sierra.

Main highways over the Sierra were closed. Motorists were routed northward over State Highway 36 through Susanville. Rotary snow plows lost, temporarily, an incessant battle to keep one lane of U.S. 40 open.

Southern Pacific's mainline railroad over the mountains was blocked when two snow avalanches trapped a 22-car mail train yesterday. Its 25 passengers were brought out unhurt.

Some 200 motorists and winter

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Emergency Flood Aid for State Set

WASHINGTON, April 3 (INS) — Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel (R-Calif.) reported today the Small Business Administration is "ready to go" on emergency aid to flood-stricken areas of California.

The California Republican said the SBA in Washington has given him assurances that fast action will be taken as soon as regional offices file estimates of damage.

The SBA is authorized by law to grant emergency aid to small business in disaster areas.

Diverting Canal Has Weak Spot; National Guard Called

Record high water in the Mormon Slough downstream from the overflowing Hogan Dam on the Calaveras River placed Stockton in the path of a major flood threat today.

The flooding Diverting Canal, Calaveras River and Mormon Slough spilled water into farm lands and a number of families were forced to flee their homes. Amphibious vehicles from the 118th Ordnance Co were being used in evacuation work.

One of the critical spots today was a 700-foot-long weak spot in the levee on the west side of the Diverting Canal between Linden and Waterloo roads which threatens Stockton.

For details on Lodi and Northern San Joaquin County flood and road situations see Page 29.

About 60 officers and men of the Headquarters and Headquarters Battery of the 49th Division of the California National Guard were called out last night when the boiling streams began to overflow.

Besides Hogan Dam, the Farmington Dam on Littlejohn Creek also is overflowing which will send more high water into this area.

The U.S. Weather Bureau forecast for the Stockton area calls for diminishing showers tonight followed by partly cloudy skies tomorrow.

More snow is expected in the Sierra Nevada tonight, followed by occasional showers tomorrow. The snow level is at the 3,000-foot elevation today.

The crisis resulted from a 2.24-inch rainfall in Stockton in the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today. This is believed the heaviest rainfall here in a 24-hour period in Stockton's history.

MOST SINCE 1866

The record rainfall boosted the city's total for the season to 23.11 inches compared with 8.71 inches on this date last year. Normal rainfall at this time is 12.64 inches.

Stockton's total rainfall so far this season is the highest since 1866-67 when 25.32 inches were measured here.

Hogan Dam, the key point in the local flood picture, was spilling 2.1 feet over the top at 10 a.m. today. More than three inches of rain fell in a 24-hour

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Rainfall for 24-hour periods ending between 6 and 8 a.m. as compiled by the Stockton Record, Southern Pacific, Fire Department and PG&E follows:

	24-hour Period	Season to date	Last season to date
Stockton	2.24	23.11	8.71
Angels Camp	2.36	37.17	17.32
Big Trees	3.87	64.28	34.67
Calaveras Ranger	2.41	52.51	...
Escalon	2.01	20.94	8.15
Galt	1.65	23.34	9.81
Groveland Ranger	3.53	46.73	21.69
Jackson	2.82	35.55	21.26
Knights Ferry	1.28	23.55	8.93
Livingston	1.07	18.01	6.99
Lodi	1.76	24.74	10.31
Los Banos	.53	14.60	5.16
Manteca	1.57	18.52	7.68
Merced	1.20	21.44	7.57
Modesto	2.01	20.62	6.37
Murphys	2.07	41.52	22.53
Oakdale	1.69	22.92	8.15
Patterson	2.05	19.80	6.55
Ripon	1.61	19.42	7.37
Riverbank	1.30	21.24	6.22
San Andreas	3.54	40.30	17.78
Sonora	1.92	39.43	18.95
Tracy	1.01	14.10	5.34

CREWS BATTLE TO STRENGTHEN CANAL LEVEE

City employes and volunteers, many of them teen-agers, toiled desperately this morning to prevent the overflow of a 700-foot low spot in the west levee of the Diverting Canal near the Linden Road which poses a definite threat to Stockton.

While a human chain passed sandbags to reach the stretch of levee too mucky for the passage of ordinary trucks, a different sort of struggle was going on nearby. A dragline perched precariously on the approach to the trestle of the Stockton, Terminal and Eastern Railroad picked up debris, including tree trunks, lodged against the structure.

At 11 a.m., the lowest spots in the vulnerable length of levee were raised by sandbags piled four high with the muddy water lapping near them. But the task of reinforcing the 700-foot length was only half done. Progress accelerated briskly with the arrival of a four-wheel drive Marine Corps Reserve truck loaded with volunteers, the truck to be used to transfer the heavy bags across the quagmire.

WATER RISING

Fire Marshal Norman Nordwick in charge of the operation, estimated the water was rising at the rate of an inch every 45 minutes. Of every new arrival he asked, "When do they expect the peak?"

A couple of hundred feet below the levee, directly in line with the threatened point, lives Mrs. Bertha Pedigo and her three adult sons. Their address is 1459 N. Cardinal, but their driveway is the termination of the paving of Ellen Avenue. N. A. Pedigo, one of the sons, said the water became dangerously high at about 1 a.m.

"This is better than in '55," he recalled. "Then we had to fill bags ourselves in our yard."

READY TO MOVE

The family was ready to move at a moment's notice, but no precautions had been taken to protect the furniture in the small fram dwelling. If the levee overflows, there probably will be no house.

Superintendent John (Red) Hewitt, his hair gray, has seen the trestle menaced before in his long service with the short-line railroad.

"She's off the foundations now, kind of floating on the piling," was the way he described the plight of the structure two blocks distant. "It didn't do her any good when the dragline dropped a trees."

TRESTLE HIT

Asked if the obstructing trestle might be removed with explosives, Hewitt replied:

"Yes, maybe it could, but I'd want somebody around who knows his business, an engineer. They wanted to blow it in '55, but I wouldn't let 'em because it was solid on its foundation. But now . . ."

The trestle appeared to be swinging with the pressure of the current. If it gave way suddenly, the release of accumulated debris would do no good to bridges downstream.

To Fire Marshal Nordwick, the long degression in the levee was a source of amazement. It is easily eight or 10 feet lower than the rest of the barricade which protects Stockton from the Mormon Channel water diverted around the city by the artificial canal.

LOW SPOT

Nordwick speculated that the low spot was created over a period of years by the "borrowing" of loam fill. Superintendent Hewitt confirmed the supposition.

"It used to be a real, nice sandy place," he said, "and they even paved the road on the leeve so people could reach it."

The vulnerable stretch has existed that way for years, according to Hewitt. It caused serious concern in the flood of 1955 when the water level was considerably lower.

The "borrowed" levee is still missing, and what's left is the subject of deep anxiety.

Medical Aid for Evacuees Assured

The San Joaquin County Medical Society assured residents today that medical attention will be available at every point of assembly for flood evacuees.

During the flood threat residents unable to reach their personal physicians may obtain immediate aid by calling HO 6-6727.

SANDBAGGING CHAIN — Volunteer workers formed a human chain to unload and carry sandbags across a muddy stretch of Diverting Canal levee where the water is menacingly near the top. The 700-foot low stretch is between the Linden Road and the trestle of the Stockton Terminal and Eastern Railroad. Four-wheel-drive trucks later went into action to augment the chain of sandbag passers.
(Record photo)

Carmel Battles to Control River

Subdivision of 300 Homes Periled

CARMEL, April 3 (UP)—Several hundred soldiers and civilians battled furiously today to hold the Carmel River within its sagging levees lest it flood 300 homes in the Mission Fields subdivision.

The historic Carmel Mission overlooking the flooded area was in no danger.

Half the subdivision already was up to foot or two of water in some spots. The streets were like canals. There was no general evacuation, but a few residents left their homes.

The swirling river inundated the Carmel River Inn, a motel in the same area. Owners feared some of the buildings would be swept into the ocean less than a mile distant.

BRIDGE PERILED

Fears were expressed for the Carmel bridge, a concrete structure forming part of Coast Highway 1.

A 100-foot wooden bridge, one of three swept downstream by the torrent, hammered against the Carmel bridge at right angles. Officials in charge of the flood control work feared the wooden structure would turn parallel to the bridge and dam the river.

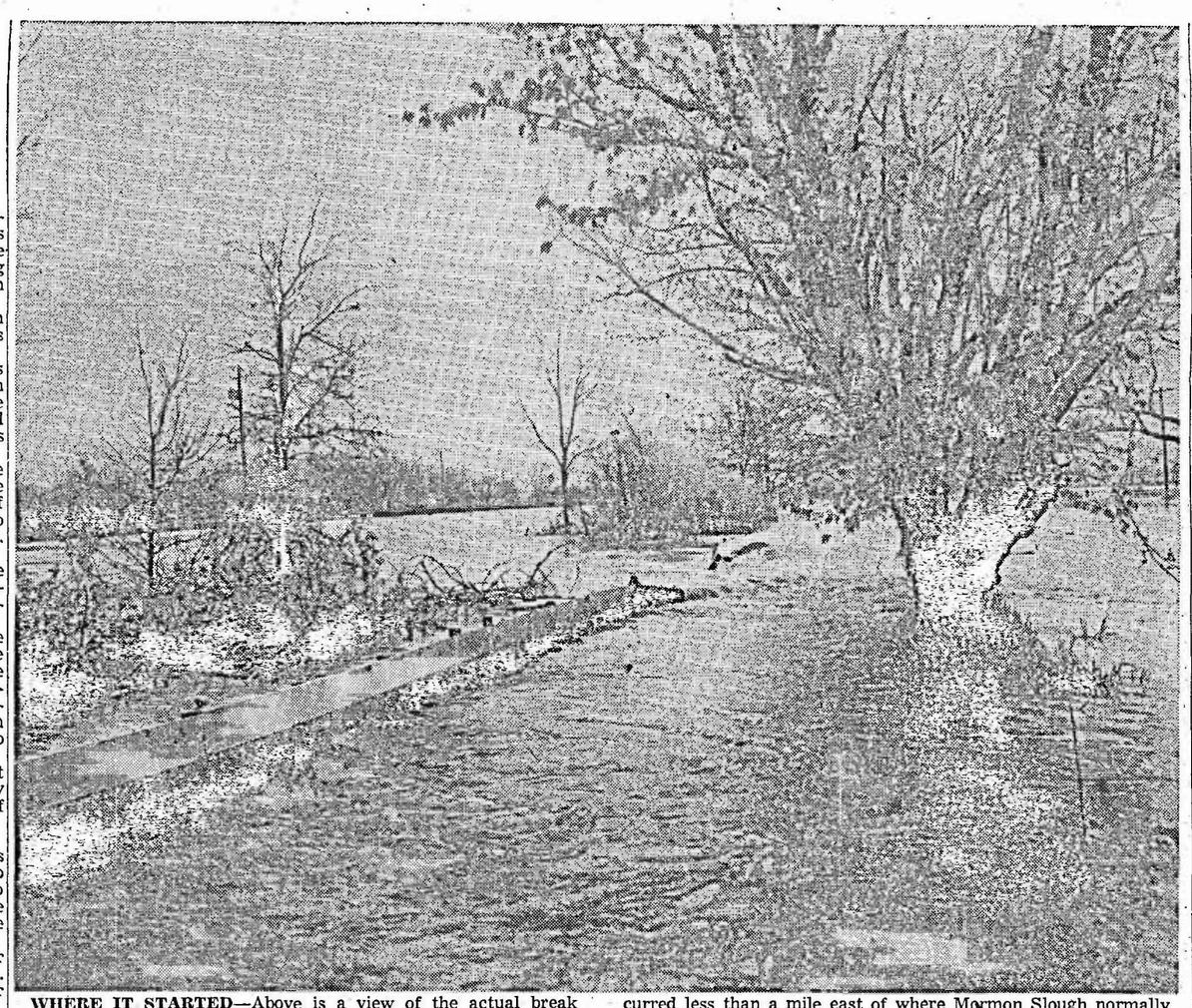
Deputy sheriffs and coast guardsmen, from the Monterey life boat station, carried a skiff on a trailer.

ISLAND RESCUE

Just before daybreak, deputies and Coast Guardsmen made two hazardous trips in a skiff to Odello Island, a half-mile north of the coast highway, in the middle of the river.

They rescued Mrs. Licia Linder and her next door neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. William Rich, and their four children.

Then they went to a group of four-story apartment buildings isolated upstream from the Carmel River bridge. None of the occupants wanted to be rescued, but they said some had previously waded ashore in waist-deep water.



WHERE IT STARTED—Above is a view of the actual break in Mormon Slough which sent flood waters down the unused bed of Mormon Channel in downtown Stockton. The break occurred less than a mile east of where Mormon Slough normally empties into the Diverting Canal. (Record photo)

Stockton Facing Threat of Flood

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period in San Andreas, the watershed area for the Calaveras River.

DAM IS SAFE

The Army Corps of Engineers and officials of the State Department of Water Resources have issued assurances that despite the record amount of water in the Hogan reservoir there is no danger of the dam collapsing.

City and East Side Rural Fire Department crews and volunteers were rushed this morning to the weak levee on the west side of the Diverting Canal. This area presents a definite threat to central Stockton.

Meanwhile, work was under way to destroy the Stockton Terminal and Eastern Railway trestle over the Diverting Canal. The structure was weakened by high water and presents a hazard.

SLOUGH FILLS CUT

Another critical point in the local picture is at the confluence of the Mormon Slough and the Diverting Canal. There the water was pouring through and around sandbags and into the old Mormon Slough.

City Manager John C. Lilly ordered all fills in the slough cut last night to relieve pressures and reduce flood threats.

At the peak early today Mormon Slough was carrying a record 28,000 second feet of water. This compares with 18,000 second feet in 1955, the year of the last major flood here.

By mid-morning, however, the flow in the slough had dropped to 19,200 second feet.

LINDEN THREATENED

During the night levees along Mormon Slough broke in two places northeast of Linden and flood waters threatened that community. The major break in the channel came near its junction with the Diverting Canal.

There water spilled to the south through farmlands and orchards near Gillis Road and G. B. D'Amico property.

The Calaveras River broke over its banks last night east of the community of Waterloo and north of Waterloo Road. The Calaveras River in the northern part of Stockton is not reported in danger of flooding.

Officials report the Diverting Canal is spilling rapidly over its eastern banks and into farm lands from Linden Road to Waterloo Road.

CREST THIS AFTERNOON

Authorities report the main threat to the City of Stockton is expected by late afternoon. This will be the crest of the water pouring over the Hogan Dam, which is spilling over its top for the first time in history.

The city began calling for volunteers last night and an estimated 400 answered the alarm, many of them teen-agers. Hundreds of firemen and city crews joined in and worked throughout the night sandbagging the Mormon Channel on both sides.

Except for local surface water resulting from the cloudburst which struck here about 4 p.m. yesterday and the heavy downpour about 1:30 a.m. today, no water from any of the streams is flooding the city as yet.

GENERAL IN CHARGE

Brig. Gen. William J. Lang of Lodi, commanding officer of the National Guard's 49th Division Artillery, has been placed in overall command of all troops assigned to flood duty.

The Army's 118th Ordnance Co. stationed at Stockton Field is operating two DUCS in assisting with evacuations east of the Diverting Canal.

In the county, a levee break on Bouldin Island was repaired. This break, however, closed Highway 12 from Thornton Road west.

OTHER ROADS CLOSED

The Lower Sacramento Road is closed from Peltier Road to Collier Road. Also Highway 88 is closed from Highway 99 to Victor Road.

Water backing up from the Mokelumne River and Dry Creek into Jahant Slough resulted in flooding on Ray Road east to Lower Sacramento Road and Peltier Road to Jahant Road.

Dry Creek also caused flooding in the northeast part of the county along Liberty Road from Elliott to Mackville Road.

BEAR CREEK FLOODS

Bear Creek continued on the rampage, flooding the streets of Clements and resulting in the closure of Sargent Road from Brandt Road south to Harney Lane. These waters also flooded Jack Tone Road from Brandt to the Eight Mile Road.

Tokay Road and Kettleman Lane are flooded from Highway 88 east to Jack Tone Road. Bear Creek also flooded the intersection of Alpine and Eight Mile roads and along Alpine Road south to the Calaveras River.

The all-night efforts of Lincoln Rural firemen and other crews apparently have stemmed the threat from Bear Creek at Davis Road.

HIGHWAY 4 FLOODED

Highway 4 is flooded by Mormon Slough at Jack Tone Road and Davis Road east to Hewitt Road. Surface flooding also is reported in Corral Hollow near Tracy.

The River Road on the south side of the Calaveras River from Pershing Avenue to the west has been closed as a precautionary measure.

The predicted high temperature reading today in Stockton is 48 degrees and the low tonight 42 degrees. The expected high tomorrow is 60 degrees.

Yesterday's high reading was 54 degrees and the low early today was 45 degrees. At noon today the mercury registered 52 degrees, one lower than at that time yesterday.

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'Worst Flood' Since '11 Seen

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veras River then flows into the Delta.

DANGER POINT

The chief danger point exists at the junction of the Diverting Canal and Mormon Slough. Unable to carry the heavy runoff at flood stage, the Diverting Canal spills over and floods into Mormon Channel, the name the slough assumes as it courses through South Stockton.

Hogan said he doubts that any serious flooding will result from runoffs in the other watersheds in the county.

Hogan doubts that the heavily populated areas in North Stockton will be endangered by the rising Calaveras River. However, erosion of the levees could result in flooding in that area, he warned.

Hogan Dam was completed in 1930 at a cost of about $1,750,000. It has a capacity of 76,000 acre feet of water. Congress has approved construction of a new Hogan Dam, which would store some 325,000 acre feet of water and cost an estimated 16 million dollars. However, funds have never been appropriated for construction.

City and county officials are now attempting to obtain a $300,000 federal appropriation to complete planning on the new dam.

New Flood Threats Told

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vacationers were stranded nearby —120 of them at Donner Summit Lodge.

BAY SLIDES

Scores evacuated homes threatened by mudslides in San Francisco and Metropolitan Oakland.

With streams running brimful the state's flood control center reported there was no flooding on major river systems. But many creeks spilled over their banks.

The governor alerted National Guardsmen in Santa Clara County, south of San Francisco, and at Stockton in the Central Valley, where flood dangers threatened.

LIGHT RAINS

Only light rains were forecast for today, lessening the flood threat somewhat, although the ground over much of California remained perilously soggy.

A three-foot wall of water washed through Pleasant Hill 20 miles east of Oakland, but receded a short time later. The water flooded nearby Gregory Gardens, Sherman Acres and Garthwick, all subdivisions.

Cemented sandbags along San Francisquito Creek at Palo Alto, south of San Francisco, held up although battered by debris and log-laden waters.

CREEK FLOODED

Some 150 persons were evacuated to a Red Cross shelter station near Gilroy, 65 miles southeast of San Francisco, when Carnadero Creek sent water two feet deep over a wide area.

Levees held at Santa Cruz, where the San Lorenzo River threatened to back up at high tide last night. Residents credited adequate preparations with preventing a flood although the river reached 16.5 feet, one foot nine inches above flood crest.

A spokesman for Gov. Knight said the disaster proclamation "means that any laws which might slow down the process of bringing swift aid to local authorities unable to cope with their flood situations are now out the window."

The proclamation said the action was taken because "of conditions of extreme peril."

The governor's office said that requests for National Guard assistance were confined to heavy equipment to aid in sand bagging.

Drowning victims were William Vallott, 22, whose canoe tipped on wind-whipped Anderson Reservoir near San Jose, and R. J. Chase, 37, who fell into Corte Madera Creek while using a pike pole to clear away debris in Marin County.

Ike Proposes New Shakeup

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in the future all appropriations for the three services be earmarked for handling by the secretary of defense, instead of being channeled by Congress to the three services.

Eisenhower suggested that procedure go into effect July 1, 1959. Eisenhower's message set forth these main points:

1. "We must organize our fighting forces into operational commands that are truly unified, each assigned a mission in full accord with our over-all military objectives."

CLEAR CHANNELS

2. "We must clear command channels so that orders will proceed directly to unified commands from the commander-in-chief and the secretary of defense."

Eisenhower said the chain of command now is diverted through the secretaries and the service chiefs of the three military departments.

3. "We must strengthen the military staff in the office of the secretary of defense in order to provide the commander-in-chief and the secretary with the professional assistance they need for strategic planning and for operational direction of unified commands."

NO GENERAL STAFF

It was under this point that Eisenhower said that in the future the Joint Chiefs of Staff would have the role of assisting the secretary of defense in his direction over unified command.

A presidential aide, Bryce Harlow, said in reply to questions at a news conference that this is not a move toward creation of a general staff such as that in the old German military establishment.

4. "We must continue the three military departments as agencies within the Department of Defense to administer a wide range of functions."

NEW PLAN

But, Eisenhower added, under the new plan the civilian heads of the three services "will be relieved of direct responsibility for military operations."

5. "We must organize the research and development functions of the department in order to make the best use of our scientific and technological resources."

6. "We must remove all doubts as to the full authority of the secretary of defense."

Eisenhower said the authority of the secretary of defense "has been circumscribed and hedged about in a number of ways which not only make the burdens of his office far heavier than they need to be, but also work against the efficient and effective direction of national security activities."

Depot Provides Sandbags, Clothes

Sharpe General Depot last night provided 30,000 sandbags to the county and another 10,000 to the city in addition to protective rain clothing for volunteer workers.

The depot this morning also sent 500 cots and 1,000 blankets to Civic Memorial Auditorium for Red Cross use in the event the building is used as a shelter for evacuated families.

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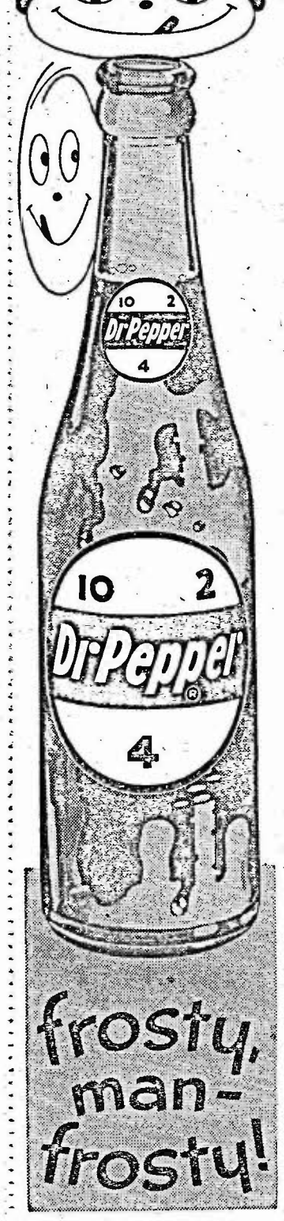

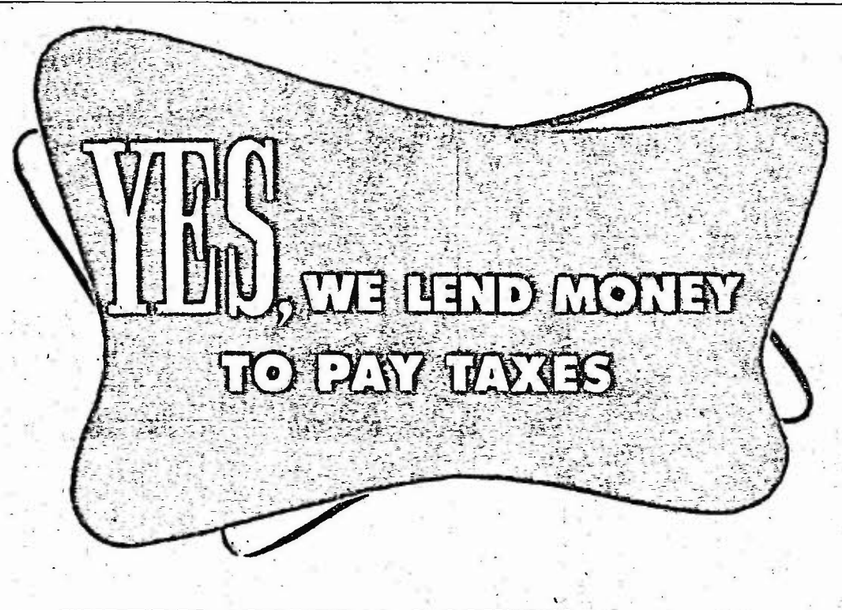

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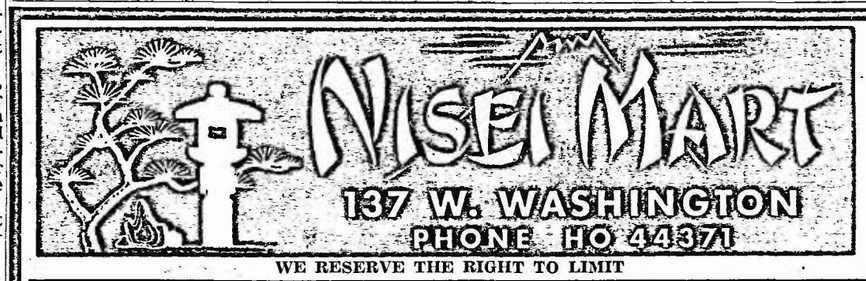

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Palisades Road to Be Closed Indefinitely

LOS ANGELES, April 3 (INS)—The Pacific Coast Highway, blocked north of Santa Monica by landslides that dumped 500,000 tons of earth on the heavily traveled road, will remain blocked indefinitely.

The state yielded late yesterday to a Los Angeles City Council demand that none of the debris be moved until there has been a thorough study of the entire situation.

A promise to leave the fallen earth where it is until the problem can be studied was made by an assistant state highway engineer, E. T. Telford, at a conference with Adm. Cushing Phillips, president of the Los Angeles City Board of Public Works.

It is the city's contention that removal of the earth would merely cause additional landslides which would destroy costly homes in the Via de las Olas area of the Pacific Palisades.

The city is advocating that the highway either be moved 500 feet to the west, right next to the surf, or that the cliffs overhanging the highway be cut back at a slope gradual enough to prevent any further slippage. The latter course would require the confiscation of a number of expensive homes.

Additional fissures opened in the Via de las Olas area yesterday and, with more rain due, officials fear that additional landslides are in prospect.

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Watch Your State on Buying Drink

Laws Are Varied, Even Complex

By DOC QUIGG

NEW YORK, April 3 (UP)—It's a complex country. A lady can't stand on her own two feet at the bar and get a drink in Massachusetts.

The Massachusetts law governing the serving and drinking of liquor says that women cannot drink while standing at the bar. They've got to take it sitting down. On Sunday, vertical drinking for men also is banned.

In Kentucky, ladies may not be served wine or spirits at the bar. But apparently beer is OK.

In Washington, D.C., patrons may have beer or wine at the bar—if they are sitting. But to get hard liquor they have to be sitting at a table. Walking from place to place with drink in hand is banned.

In Tennessee, the law forbids selling mixed drinks. However, in some places, especially Nashville, there are so-called "mixing bars." The patron takes a bottle with him. The waiter asks what he wants, takes the bottle to the bar, mixes the requested drink, serves it.

CHARGE FOR MIXING

The mixing bar doesn't sell mixed drinks. It just charges you for mixing one for you. You can take what's left of your bottle with you when you go. On the other hand, look at Montgomery, Ala., where the customer can't buy a mixed drink and can't take a bottle with him.

So what happens? Once on the premises, he can buy a setup and a miniature or a half-pint sealed bottle and make his own drink. But he is forbidden to take out ...h him any remainder in the ...

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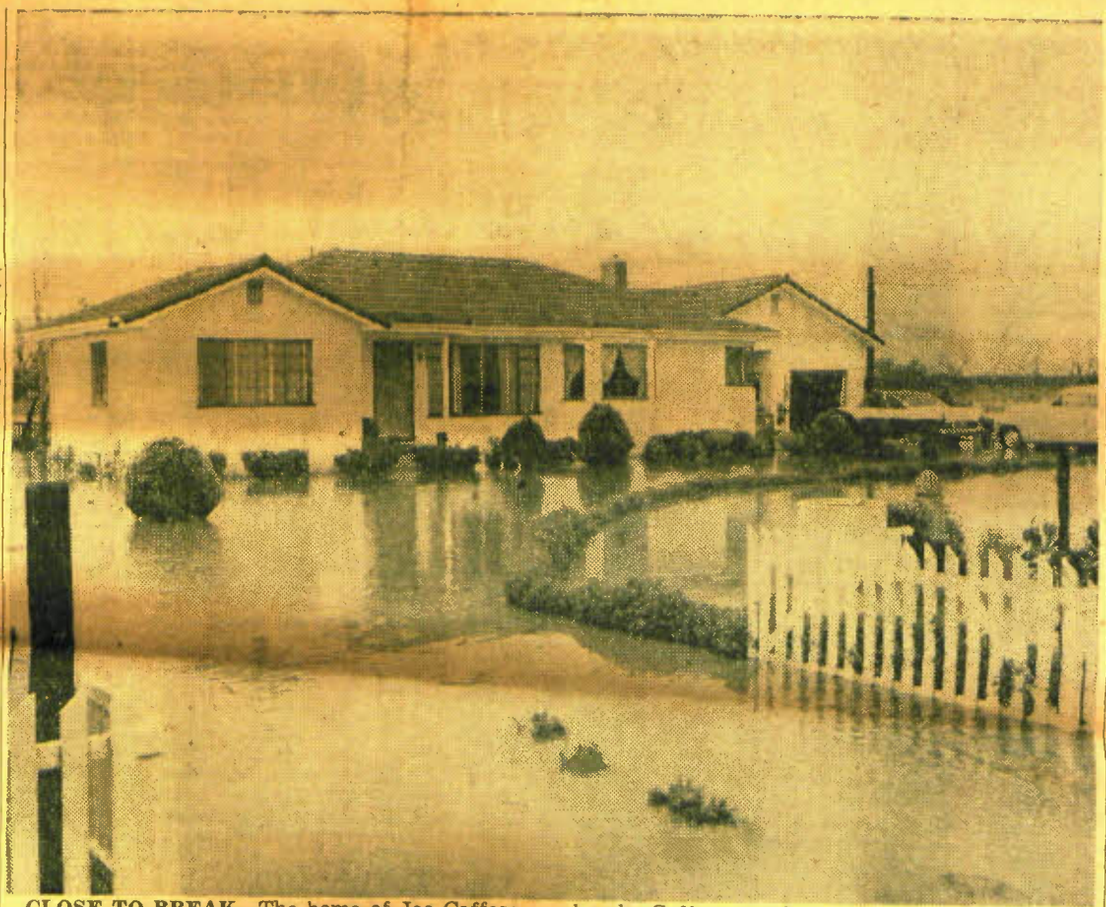

CLOSE TO BREAK—The home of Joe Caffese, 6752 E. Main, is an island in the waters that backed up from the Mormon Slough levee break. Caffese, used to such water from previous breaks, declared he and his family would stay put. (Record photo)

Demo Assails Spending Way From Slump

HOLLYWOOD, April 3 (INS)—Paul Zifffren, Democratic national committeeman for California, said last night that for the nation to try to spend its way out of the current recession "is to ignore the basic difference between the economy today and the problems of 25 years ago."

In a talk before the Hollywood ...ills Democratic Club, he ex...ed:

... we were concerned about ...ing' and the NRA was ...d-up prices. Today ...

New England Rocked by Storm

BOSTON, April 3 (INS)—New England today counted damage running into the millions of dollars from a severe coastal storm as it braced for predicted new flooding in low lying shore areas between Cape Cod and Portland, Me.

The Weather Bureau said the storm early today was centered about 33 miles east of Cape Cod and that the winds have diminished.

Tides one to three feet above normal were forecast between Portland, Me., and Nantucket, with flooding expected in some low lying Boston areas at high ...

Check on Wells in Flooded Areas, Is Health Warning

The residents of flood-hit rural areas were warned today to avoid drinking water from flooded wells.

"Our biggest problem in times of flood is contaminated water," Dr. E. M. Bingham, director of the San Joaquin Local Health District declared today.

"Residents should not use water from any flooded well until the well has been treated. If they must use such water, they should boil ... first," he cautioned.

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Recession See... by U.N. Unit

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FRANCE URGED TO END STATE INDUSTRY RULE

PARIS, April 2 (UP)—Private industry demanded today that the government denationalize some of the industries which have been paralyzed by a 24-hour general strike.

The demands are expected to swell into a denationalization campaign that would stir up a political storm in Parliament this summer.

Many of the same low-income Frenchmen who cheered nationalization 11 years ago joined today in backing the demands for denationalization.

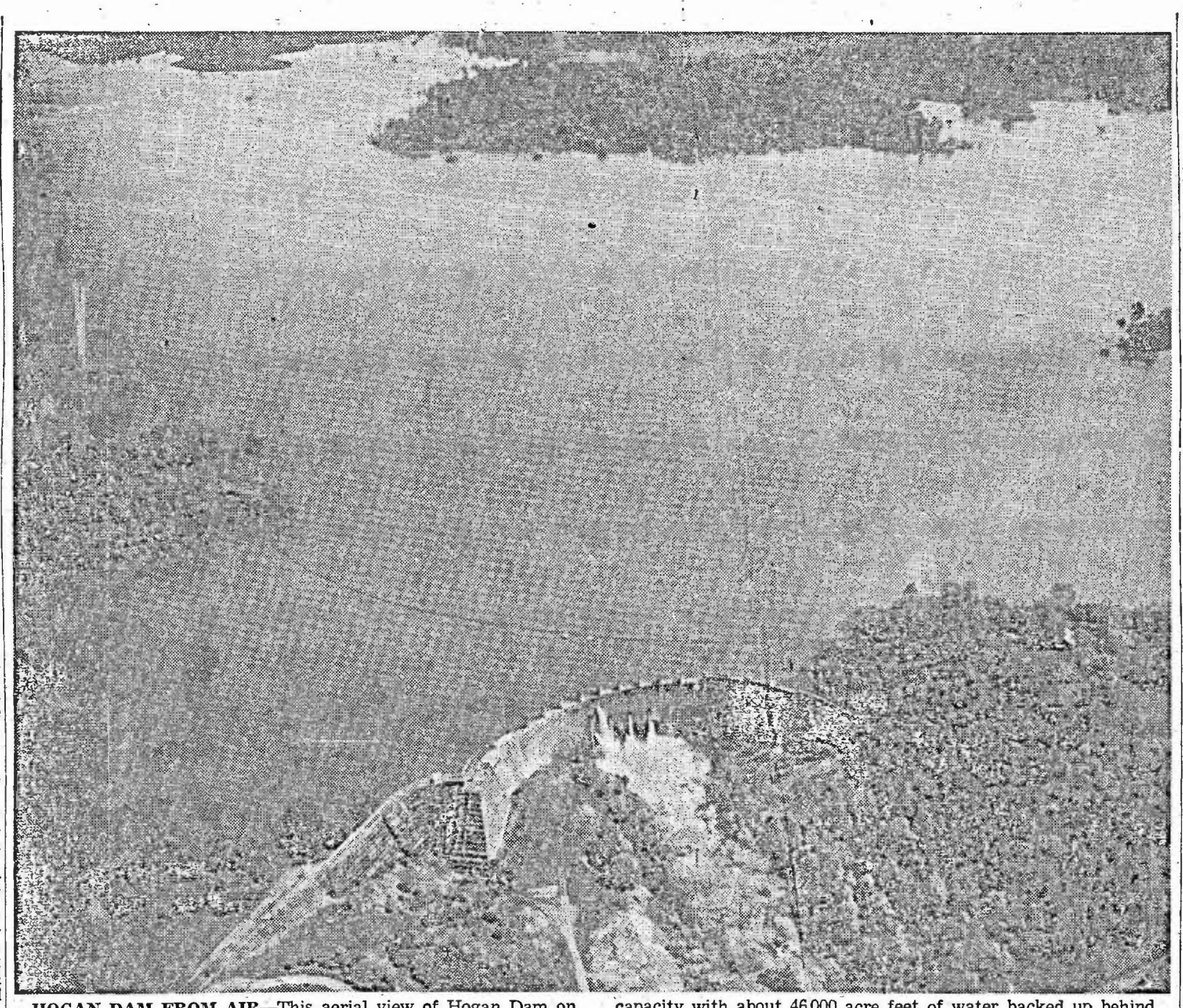
The state-controlled industries have lagged behind private industry in wage levels for their workers. Yet they operate largely at a big deficit which must be made up by the taxpayers.

Moreover, these enterprises are the hotbed of perennial labor unrest and form the largest bulwark of the Communist trade unions.

Postwar nationalization turned the government into France's largest employer. It now controls 21 different companies or entire industrial branches, such as banks, airlines and mines. Other government projects range from transportation and utilities to garbage collecting.

Yesterday's strike by nearly one million government employes effectively bottled up the nation's rail system, halted bus lines and crippled air service. The 24-hour walkout was merely a warning of more labor trouble to come unless the government bows to union demands for a 20 per cent pay raise.

The workers threatened to walk out April 16. That is the date Paul Riberyre, minister of industry and commerce, has set for further discussion of the wage demands which he already has rejected.



HOGAN DAM FROM AIR—This aerial view of Hogan Dam on the Calaveras River shows water being released through a valve, gates, and a port near the top of the bulwark. As this picture was taken, the reservoir was filled to more than half of capacity with about 46,000 acre feet of water backed up behind the face of the dam. It has a capacity of 76,000 acre feet. The dam is playing a major role in preventing flooding in the Stockton area. (Record photo)

UAW Attorney Blasts Senators

Rauh Attacks Kohler Probers

WASHINGTON, April 2 (UP)—Joseph L. Rauh, attorney for the United Auto Workers, used such terms as "nasty," "sneaky," and "hit-and-run artist" to describe three Republican members of the Senate Rackets Committee last night.

Rauh, former chairman of Americans for Democratic Action (ADA), said the three—Sens. Barry Goldwater (Ariz.), Carl T. Curtis (Neb.) and Karl E. Mundt (S.D.)—were anti-labor "dwarfs from the last century."

He also said the committee's investigation of the UAW strike against the Kohler Co.—an inquiry the three Republicans insisted upon—was "the most disgusting performance I have ever seen," and he said he did not except the late Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's (R-Wis.) investigations of Communist activities.

CHARGES MADE

He charged that the four Democratic members of the committee—including Chairman John L. McClellan (Ark.)—"completely abdicated their responsibility" and permitted the three Republicans to run the Kohler investigation and make "every decision."

Rauh made his attack on the committee in a name-calling speech to the Washington Chapter of the ADA.

He called Curtis "a nasty little man" and "a Mickey Mouse trying to act like (the late Sen. Robert A.) Bob Taft" (R-O.).

Mundt, he said, is "a cry baby" who is "sneaky" and Goldwater is "a hit-and-run artist."

IN DISPUTE

Rauh, as UAW attorney, tangled frequently with the three Republicans during the Kohler inquiry.

He did not include the fourth GOP member, Sen. Irving M. Ives (N.Y.), in his attack. He said Ives did not go along with Goldwater, Curtis and Mundt.

Ives, vice chairman of the committee, told reporters today that the stormy six-week investigation of the Kohler and Perfect Circle Co. strikes were not, in his opinion, worth the time and trouble.

"I haven't learned anything as a result of these hearings," Ives said. He expressed the hope that the committee will hereafter refrain from "rehashing" old strikes.

Ives said that in his opinion Reuther "came out very well" and gave a convincing picture of himself as "a good labor leader."

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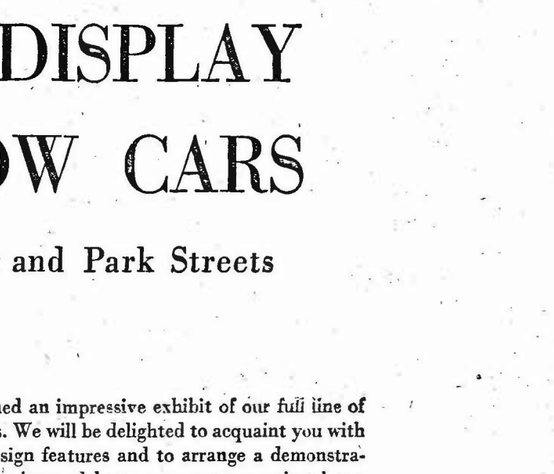

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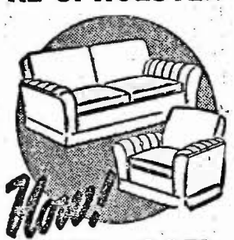

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FARM BUREAU MAN RAPS DIET OF TEEN-AGERS

ATLANTIC CITY, April 2 (AP)—"A rock 'n' roll diet is making an under-nourished race out of millions of teen-agers," says the president of the New Jersey Farm Bureau.

Herbert W. Voorhees told a Rotary Club meeting that soda pop, "hot dogs and soggy potato chips continue to be the favorite luncheon among millions of high school crowd."

Voorhees, a member of President Eisenhower's Citizens Advisory Committee on the Fitness of American Youth, added:

"It's no wonder we find our boys making poor showings in physical exams for Army service and scores of our teen-age mothers seriously affected with childbirth complications because of malnutrition."

Glenn Stackhouse Taken by Death

SAN LEANDRO, April 2 (UP)—Glenn W. Stackhouse, 41, United Press night manager in San Francisco and former war correspondent, died of a heart attack at his home here today.

Stackhouse had complained yesterday of stomach pains. A doctor was called at 3 a.m. today by his wife, Nadine, but there was no indication then of heart trouble. His blood pressure and pulse were normal then and the physician left after giving him medicine.

Stackhouse slept for about three-quarters of an hour but his condition worsened and the physician was recalled. The San Leandro Fire Department resuscitator squad also was called, but Stackhouse failed to revive and died at 5:10 a.m.

Stackhouse worked his usual shift yesterday, appearing for work shortly before noon. He appeared to be in fine health.

Stackhouse was born in Oakland July 4, 1916. He was educated in Oakland and San Leandro public schools and graduated from Polytechnic Junior College in Oakland in 1936.

He was married Oct. 6, 1936, to Nadine Frances Wisley of Pleasanton. The couple had one son, George Joseph, 3 years old.

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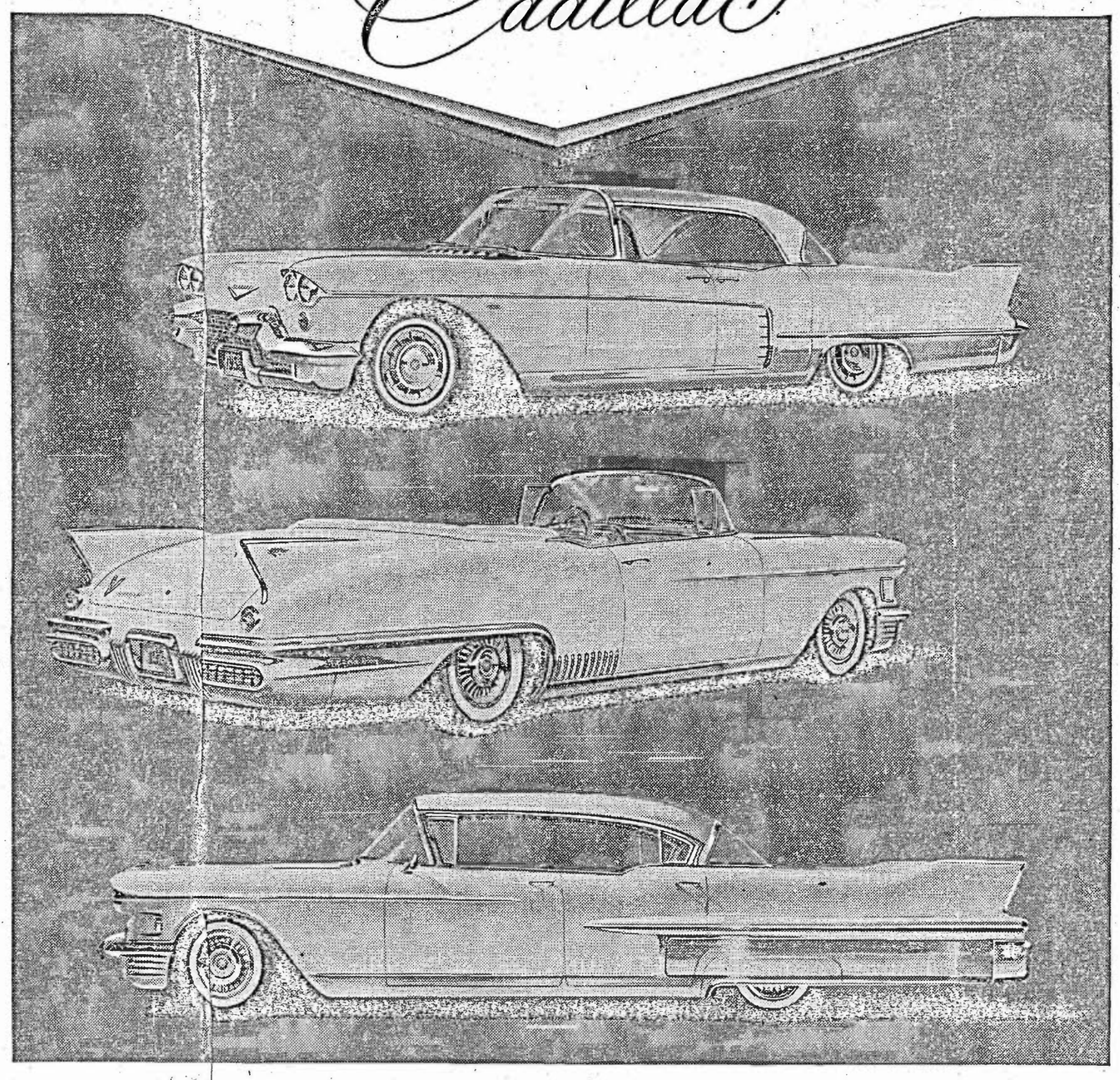

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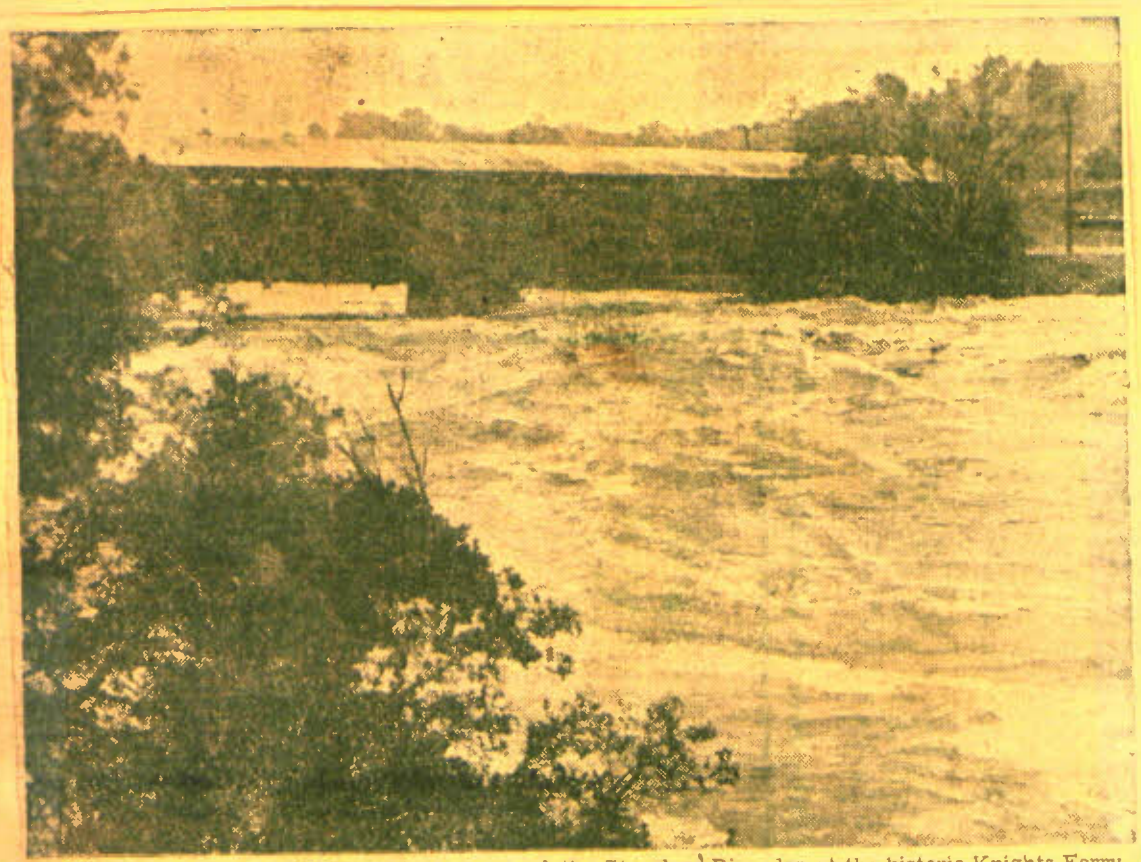
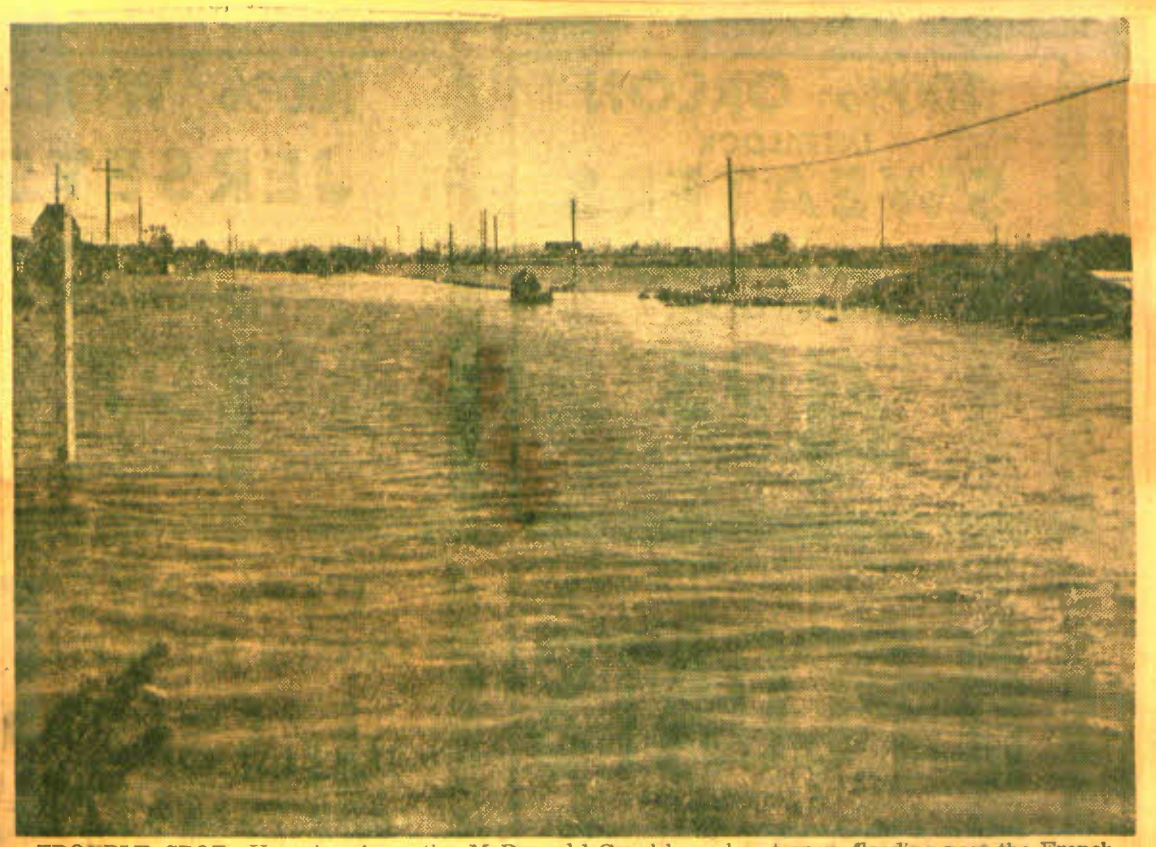
NOT COOKING WITH GAS—A Corona Park resident takes a watery walk through his kitchen, the utilities obviously out of action.



LANDMARK STILL THERE—Giant waves of the Stanslaus River lap at the historic Knights Ferry covered bridge with the water level just 3 feet below the floor of the span. This photo was taken at 4:30 yesterday.

BOOMING ANGELS CREEK—Angels Creek, roaring bank full with red-hued silt laden water, is shown here as it rushed through the city of Angels Camp, forcing evacuation of two families. The picture with the Highway 49 sign is looking downstream from the bridge over Main Street. The other picture is looking upstream, with the homes of Mayor John Lemue and Romie Rolleri at the left.

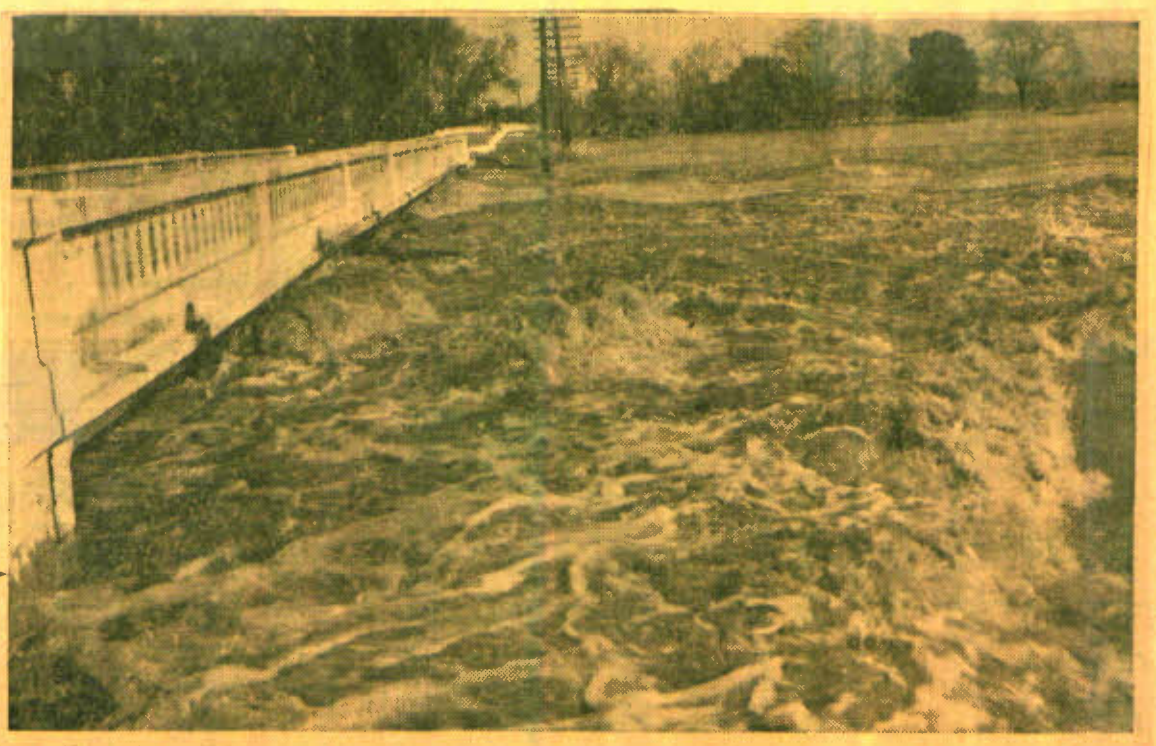


TROUBLE SPOT—Here is where the McDougald Canal levee burst open, flooding past the French Camp Turnpike and into Corona Park.

BABES IN ARMS — Strong arms helped small children leave flooded South Stockton this morning as hundreds of homes were evacuated. This scene took place at Harrison and Clay streets.

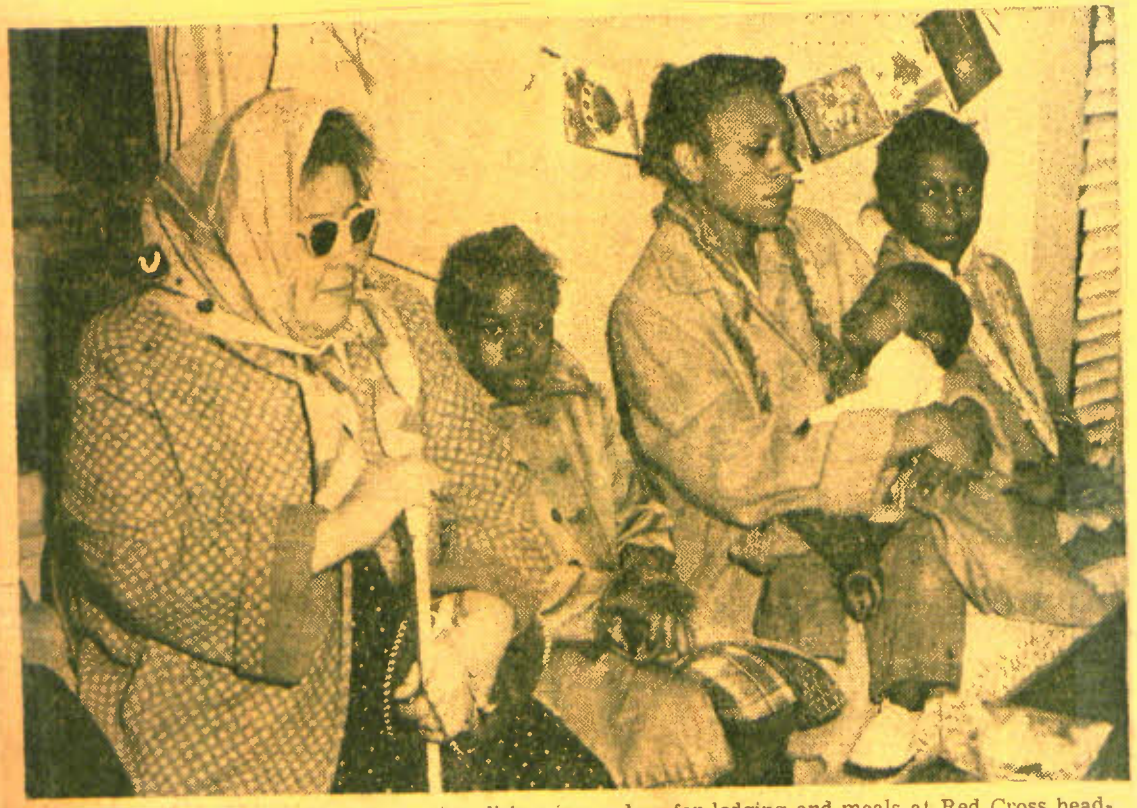
(Record photo)

EVACUATION BY AMBULANCE—Stockton's city ambulance was pressed into service last night to evacuate families from their homes in the Mormon Channel area. Patrolman Jack Clayton (left) and Officer Tom Dixon (right) are assisting an unidentified woman and her 2 children.



CLOSED TO TRAFFIC — The Lower Sacramento Road Bridge at Woodbridge had just been closed to traffic Dec. 23 when the above picture was taken. Large cracks had opened under the buffeting of water and debris. Some time after the picture was taken a section of the structure collapsed in the flood which inundated Thornton and parts of Lodi.

EVACUATION AID — Emergency crews removing families from flood endangered South Stockton homes resorted to using surplus life rafts left over from World War II days as water ran waist deep south of the Mormon Channel.



THE LONG WAIT—Waiting to receive disbursing orders for lodging and meals at Red Cross headquarters are (left to right) flood refugees Mrs. Dolores Barrera, 1504 E. Anderson, 8-year-old Emma R. Crawford, her aunt, Mrs. Marie Stewart, 933 S. Wilson, holding her 15-month-old son Larry, and Eddie Marie Stewart, 11. Mrs. Barrera, who is blind, was carried from her home by police.

CRUISER IN SERVICE—Motorboat operators volunteered their boats for rescue service. Owner John Van Assen is directing the launching of his boat at the Wilson Way subway in front of the Nic-L-Silver warehouse.

News of Central California

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Worst Flood Conditions on Record Hit West Side Area

The San Joaquin Valley's West Side is undergoing the worst flood conditions on record as a result of torrential rains which concentrated on the Coast Range foothills area, forcing evacuation of some cities and resulting in disaster conditions throughout the area.

Probably the worst hit is Patterson, which has reeled under the onslaught of overflowing Salado Creek twice within the past 36 hours.

Newman is suffering almost as much, with the Orestimba Creek on a rampage from above the city on the west to the San Joaquin River. Newman police at 9 o'clock this morning said the situation is serious and evacuation by sheriff's department boat is taking place in some sections.

NO PLACE ELSE

"That water has no place else to go but into the city," officials reported.

In Patterson, the Salado Creek inundated a major portion of the city Tuesday. It went over again last night from more than two inches of rain in the past 24 hours, covering all but one small section with up to 2½ feet of water.

Stanislaus Sheriff Dan Kelsay personally has directed operations all along the West Side, and Mayor John Evans and Vice-Mayor Mario Ielmini have directed operations from the City Hall.

All police, reserve police, firemen and volunteers, including men from the Crows Landing Naval Auxiliary Landing Field are engaged in evacuation procedures and sandbagging operations.

RECORD RATES

The Salado Creek flow peaked between 3 and 4 o'clock this morning, but runoff is continuing at record rates. Sections of Highway 33 near Patterson and between Crows Landing and Newman are covered with from two to three feet of water.

Del Puerto Creek overflowed and flooded Westley late last night, inundating Highway 33 and causing its closure at that point. A farm labor camp was evacuated about three miles north of Patterson.

The heavy rains resulted yesterday in a blow-out on the lining of the Central Valley Project's Delta-Mendota Canal about five miles west of Newman. The break first was spotted when a ditchtender observed a large lake of water on the uphill side of the canal.

The hole is on the bottom of the concrete-lined canal, and forced water into the uphill side where a swail exists. A 30-inch drain pipe under the canal is draining the runoff into ditches of the Central California Irrigation District.

Herbert Thompson, CVP Tracy Pumping Plant superintendent in Tracy, reported an 18-mile section of the canal has been closed off by electrically-operated gates, and the section is being drained at the rate of two feet a day into the San Luis Wasteway, thence into the San Luis Reservoir where it will be stored.

Repairs will begin Monday, Thompson said.

MODESTO AREA

In the Modesto area Dry Creek rose to flood some of the streets in La Loma district with the water running over the bridge on La Loma Drive. There was no reported damage in the area. However, when the rain ceased in the Modesto area about midnight, the water dropped rapidly in Dry Creek and also brought about a drop in the Tuolumne River, where Dry Creek had been emptying into it.

Winds hit gale proportions of 48 miles per hour yesterday in Modesto. In one instance the wind broke a large plate glass window in the C. H. Baker shoe store in McHenry Village.

Clyda Martin, cashier, saw the window buckling under the impact of the wind and pushed clear two small children standing near the window as she yelled at the mother and her other child to jump.

Broken glass shattered the entire area where the women and children had been standing seconds before.

RECORD RAIN

Modesto rainfall has passed the 1906-07 mark and rapidly is approaching the all-time record set in 1884. Rainfall yesterday and last night brought 2.01 inches of rain for the past 36 hours with a total for the season now at 20.62 inches.

In 1906-07 the season's total was 20.52 inches and the all-time high in 1884 was 21.23 inches.

Turlock experienced water over the roads in the area south and west of the city. West Main Road was closed during the night and Geer Road between Taylor and Keyes Roads was closed shortly after noon yesterday.

In all areas of the county water could be observed standing in the fields and in some instances it was deep enough that as the wind blew across it small waves rippled over the ground, indicating the water was several feet deep in most instances.

Check Charge n Louisiana

LODI, April 3—A 49-year-old di grandmother has surrendered self to Louisiana authorities on fugitive warrant charging her h issuing several thousand dol- s worth of bad checks.

Mrs. Kathryn (Kay) Cook had n scheduled to appear yester- in Lodi Judicial District Court an extradition hearing. Court icials learned, however, that woman has surrendered her- to Louisiana authorities.

The woman has denied the rges. She claims they appar- ly are the result of debtors' nplaints.

The question of extradition was ore the local court because the rges were filed in New Or- ns.

oe-Down

TRACY, April 3—The Tracy irlers, local square dancing up, will sponsor a "hoe-down" urday in Portuguese Hall at th and Windeler, from 8:30 to midnight.

hn Strong, a caller from the Area, will conduct the eve- g program. Refreshments will served by a committee headed Elman Barber. The dance will open to all square dancers.

Lodi, Northern S.J. Area Battling Flood Waters

Bear Creek Again Is on Rampage

Northern San Joaquin County is reported experiencing its worst flood conditions in history as the Mokelumne River and Bear Creek, in addition to other smaller tributaries, continue to pour torrents of water across rich farmland and through orchards.

Many families have been and are being evacuated.

The Thornton Road, between Galt and Thornton, was closed this morning as seven breaks in Grisley Slough Levee sent water streaming over the roadway.

Observers predicted the Thornton Road would be under six feet of water by mid-afternoon.

Also reported shortly before were the first instances of the Mokelumne River spilling over its banks in the Thornton area.

This was in the vicinity of Thornton Farms off the New Hope Road area. Inundated are farm lands.

The Live Oak area, south of Lodi, was expected later today to experience another onslaught of rampaging Bear Creek waters.

The waters today were flooding vast sections in the Live Oak area, including Live Oak, Eight Mile, and Alpine roads.

Residents are reported marooned.

Bear Creek water which hit Harmony Grove and Lockeford usually travels southward, and is expected to flood the Live Oak area and Mission district below the Eight Mile Road later today or tonight.

West of Highway 99, the situation is not considered as bad as on the east side.

Bridges, according to Vernon Lehman, chairman of the Bear Creek Soil Conservation District, usually contain some of the waters destined to hit the west part of the Live Oak area.

But the west portion including Micke Grove, through which flows Pixley Slough, is expected to get more water than usual.

WORK ALL NIGHT

Men, weary and baggy-eyed, have worked throughout the night to protect and sandbag their own property, and to lend assistance to neighbors.

At the Oak Meadow Grocery, owner Leonard Mitchell reports water seeping into his store. Pumps and several hundred sandbags are being used to prevent further damage.

The menacing waters at 7 o'clock this morning, were reported neither receding nor rising, just at a standstill.

On Harney Lane, rancher Donald Hieb and a crew of 30 men, worked unceasingly through the night to protect property by building levees and sandbagging.

HEAVY RAINFALL

At Highway 88 and Kettleman Lane, Robert Jory reports his rain gauge shows 2.90 inches of rain fell between 9 a.m. yesterday and 6:30 a.m. today. Water surrounds his house and has inundated his garage and barn.

He reports the water is coming from Bear Creek and Trethaway Road.

Rancher Dewey Murdock, after working on flood control projects early in the morning, waded in foot-high water to milk his herd of wet and restless cows.

At the home of Rancher Robert Dietderich, husband of the Record's Lockeford correspondent, muddy waters flooded the ranch and barn. The main entrance to the ranch, a small bridge over Paddy Creek, is in a precarious condition as water flows in big surges.

The Cosumnes River west of Lodi, overflowed its banks late last night, creating a flood menace to the Galt area.

Waters seeped over broken levees onto bridges and roads in the Twin Cities road area west of here.

One family identified only as the Dale family was reported evacuated from its lowland ranch, according to deputy sheriff Herb White of Galt.

He said Boessow Road, a mile and a half east of Galt, had been closed because of water which had risen to 18 feet over the levee.

Imposing new threats are runoff from lowland drainage. This water is running into Dry Creek, which itself is reported very high.

Ranchers and farmers between Galt and Thornton are moving cattle and equipment to high ground and are on the alert for new emergencies, White said.

A real danger is foreseen when and if the Mokelumne River rises and merges with the crest of the Cosumnes River.

In Galt itself, Hen Creek spilt over its banks, flooding roadways with a depth of two inches of water. The Sanitary District reported difficulties with heavy rainfall runoff.

TERMINOUS

In Terminous: A big crew of volunteer workers is battling today to save Bouldin Island from the rising slough waters. A break in the levees on the island located between Potato Slough and the south fork of the Mokelumne River caused new difficulties this morning to four or five families living in the area.

Some feared they would have to evacuate, but this possibility subsided later this morning. The new threat is reported of rising tideland waters expected to crest tonight.

Sandbagging operations are underway to protect the Terminous Tavern in the heart of the fishing resort area near the Staten Ferry.

THORNTON

Continued heavy rains, reports of an impending high tide in the Delta area, and a crest from the brimfull Consumnes River posed flood threats today in Thornton.

As of this morning, the community of Thornton itself was not in danger, residents reported. But sloughs and levees, some of which are breaking in spots, are being patrolled.

In the outlying areas of Thornton, Beaver, and Hof Slough, and the south fork of the Mokelumne River are reported rising. This morning they rose to 10 feet 8½ inches. If the tide gets to 12 inches, observers said, the flood peril will mount.

Reports are today that tideland waters will crest tonight, adding to the menace.

ROAD CLOSED

All of Jackson Road north of Thornton is reported closed because of flooding of the Cosumnes River. The real threat to Thornton, according to observers, would come when and if the Mokelumne River crests and combines with the Cosumnes waters.

Rain fall amounted to 2.75 inches yesterday, causing all streams and sloughs to rise rapidly.

In some places weakened and soggy levees are beginning to leak, it is reported.

Benson's Ferry, the point that residents in the community are paying particular attention to rose to 15 feet 8 inches this morning. The danger level is considered as 16 feet 8 inches and the critical level is estimated at 18 feet when water would overflow.

ACAMPO

Landowners in the Acampo-Youngstown areas scheduled an emergency meeting tomorrow night to consider action on controlling the overflowing Gill Creek, which inundated this vicinity last night.

Walter Will, chairman of the Lockeford-Clements Farm Center, said the session will begin at 8 p.m. in Bruella School.

A group of property owners asked for the meeting in an effort to determine what, if anything, can be done to control conditions.

C. B. Bull, chairman of the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors, and other county officials are expected to be present.

The creek, normally dry, and its bed a short distance north of Peltier Road is the course of surface water runoff into the Mokelumne River.

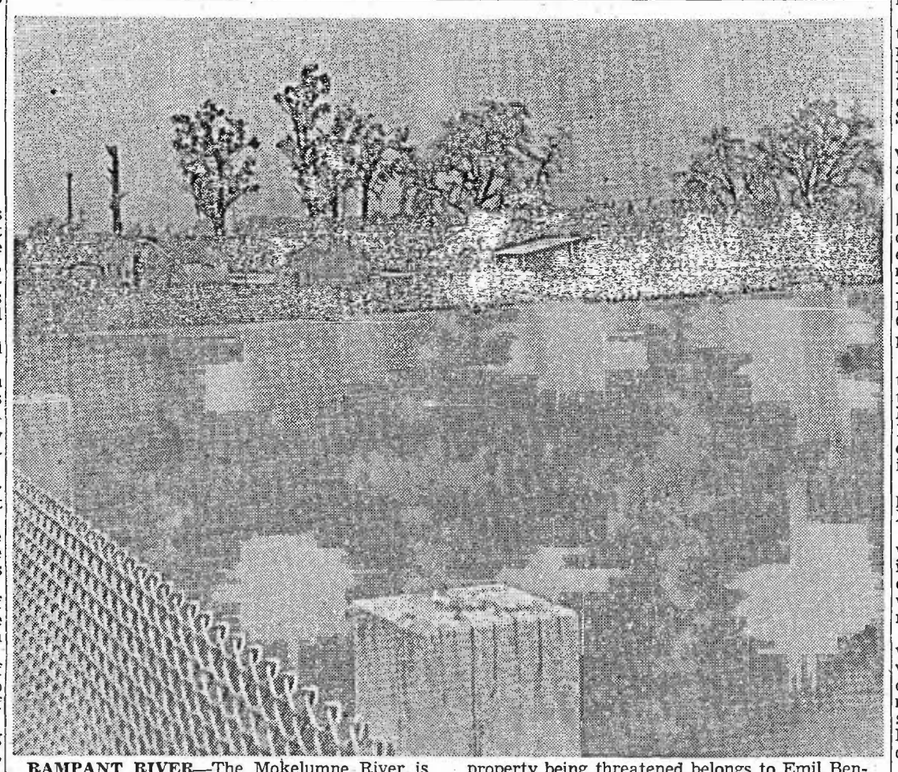
Will himself last night battled the flood waters surrounding his house on Peltier. Water continues to flow into his tool shop today.

The home of Herbert Buck Sr., in the Youngtown area, is surrounded by water at least one and a half feet to two feet deep.

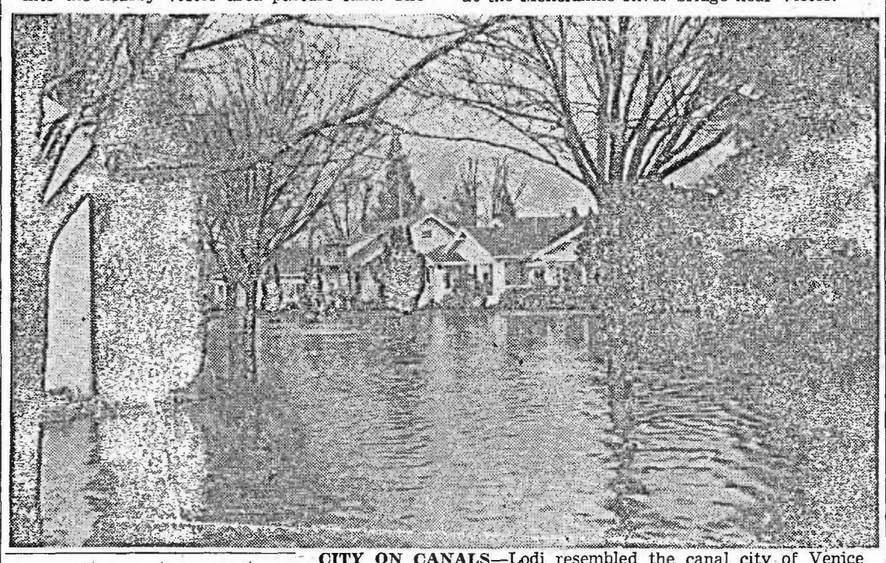
In the 36 years she has lived in the area, Mrs. Buck said she has never seen any situation like this before. Buck, who operates a winery, reported facilities there were flooded. Pumps were put into operation in an attempt to protect property.

One family in the area was reported evacuated.

Gill Creek is reported overflowing from Acampo Road to Lind's airport north of Lodi.



RAMPANT RIVER—The Mokelumne River is pictured as it over-runs its banks, washing out into the nearby Victor area pasture land. The property being threatened belongs to Emil Bender, well-known Lodian. The picture was taken at the Mokelumne River bridge near Victor.



CITY ON CANALS—Lodi resembled the canal city of Venice yesterday afternoon after a sudden and violent rain and hail storm. This was the general scene around Lodi, with many streets and intersections flooded. Many families were forced to sandbag their homes.

Corral Hollow Creek on Rampage; Inundates Large Area, Subsides

TRACY, April 3—Corral Hollow Creek flood waters were described as the worst since 1947, and as bad as the 1950 flood which caused havoc at the Pacific Cement & Aggregates Plant at Kerlinger, five miles south of Tracy.

J. Allen Hall, engineer for the Banta-Carbona Irrigation District, said between 1,000 and 1,500 feet of concrete lining was washed out of an irrigation ditch east of Chrisman Road.

"The flood waters," Hall explained, "went right over the ditch as though it were not there."

Other small ditches also were washed out, but Hall had no estimate of damage pending a more complete inspection, which he expected to make today in a "weasel," a small, amphibious vehicle.

He said the flood appears about equal to that of 1950, but has done more damage because the waters were diverted from the gravel pits this time, and ran over farm land instead.

At mid-morning, Hall estimated the water had dropped about two-thirds from what it was at its peak about midnight.

They also had a close call at the plant office of the Pacific Cement Aggregates south of Tracy, where Earle Williams, superintendent, said the flash flood hit a peak there about 7 o'clock last night, washed out a haulage road and broke into the pit briefly.

Workers hurriedly brought up reinforcements in the form of a big loading machine, checked the break, and got the swift waters once more back into their channel.

Williams said about 40 feet of the road was swept out to a depth of about foot. The water kept running at peak velocity until about midnight.

He estimated it was the heaviest flood the plant has had since it was built in 1947.

The only damage was to the road. The plant has been closed during the wet weather, except for shipping operations.

Allen Cook, superintendent of the Deuel Vocational Institution, reported the institution is keeping a close eye on both the creek and the San Joaquin River, but so far there has been no damage.

He noted a levee to the east is expected to ward off danger to the facility, and that a flood would have to be of major proportions to damage the buildings.

On the level farmlands at the foot of the creek it was touch and go last night. Tracy Rural Fire Department men and crews of the Banta-Carbona Irrigation District worked throughout the night as residents prepared to evacuate.

Nearly a dozen farmers in the path of the waters feared their homes would be damaged. Water lapped at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Gomez, and Mrs. Gomez and her daughter, Anita, fled to the Carbona Rural Fire Station to spend the night.

Gomez and neighbors stayed to sandbag a well, and watched as the bags disappeared almost as fact as they placed them in what appeared to be a cave-in. The brown, roily waters were at their peak from 11 o'clock until midnight, and began subsiding about 1 o'clock this morning.

Residents breathed a sigh of relief while at the same time keeping an eye on the skies this morning which threatened more rain.

Emmett Light, fireman at the Carbona Station, reported 15 or 20 rural firemen met there for a district meeting last night when the calls began coming in. They immediately went to work posting flares on flooded roads and aiding farmers in the area as needed throughout most of the night.

B-CID crews were on the job checking facilities and lending aid where needed.

W. B. Pankey, superintendent of the West Side Irrigation District, said all appeared to be all right after a check this morning.

He reported drain ditches filling up but so far no damage has resulted.

Firemen also reported they are watching the San Joaquin River area—especially at San Joaquin City and the Stewart Tract.

After dropping early in the week, the river was back up to a high level at San Joaquin City this morning.

Dance Charge in Lodi Court

LODI, April 3—One of two youths who "crashed" a Monday night teen-age dance in Woodbridge is scheduled to appear at 10 a.m. tomorrow in Lodi Judicial District Court on a charge of disturbing the peace.

Sheriff's deputies arrested Roger A. Oswald, 18, of 122 Live Oak, Woodbridge, after he allegedly became involved in a fight at the dance. It was sponsored by the T-Timers, local teen-age auto club, and was attended by 60 couples in the Lodi Elks Lodge Hall, Woodbridge. The lodge sponsors the club.

Oswald is accused of entering the dance despite the fact he was not invited. His companion, Bert L. Nordman, 19, of Rt. 2, Box 167, Lodi, was arrested for interfering with an officer in the line of duty.

Nordman, scheduled to appear in Municipal Court in Stockton, tried to persuade deputies they had no right to arrest his friend, officers said.

Oswald is at liberty on $500 bail.

MARSH CREEK ON RAMPAGE IN CONTRA COSTA

East Contra Costa County was hard hit yesterday and last night by some of the heaviest rains ever recorded in the area, with flood waters forcing evacuation of more than 50 persons in the Brentwood-Knightsen-Oakley area.

The rampaging Marsh Creek topped its banks yesterday afternoon in many areas, according to Brentwood Civil Defense Director Lloyd Allton. It was aided in its devastation by Kellogg Creek and Sand Creek.

The many orchards and fields west of Brentwood were inundated and the creeks only began to recede at 8 o'clock this morning.

Allton reported areas never hit by flood waters before were inundated. More than 50 persons were evacuated to the Edna Hill Elementary School in Brentwood, and 100 cots and 200 blankets were rushed to the school by National Guard truck.

KNIGHTSEN ISOLATED

The Knightsen area is isolated today, with all roads leading to the community under water. Phone service in the Oakley and Knightsen communities was cut off, according to the Oakley sheriff's substation.

Evacuated families were transported by Edna Hill School and Liberty Union High School buses.

Rainfall in the Oakley-Brentwood section was recorded at 1.06 inches, for a new season record of 22.05. The rainfall in Antioch was heavy, setting a new season record of 21.05 inches.

In the Antioch area, the Highway 4-24, four-lane divided freeway was closed at 4 p.m. yesterday and still was closed this morning. At the height of the storm last night the Loveridge Road Underpass was under 10 feet of water.

A National Guard truck was used to save a stranded motorist who had climbed to the top of his auto after water in the underpass began rising around the stalled vehicle. He said he could not swim.

The car later was covered by the rising water.

RESERVOIR OVERFLOWS

The Antioch Municipal Reservoir overflowed its banks and has flooded the City Golf Course, according to Harold Levy, Antioch assistant civil defense director.

A Standard Oil Co. gasoline pipeline at the rear of the Dow Chemical Co. plant broke yesterday and 2,000 gallons of gasoline valued at $600 poured out before it could be stopped. Repairs later yesterday were made.

The El Rio Hotel, just west of Antioch, suffered water damage on the ground floor when runoff water from the Contra Costa County Fairgrounds ran into the structure.

ISLAND LEVEE OUT

Only truck traffic could get to Bethel Island. High water on roads halted smaller vehicles.

A levee on Bouldin Island, near Bethel Island, was reported out and threatening island property.

In another incident Anthony Russell, 31, a Pittsburg radio station news director, and Dave Wentworth, the pilot of a light plane, escaped injury when the plane they were taking off in nosed over on Antioch Airport runway, damaging the craft.

Contra Costa County Civil defense officials reported more than 1,250 persons in the county were evacuated yesterday and last night because of flood conditions.

Lodi Lions to Help Seniors

LODI, April 3—The Lodi Lions Club announced yesterday it will spearhead efforts to obtain a permanent location for a Senior Citizens Center.

President Dean B. Curry told club members that Dr. Frank V. Johnson Jr., optometrist, is chairman of a committee to work on the campaign.

Johnson said a meeting will be held tomorrow night to discuss possible locations for the center and plans.

The 81-member Lodi Senior Citizens Club has been meeting in temporary facilities in the Lodi Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall on Pine and School streets.

Because of the age of some members, however, and because the hall is on the second floor of a building at that location, the quarters are not considered wholly adequate.

Heavy Rains Swell Mountain Creeks; More Snow Piles Up

Old Man Weather was still huffing and puffing in the Sierra today and there appears no letup in heavy snow and rain.

New snow whipped by heavy winds piled drifts at higher elevations. At lower elevations heavy rains and winds hampered travel on highways.

Rock slides were reported yesterday and last night on Highway 120 in Tuolumne County at Shawmut Grade, five miles south of Yosemite Junction, and at Kanaka Creek, eight miles south of the same junction.

Weary state and county crews spent the night clearing the highway of the rocks and debris. The highway remains open.

The Tuolumne River last night threatened to spill over its banks at the Mountain River Lodge, 10 miles southeast of Yosemite Junction, according to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Thomason, operators of the resort.

However, at an early hour this morning they reported the river waters dropping slowly.

IONE THREAT

In amador County, Sutter Creek ran over its banks west of Ione and several families and residents of a trailer court were ordered out of the area at 3 a.m. Two hours later the home dwellers were allowed to return but the trailers were kept out of the area.

Only home actually flooded by Sutter Creek was that of Noel Stewart.

ROAD CLOSED

Swollen Little John Creek, rushing down to the Valley from Calaveras County, was responsible for closure of Highway 4 from Copperopolis to Stockton.

Road crews said an approach to a bridge about two miles east of the San Joaquin County line necessitated the closure.

Practically all creeks in Calaveras County are at the point of spilling over. However no damage had been reported up to this morning.

TUOLUMNE

Snow line is at Tamb's Station at the 3,000-foot level. Chains are required at Sugar Pine, and advisable at Tamb's.

Snow depths: Twain Harte, 2 inches; Sugar Pine, 4 new, 6 total; Long Barn, 10 new, 31 total; Cold Springs, 18 new, 53 total; Strawberry, 16 new, 39 total; Bumble Bee, 12 new, 65 total; Cow Creek, 12 new, 78 total, and Dodge Ridge, 24 new, 245 total at the top, and 24 new and 193 total at the bottom.

Low temperature at Dodge Ridge this morning was 24 degrees and it was snowing. Ski resort employes there said shoveling operations are in order to allow skiers to use ski lifts in spots where snow has drifted.

CALAVERAS

Snow and rain continued to fall heavily in Calaveras County overnight and swollen streams are spilling over their banks but no flood damage had been reported up to this morning.

Snow conditions prevail on higher elevation highways. Chains are advisable at Hathaway Pines and required at Arnold.

There are patches of snow at Brice's Station; six inches at Arnold; 30 at the side of the Ebbett Pass Highway at Big Trees; 42 inches at the 5,000-foot elevation; 36 inches at Camp Connell.

There were 9.2 inches of new snow reported inside Big Trees State Park where the total snowpack now is 29 inches. It was 30 degrees in the Park at 9 a.m. Similar temperature was recorded at Camp Connell at the same time. It was snowing in both places.

Angels Camp reported 2.36 inches of rain in the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today, a record for the current rain season.

AMADOR

Heavy snow last night with more in the offing resulted in closure of Highway 88 at Ham's Station, 28 miles east of Jackson.

Normal winter closure point is Peddler Hill, 35 miles east of Jackson.

Merv Amick and his wife, operators of the Peddler Hill Ski Resort, were evacuated when the new closure point was established.

Snowline is at Buckhorn where 2 inches of snow fell in the night. Chains are required at Cook's Station, and advisable at Buckhorn.

Other snow depths: Dew Drop, 8 new, 18 total; Cook's, 16 new, 50 total; Ham's Stations, 18 new, 76 total.

Stanislaus River Over Flood Stage; Peak Is Reached

The Stanislaus River was reported flowing at flood stage early this morning with 10,500 second-feet of water coursing into the San Joaquin River to increase that already swollen stream.

Flood stage is considered 10,000 second feet, according to Allen Holbrook, general superintendent of the Oakdale Irrigation District.

Holbrook said the 10,500-foot figure will be the peak, with a slight drop reported late this morning.

The Tulloch Dam was reported spilling 4,000 acre feet, with 61,613 acre feet in the reservoir. Capacity is 66,968, leaving a surplus of over 5,000 acre feet yet to go.

Holbrook said Melones Dam was spilling slightly this morning.

UP 3 FEET

As a result of the increased flow on the Stanislaus, it has raised three feet in the past 24 hours, according to reports in Ripon. City officials there said there is a flood threat, but it is not immediate.

There has been general flooding in Ripon streets, and Roberts Road was reported impassable in the southwest section.

At San Joaquin City, some 10 miles west of Ripon, the river has reached the 23.6-foot level. It has risen rapidly.

Some evacuation has taken place at Sturgeon Bend on the mouth of the Stanislaus. Flood stage there is 25 feet, with less than two feet to go.

Levee seepage has flooded lowlands in both the Ripon and Manteca areas. Farmers and other area residents are watching levees with worried looks on their faces.

UNDER 2 FEET

In another section of San Joaquin County, Leland Disch, who operates his Golden Bear Ranch in the Clements area, reported the ranch is under two feet of water in spots, with the situation worse than in 1955.

The Al Engle family has loaded swine and other livestock onto trucks and trailers to get the animals out of flooded grounds.

In a report from Neil Locke, president of the Mokelumne River Irrigation District, the Mokelumne River was flowing at 8,000 second feet at 8 o'clock this morning.

HOLDING WELL

The river still has four feet of freeboard with most of the levees holding well. He said there is no immediate danger.

Pardee Dam still was reported holding to 4,000 second feet of release, with another 4,000 coming from rain water runoff entering the stream from below the dam.

A levee on the river's north side broke last night, but flooded only 14 acres of sugar beets. Spinach ready for harvest may be lost because of wet ground and inability to get farm laborers into the fields to harvest it.

Flood Control Meeting Delayed

LODI, April 3—Bear Creek Soil Conservation District officials today cancelled a mass meeting at 8 o'clock tonight to hear residents' opinions on flood control measures in the area.

Ironically, flood waters themselves were responsible for the cancellation. The meeting was scheduled for the Live Oak School on Wyandot Road, but raging Bear Creek flood waters are reported inundating the vicinity.

W. B. Kitto of the board announced the meeting probably will be re-scheduled after the emergency is over.

Another reason for the cancellation, he said, was the death yesterday of the mother of Vernon Lehman, chairman of the soil conservation district board of directors.

Lehman had arranged the meeting to give all parties interested in flood control measures of the district, or those with complaints, an opportunity to express themselves.

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LINDEN AREA INUNDATION—This photograph taken from the air this morning shows the devastation to farmlands and surrounding countryside in the Linden area as a result of record rains and terrific runoff which has swollen streams to overflowing and has saturated the earth to a point where it no longer will absorb continuing rainfall. This is typical of much of San Joaquin County today. (Record photo)

NEW STORM AGAIN SETS RECORD; HOMES FLOODED

LODI, April 3—Another local rainfall record was smashed this morning, making this the wettest season here in 51 years.

Waldon Klaffke, local weather reporter at the Lodi Sewage Disposal plant, reports rainfall in the last 24 hours measured 1.76 inches, to bring the season's total to 24.74. This is the highest since 1906-07, when rainfall measured 25.98 inches.

At the same time last year rainfall was 10.31 inches. Normal is 14.85 inches.

Klaffke said torrential downpours throughout yesterday sent an extra million and a half gallons of storm waters flowing through the disposal plant. Normal flow is about two million gallons.

STREETS FLOOD

Generally, the storm in Lodi caused streets to flood and endanger homes. Some trees toppled over.

The whipping rain lasted nearly an hour, and when it was spent, Lodi resembled the canal city of Venice.

Many streets and intersections were impassable with from four inches to a foot and a half of surface water. The public works department blockaded a number of streets, and were forced to sandbag some homes to prevent further damage.

Perhaps the "wettest" of Lodi's families was the Louis Farnsworth family. Farnsworth, the Lodi civil defense director, was practically "washed out" of his home at 105 S. Crescent by the torrential downpour.

WORKERS BLOCKED

City workers blocked Crescent Avenue between Pine and Elm streets, then pitched in with Farnsworth to help sand-bag his home. The water crept up to the very doorways of Farnsworth's residence, turning the house into an island, surrounded by over a foot of water. The water seeped through the foundation and damaged the house's heating unit and drainage systems.

Rain waters gushed in the Turner Road underpass, forcing city officials to close the road there.

Meanwhile, Manager George Creighton of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. in Lodi, ordered the company's equipment center at Church and Elm streets sandbagged.

SANDBAGGED OFFICE

The telephone office in Thornton also will be sandbagged, he said.

There were scattered and momentary interruptions in telephone service in this area yesterday, Creighton said, and no major difficulties were encountered as of this morning. Crews are on a stand-by basis.

William Harkins, manager of the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. in Lodi, said rains caused a failure in apparatus at the Lockeford Street-Railroad Avenue station yesterday afternoon, resulting in power failures north of Lodi and south of the district.

POWER OUT

A 12,000-volt feeder line was knocked out of service, and power was interrupted, in some cases, for as long as an hour. Auxiliary equipment was used to restore service until permanent repairs could be made, he said.

The Lodi Rescue Unit, a group of young men, was called out to aid several Lodi families in pumping out flooded basements, and removing valuables from endangered areas.

In the early evening the storm slackened and a soggy quiet fell over the Grape City, allowing residents temporary opportunity to dry out. Much of the surface water had been accounted for by drainage by 8:30 p.m., and most of the streets had been opened to traffic.

LODI MOOSE ELECT CORPS

LODI, April 3—Curt Greiss, 240½ Eden, last night was named to succeed Robert Baker as governor of the Lodi Moose Lodge.

Also elected during a meeting in the Moose Hall were John Smith, junior governor; Myron Wehr, prelate; Clarence Papke, treasurer, and Fred Williams, who will serve as a trustee for three years.

Holdover officers are Sherwood Acker, secretary, and Henry Gunsch and William Ullmann, trustees with one and two years, respectively, to serve.

Four other officers—sergeant-at-arms, assistant sergeant-at-arms, inner guard, and outer guard—will be appointed prior to the installation scheduled April 19.

Greiss, a resident of Lodi for many years, is service manager of Loeppke and Keszler, local auto agency. He has been a member of the Moose Lodge for more than five years, and last year served as junior governor.

He and his wife, Betty, are parents of a daughter, Vickie, 6.

Car Hits Lodi House in Storm

LODI, April 3—An auto smashed into a house at 241 S. Hutchins yesterday during a heavy rainstorm.

The driver, Joseph A. Warner, 739½ S. Washington, was not hurt. The house, owned by Roy Prideaux, was not badly damaged, but the car was.

Police did not issue any citations.

Warner told officers he was headed south of Hutchins and turned to the right to avoid a northbound vehicle. He lost control of his car, he said, and it jumped a curb, skidded, and struck the northeast corner of the frame dwelling.

Mrs. Marion A. Silva

TRACY, April 3—Mrs. Marion A. Silva, 66, wife of the late Henry Silva, a Tracy district farmer for many years, died Tuesday after a long illness in the family home, 1513 McKinley Avenue.

A native of San Jose, Mrs. Silva had lived in San Joaquin County 22 years.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Inez Hoffman of Sacramento; Mary Silva and Mrs. Helen Harmon, both of Tracy, and a son, Henry S. Silva of Tracy. She was the grandmother of four.

A rosary will be recited at 8 o'clock tonight in the Hotchkiss mortuary, with graveside services in the Tracy Cemetery to be announced.

SHORT SESSION LAST NIGHT BY LODI COUNCIL

LODI, April 3—Perhaps it was the rain and the floods.

Maybe it was the advent of the municipal election next Tuesday.

Or it could have been a light and routine agenda.

Whatever the case, the City Council had one of its shortest—if not THE shortest—meeting of the year last night.

In an hour councilmen:

1. Agreed to authorize deeds for the exchange of city property with owners of the Houston and Griffin properties in connection with a frontage road project on the east side of Highway 99, between Pine Street and Victor Road.

GRANT REQUEST

2. Granted the Krieger Motor Co., 117 S. Sacramento, a request for another driveway to allow access to a showroom. The driveway will eliminate one parking stall.

3. Awarded a bid to John Brusa, Lodi, the only bidder, to operate a mobile concession at Lawrence Park for 5 per cent of the gross profits.

4. Granted the contractor in charge of a flood-control levee project at Lodi Lake, near the Mokelumne River, an additional six weeks to complete the job. Rains have prevented work recently. About $1,000 worth of work remains to be finished.

OK PAYMENT

5. Authorized payment of bills in the amount of $84,238.

6. Granted rezoning to Louis Fugazi of land in the vicinity of Ham Lane, between Locust and Lockeford streets, to allow for construction of a duplex dwelling. The change is from R-1 to R-2 residential.

100-Day Sentence on Check Charges

LODI, April 3—Arnold J. Swanson, 43, former advertising manager for Lodi radio station KCVR, was sentenced yesterday to 100 days in the County Jail after he pleaded guilty to one of three counts of petty theft charges.

The latter two counts were dismissed by Judge Robert A. Bainbridge upon request of the district attorney's office.

Swanson withdrew a not guilty plea to the charges which he entered last week.

The judge suspended 60 days of the jail term on condition Swanson makes restitution to the Hotel Lodi, whose checks he admitted using Dec. 23 in the amount of $150.

He must make restitution within 90 days after his release from jail. The judge gave him credit for 20 days already served while awaiting court appearances.

The two counts dismissed involved checks written Dec. 24 in the amount of $40 against the hotel, and one for $18.15 written Dec. 24 against the Toggery, local men's apparel shop.

Swanson was arrested the weekend of March 15 in San Francisco.

Good Friday Rites in Tracy

TRACY, April 3—The faithful in Tracy were preparing to attend Catholic and Protestant churches of their choice in observance of Good Friday tomorrow.

In addition, Maundy Thursday evening services are planned at 8 o'clock tonight in St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

At St. Bernard's Catholic Church there will be no morning mass tomorrow, but stations of the cross and a sermon are scheduled to start at 2 p.m. Mass and holy communion are scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

Two groups of Protestant churches will hold combined Good Friday observances.

St. Mark's Episcopal, the First Methodist, First Presbyterian, First Christian and the Protestant chaplain of Deuel Vocational Institution will hold union services in the First Methodist Church from 12 until 3 p.m., with the Rev. Lorne Mee, the Methodist pastor, acting as host.

The services will include meditations on the Last Seven Words on the Cross.

The Tracy Ministerial Association, composed of the pastors of the North Side Assembly of God, the Assembly of God Church, the First Baptist Church, the First Church of the Nazarene and the First Brethren Church, will hold joint services tomorrow from 12:15 until 1:15 p.m. in the Nazarene Church, 1647 Bessie Avenue. The Rev. M. R. Deeds of the Assembly of God Church will be in charge.

From 1:30 until 2:30 p.m. the worshippers will meet in the First Assembly of God Church, Eleventh and Wall streets, where Rev. N. B. Graham of the Nazarene Church will officiate.

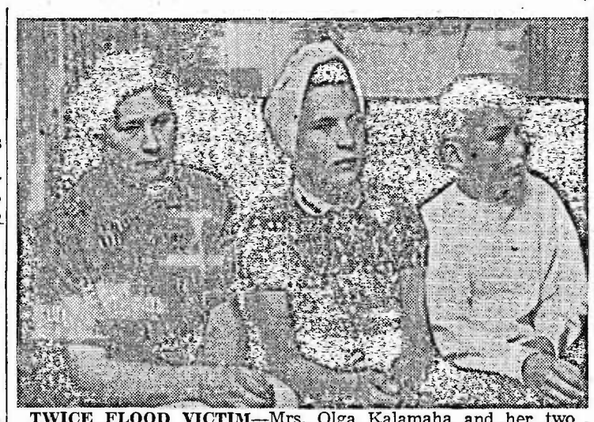
St. Paul's Lutheran—Good Friday services at 7:30 p.m., including film strips on Presentation of the Passion.

Mrs. Mary Sevo

LODI, April 3—Mrs. Mary Sevo, 57, a resident of Lodi for 34 years, died unexpectedly Tuesday while on a trip to San Francisco.

She was a native of Colorado and is survived by her husband, George, Rt. 1, Box 175, Lodi; two sons, Donald Sevo and George Sevo Jr., both of Lodi; three sisters, Mrs. Catherine Thomas, Sacramento; Mrs. A. Moleski and Mrs. Margaret Moleski, both of Colorado, and a brother, Tony Mehelich, also of Colorado.

Funeral services are being arranged by the Wells Funeral Home.



TWICE FLOOD VICTIM—Mrs. Olga Kalamaha and her two children, Marilyn, age 13, and Bob, age 11, are pictured at the home of a neighbor, after retreating before the rampaging Bear Creek flood waters. This was the second time in ten days Mrs. Kalamaha was forced to abandon her farm because of threatening water.

HARMONY GROVE WIDOW, TWICE EVACUATED, TELLS HER STORY

LODI, April 3—A 45-year-old Harmony Grove widow and her two young children sat dejectedly, yet patiently, in a Collier Road home yesterday, watching the rain fall on the already saturated earth.

For the second time in 10 days, Mrs. Olga Kalamaha and her children, 13-year-old Marilyn and 11-year-old Bob, were forced to leave their small dairy farm on Tokay and Highway 88 to escape the rampaging Bear Creek flood waters.

Ten days ago Mrs. Kalamaha's farm was inundated by a foot of water. She packed up her possessions and took refuge at the ranch of neighbor Phil Flint to the south.

The soft-spoken widow just recently moved back into her home, and with the threatening of another flood was forced Monday to move to her brother's farm on Collier Road. The brother is Art Schnaible.

HUSBAND KILLED

Mrs. Kalamaha purchased the farm in November of 1956, after coming to this area from Minnot, N.D. She had lived near Minnot on a 320-acre ranch with her husband and three children. In 1953 tragedy struck when Kalamaha and an 8-year-old son were killed in a tractor accident.

Mrs. Kalamaha was faced with running the large ranch, and attempted to do so by renting the land at a quarter share. Things just did not work out, and as the widow puts it:

"We had a lot of land, but there was no income."

She decided to come to California to look for work, and took a job as waitress in the Bay Area in 1954 working there for two years. The family moved to the Harmony Grove area in 1956.

FARM LIFE FOR CHILDREN

Mrs. Kalamaha wanted to give her children a farm life environment, saying: "Living on a farm is better for the children. It helps to prevent juvenile delinquency."

The most important thing to the Kalamaha family right now is their 22 head of cattle. Mrs. Kalamaha has taken half of the herd to the farm of her brother, and half have been taken to the farm of Fred Schnaible, a second brother, living on Woodson Road.

The cattle represent the only possible source of income available to the family, and because of the storms and poor conditions, the herd is not fit to sell, according to Mrs. Kalamaha.

RED CROSS AIDS

Her relatives appealed to the Red Cross and that organization responded by providing a ton of hay a week for feed. However, Mrs. Kalamaha still is unable to properly care for the herd.

"Unless some more help comes for the cattle, they will have to die," says the belabored mother.

She said, "I am especially grateful to my neighbors for all the wonderful and unselfish aid they have given me."

Mrs. Kalamaha, who has impaired vision to add to her troubles, is especially mindful of attempting to give her children as many of the advantages of those with two parents, saying:

EMPHATIC ON FLOOD CONTROL

"They're both musically inclined. I'm giving Bob accordion lessons. It is very hard to raise the children as I know they should be. I try very hard, but sometimes . . ."

She is very emphatic when it comes to the discussion of the possiblities of flood control in this area.

"I will go to every meeting held on the flood control. I'll go to the one in Stockton today, and the Bear Creek meeting tonight. I certainly think something should be done."

The heavy rains, according to other farm owners of the area, have ruined Mrs. Kalamaha's pasture land. Another brother, Elmer Schnaible, has given up an overseas job in the Marshall Islands in order to work on her ranch.

"He's giving up his life to help me," said the widow. "Perhaps together we can straighten things out, but I just don't know. I just don't know."

4-H'ers Hosts at Parents Night

LOCKEFORD, April 3—A record number of parents and guests attended the Harmony Grove 4-H Club annual Parents Night last week.

Miss Shirley Azevedo, Home Adviser, was a special guest. She explained the International Farm Youth Exchange program and the club voted a $10 contribution to the fund.

Demonstrations were presented by Edward Parker Jr., Gary Murdock, Penny Mettler, Billy Angelo, Arthur Vallerga Jr., Sharlene Mettler, and Marilyn Hieb.

Plans were made to tour the Sunbeam Baking Co. and the Walnut Growers plants in Stockton.

Roger Mettler was general chairman for the Parents Night event assisted by Jeanette Bender, Marie Knoll and Gerald Scholl. Other committees were Carol Murdock, Earl Schneider, Gary Lind, Rosemary Moore, David Hieb, Patty Mettler and Sharlene Mettler, decorations; Lynn Kludt, Charlotte Eberhard, Marilyn Kalamaha, Ronald Mettler, Terry Rutan and Edward Parker, serving; Dick Lind and Gary Murdock, cleanup.

Delta Area Ranchers in Water Vigil

Delta ranchers are keeping a wary eye on tide and wind conditions.

Because of the high tides at this time of the month and the heavy runoff, water was nuzzling the tops of levees in some places, observers described the situation as "critical" and likely to remain so through tonight.

Robert Nessler, owner of the King Island Fishing Resort, said he began taking readings every 15 minutes, starting at 1:15 o'clock this morning, and noted a rise of 11 inches an hour as the tide came in.

Nessler said after high tide was reached this morning, the water receded at a much slower rate.

He indicated that comparatively high water conditions would prevail at the next high tide.

This, he said, presents a possibility of flooding.

Nessler said ranchers in the vicinity of his resort were without electricity for their pumps for about two hours yesterday, and many of the ditches were filled to capacity.

Lodi Mayor Vote May 15

LODI, April 3—A new mayor is scheduled to be elected by the City Council at 8 p.m. May 15 when new councilmen are installed.

The session will be the annual re-organization meeting of the council. Votes in Tuesday's municipal election also will be canvassed officially.

There are three vacant seats on the council. Six candidates, including Mayor George Hughes and Councilman Boyd Mitchell, incumbents, are in the race. Councilman B. W. Fuller has declined to run again.

The regular council meeting will be held at 8 p.m. April 16.

Lodi Man Pays Fine in Court

LODI, April 3—A $100 fine was paid yesterday by Garvin Brodehl, 39, auto mechanic of 510 S. Church, who pleaded guilty to a charge of being drunk in or about an auto.

He paid the fine to escape a 40-day jail term imposed by Judge Robert A. Bainbridge as an alternative.

Brodehl was arrested Feb. 22 by highway patrolmen on Highway 99. Originally he was charged with drunken driving, but yesterday, on request of the district attorney's office, the complaint was amended to the new charge.

5 New Crosswalks Approved in Lodi

LODI, April 3—Five new crosswalks, designed to better channel pedestrian traffic, were approved last night by the City Council.

The walks, recommended by the City Engineering Department, are on California Street, north and south of Holly Drive; on California Street, north and south of Louie Avenue; on Crescent Avenue, south of Lodi Avenue, and four-way walks at Lee and Tokay streets and School and Tokay streets.

Tragedy Hits Family of 8 Living in Parked Car Near Police Station

MODESTO, April 3—A man and his wife and their six children arrived here April 1 in search for work. They were living in their 1948 sedan on a lot beside a cafe behind the Greyhound station.

Last night the youngest child, Diana Lynn, four months, died. The parents, Margaret and Richard Vanderhoof came to the Stanislaus County Jail for assistance. The couple was distraught over the death of their youngest child and Stanislaus Sheriff's deputies rushed them to the county hospital.

Here doctors were unable to determine if the baby died of pneumonia or had suffocated. Because the family was living in the city of Modesto on a parking lot about a block from the police station, the case was turned over to city officers for action.

Police say that a conference with Deputy District Attorney Al Wolfe brought the information that the couple should be booked until an autopsy could be performed to determine the cause of death.

So jailer and deputies who a short time before had attempted to assist two distraught parents, found themselves in the role of booking Margaret, 26, and Richard, 28, for contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Police said this morning that the children, ranging in age from seven years to 18 months, had been taken to the receiving home, with the youngest left at the hospital for care. Police said the children were dirty and that the parents should have found some shelter for them although Vanderhoof only had $11 on him for food and said he had been unable to find work. The family was never checked out by patroling officers nor did police know they were living in the car until the baby died last night.

Officers completed their estimate of the family and the case by stating, "If the child died of pneumonia and there aren't any charges to be brought against them, why the booking charge can always be dismissed."

The baby's body is at the Franklin and Downs Funeral Home, about a block from where its parents occupy separate cells in the jail.

Manteca, Tracy to Vote on Bonds for Libraries

Voters in the cities of Tracy and Manteca will go to the polls Tuesday to cast municipal election ballots on several issues, and included in these is a decision whether each community will have a new library.

A Tracy general obligation bond issue is based on a proposal to construct a $103,000 library.

The Manteca general obligation bond issue proposal is to construct a $65,000 structure.

Both must pass by two-thirds majorities.

Both proposals are for 20-year general obligation bonds, and both call for 5,000-square-foot buildings.

In Manteca, the proposed new library building would be located on city-owned property at the corner of Center Street and Manteca Avenue. The structure would be built to allow for expansion.

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SHELF SPACE

Shelf space is proposed for 10,000 books, with seating capacity for 60 persons. In addition adequate book space and reading area would be provided for children using the library; a special reading collection would be available for teen-agers; a basic information and reference collection would be available for use, and a public meeting room would be included.

The library also would be built with adequate off-street parking facilities.

The Manteca Library Committee reports the 20-year bonds would mean the average $10,000 home would be paying only $2.68 a year in taxes for the library.

COLLECTION UP

The present book collection has increased from 1946 a total of 129 per cent—from 3,600 volumes to 8,248. At the same time population jumped from 3,200 to 6,000.

Circulation of juvenile books alone during this period increased 231 per cent—from 8,000 to more than 25,000 volumes.

During this period no extra space has been provided for the library. Space provided for all library activities is 900 square feet and librarians report no more room available for juvenile books.

The Tracy library site will be selected by city officials to fit in with the city's general plan. Recommendations from interested groups will be given consideration.

The Tracy Library Committee reports the average homeowner with a $10,000 dwelling will pay only about $1.80 a year on the bonds.

TOTAL COST

The building proposed would consist of 5,000 square feet, with the total cost to include the building, architectural and engineering fees, materials, testing, bond prospectus costs, and furnishings for the library itself.

Books are available, most at no extra cost to the taxpayer, to fill shelves whenever the space is available.

The new building will provide easy accessibility with a minimum of steps and walks; shelf space for at least 15,000 books for children, teen-agers, and adults; seating space for at least 60 persons; a basic information and reference collection, and a multi-purpose room for such uses as lectures, story hours, films and exhibits, and discussion groups.

It will be built on a flexible plan allowing expansion if needed, and will have adequate off-street parking.

The present library is overcrowded, obsolete, and inadequate. It is striving to fill a need which has increased 277 per cent since 1946, and a book collection which has increased 320 per cent, without increase in shelf or reading room space.

There is no room for new children's books, for a basic collection of reference works, for reading and study areas, and a multi-purpose room.

County library service pays for books in all branch libraries, as well as personnel and supervision. It is the responsibility of local communities to provide a building, equipment, and maintenance adequate for its needs.

Vandalism

LODI, April 3—A new house under construction at 506 Gerard has been damaged, apparently by youthful vandals, police were informed yesterday.

The report was made by Earl Campbell, 524 S. Lee, who said window panes have been broken with BB pellets. Plaster has been torn and marred, he added. He has requested more frequent police patrols of the area.

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BETTER PLACES FOR LEARNING—In the top photo is pictured the crowded Manteca Library, which has been termed inadequate by many citizens. In the bottom photo is the Tracy Library, also reportedly cramped and over-crowded. On Tuesday Manteca voters will go to the polls to vote on a $65,000 library bond issue. On the same day, Tracy citizens will vote on a $103,000 library bond issue.

New '12' Route Urged in Lodi

LODI, April 3—A plan to relocate and reconstruct Highway 12 from the Rio Vista Bridge to the Mokelumne River was urged last night by the City Council.

Councilmen gave emphatic support to a resolution from the City of Rio Vista, which asks the State Division of Highways to begin construction at the earliest possible date.

Rio Vista officials said it is their understanding the state has surveyed and obtained rights of way for the direct route of the highway from the Rio Vista Bridge across Brannan Island.

Lodi Councilman B. W. Fuller urged fellow councilmen to support Rio Vista's stand. The project, he said, has been in the planning stages for about 10 years.

In addition, Councilman Willard J. Robinson suggested the division of highways be urged to complete all other Highway 12 projects from Terminous east to and including an underpass at the Southern Pacific crossing on Kettleman Lane (actually Highway 12 within the Lodi city limits).

Robinson was reminded, however, the Lodi District Chamber of Commerce highway committee already is working on this program.

Tracy Unit Endorses Bonds, Elects Corps

TRACY, April 3—The Eagles Lodge last night endorsed the $103,000 bond issue for a public library on the Tuesday municipal election ballot.

Maurice Pedro was elected president at the meeting.

Other officers named to serve with Pedro for the coming year include:

August Kristof, vice-president; Ray Thompson, chaplain; Andrew Munoz, conductor; Charles Payne, secretary; C. C. Thomas, treasurer; Harold Hanson, inside guard; Don Dover, outside guard, and A. DeCriscio, trustee.

Delegates to the state convention are Harold Rossiter, Thomas, and Thompson. Alternates are Kristof, De Criscio, Pedro, John Martin, and Payne.

Mrs. Alice Lehman

LODI, April 3—Mrs. Alice Lehman, 80, mother of Vernon Lehman, chairman of the Bear Creek Soil Conservation District, died yesterday in her Live Oak area home after a long illness.

A native of Willis, Va., Mrs. Lehman came to Lodi in 1910 with her husband, John, who survives. The couple established their home on Cherokee Lane in the Live Oak area.

Besides her husband and son Vernon, Mrs. Lehman is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Vyvien Phares, Woodland; two grandchildren, James Lehman, Sacramento, and Mrs. Deirdre Eriksen, France, and a great-granddaughter, Julie Lynn Lehman.

Also surviving are two brothers, Price Quessenberry, Waterford, and Denton Quessenberry, Stockton.

Funeral services are being arranged by the East-Pine Funeral Home.

Party Given

BRENTWOOD, April 3—Stockton Blue Bird Campfire Girls were entertained at an Easter party given by Byron Brownie Troop 227 here recently.

The event, including an Easter egg hunt, games, and refreshments, was held in the Brownie clubhouse in the Brentwood Dairy.

Mrs. Dorothy Schimps is leader and Mrs. James Jarvis assistant leader of the Brownie group.

Two Received in Lockeford

LOCKEFORD, April 3—Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Mendoca, Lockeford area ranchers, were received as new members of the Lockeford Grange at a recent meeting.

The meeting featured a "Mad Hatter's Night" with visitors from the Galt Valley Oaks Grange acting as judges. They were Misses Helen and Clara Stamps, Mrs. Cora Blevins, and Mr. and Mrs. Stan Brookins.

Grange Master Hal Murphy walked away with the prize for the funniest hat, and Mrs. Robert Groom won the award for "most original." Mrs. Robert Dietderich's headwear was judged the prettiest.

The April 5 meeting of the Grange has been canceled in observance of Good Friday. The second bi-monthly meeting will be held April 18 with a dinner honoring attendance contest winners of Team 2.

The Harmony Grove 4-H Club will provide entertainment.

Jerry Patton was named general chairman for the Grange's public ravioli dinners, scheduled for April 19. Mr. and Mrs. Ross Stackhouse were in charge of the potluck refreshments after the meeting.

Mrs. Alma Johnson

MANTECA, April 3—Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. tomorrow in the Bergthold Mortuary for Mrs. Alma S. Johnson, 71, who died yesterday in her home at 829 Virginia.

She had been ill a long time.

A native of Canada, Mrs. Johnson had been a local resident since 1931. She was a member of the Brethren Church.

She is survived by her husband, Ross; two sons, Bruce of Manteca and George of Sacramento; two daughters, Mrs. Betty Whisman of Manteca and Mrs. Dorothea Reynolds of Modesto.

The Rev. Milton Robinson of the Brethren Church will officiate at the rites. Interment will be in East Union Cemetery.

Manteca to Vote on Bond Issues

MANTECA, April 3 — Incumbents Delbert Luck and Henry Loumena are unopposed for their council seats in the Tuesday municipal elections.

Luck will be trying for his third term. He was first elected in April, 1950.

Loumena is in engaging in his first election. He was appointed Nov. 14, 1955, to fill the unexpired term of Joe McCabe, who resigned.

The regular county precincts are consolidated for the municipal elections and polling places will be: Yosemite School, W. Yosemite Ave.; FESM Banquet Hall, N. Main; Hodson's garage, 139 N. Sherman, and the American Legion Hall, 242 E. Yosemite.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Two matters before voters will be: A $95,000 bond issue for the acquisition, construction, and completion of water system improvements, including an elevated steel water tank with 300,000-gallon capacity, a tower and foundation, replacement and extension of water distribution lines, easements, rights-of-way, and other works, property, or structures necessary for improvement of the municipal water system.

A $65,000 bond issue for the acquisition, construction, and completion of a municipal library to be constructed on city-owned land in the old Manteca Ballpark at Center and Manteca avenues. It will include the building, book storage space, multi-purpose room, shelving, furniture, fixtures, equipment, apparatus, off-street parking facilities, and other site improvements.

Mayor Carl Hansen has said taxes will not be raised if the water bond issue is approved. Plans have been set up to issue general obligation bonds to run for 19 years. The bonds and interest would be retired with revenue from the water department at the rate of $5,000 a year.

Easter—
Is a FAMILY Day!
DINE TOGETHER
In the Magnificent Manor House
Dining Room Open 12 Hours
11 A.M. until 11 P.M.
Easter Sunday
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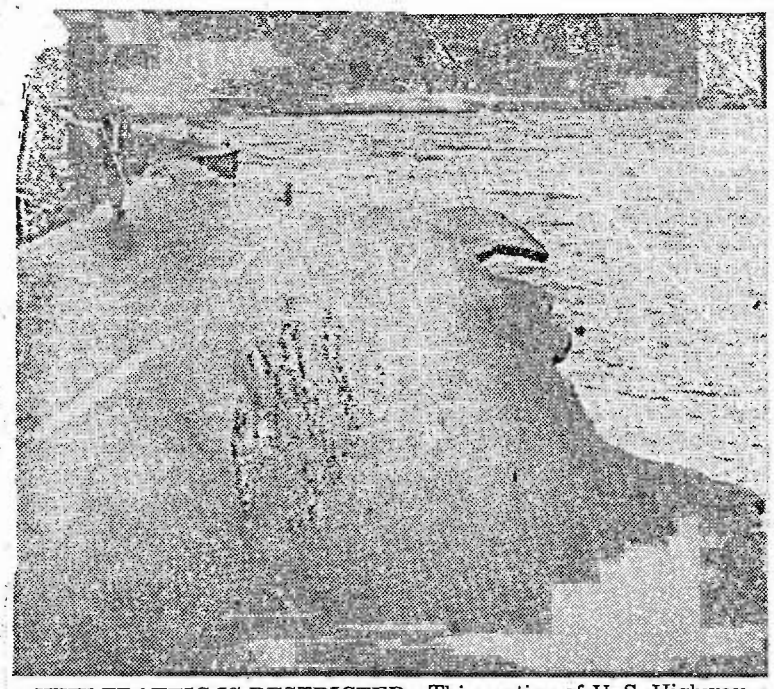
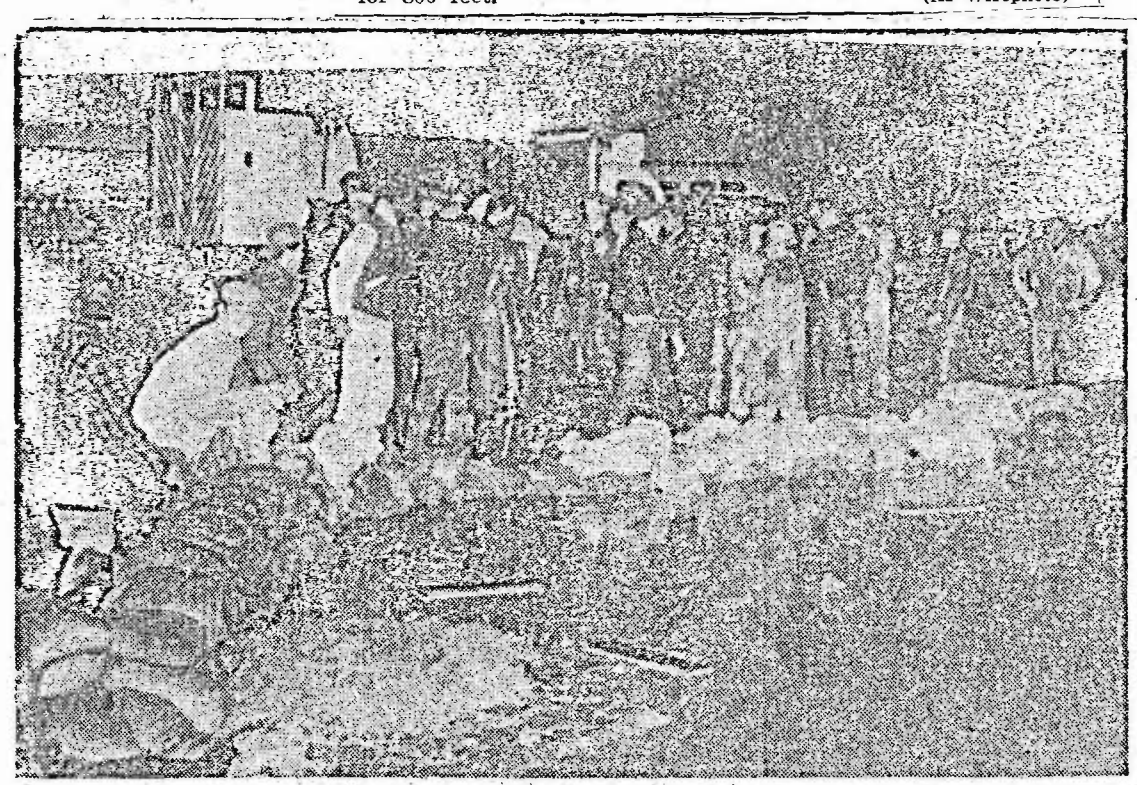
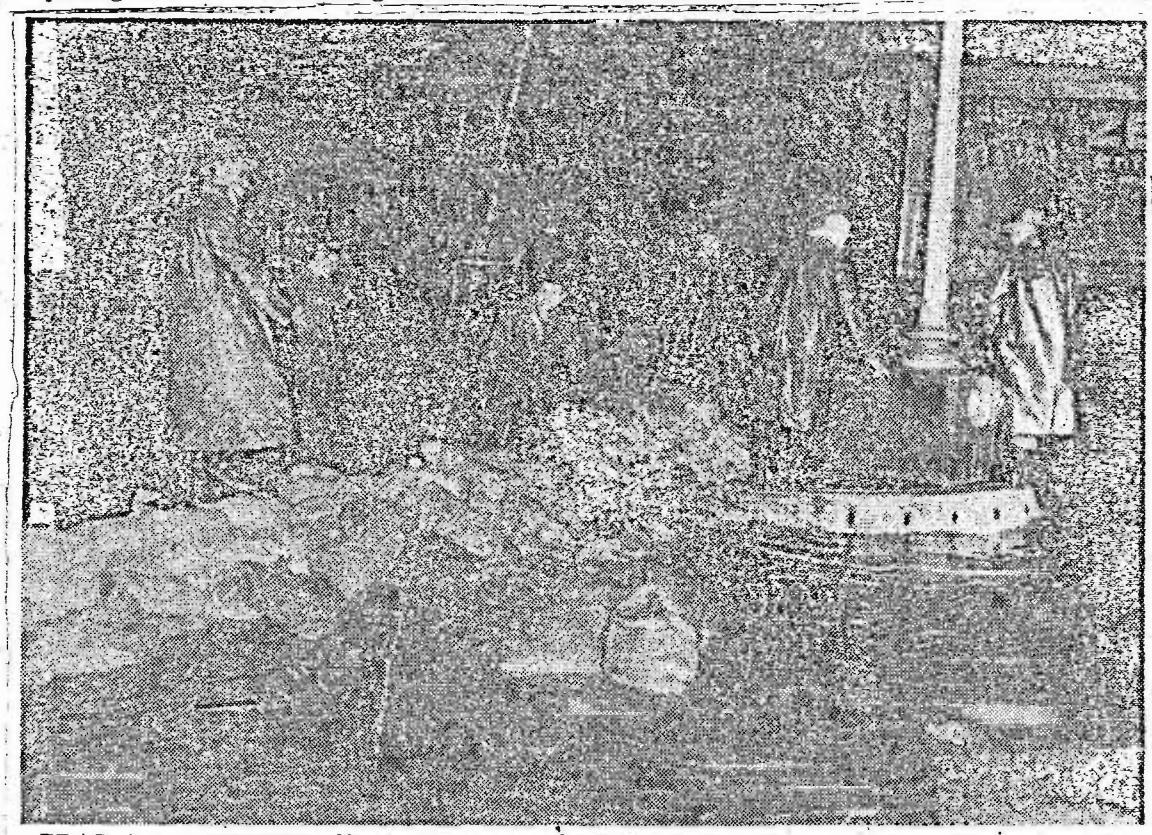
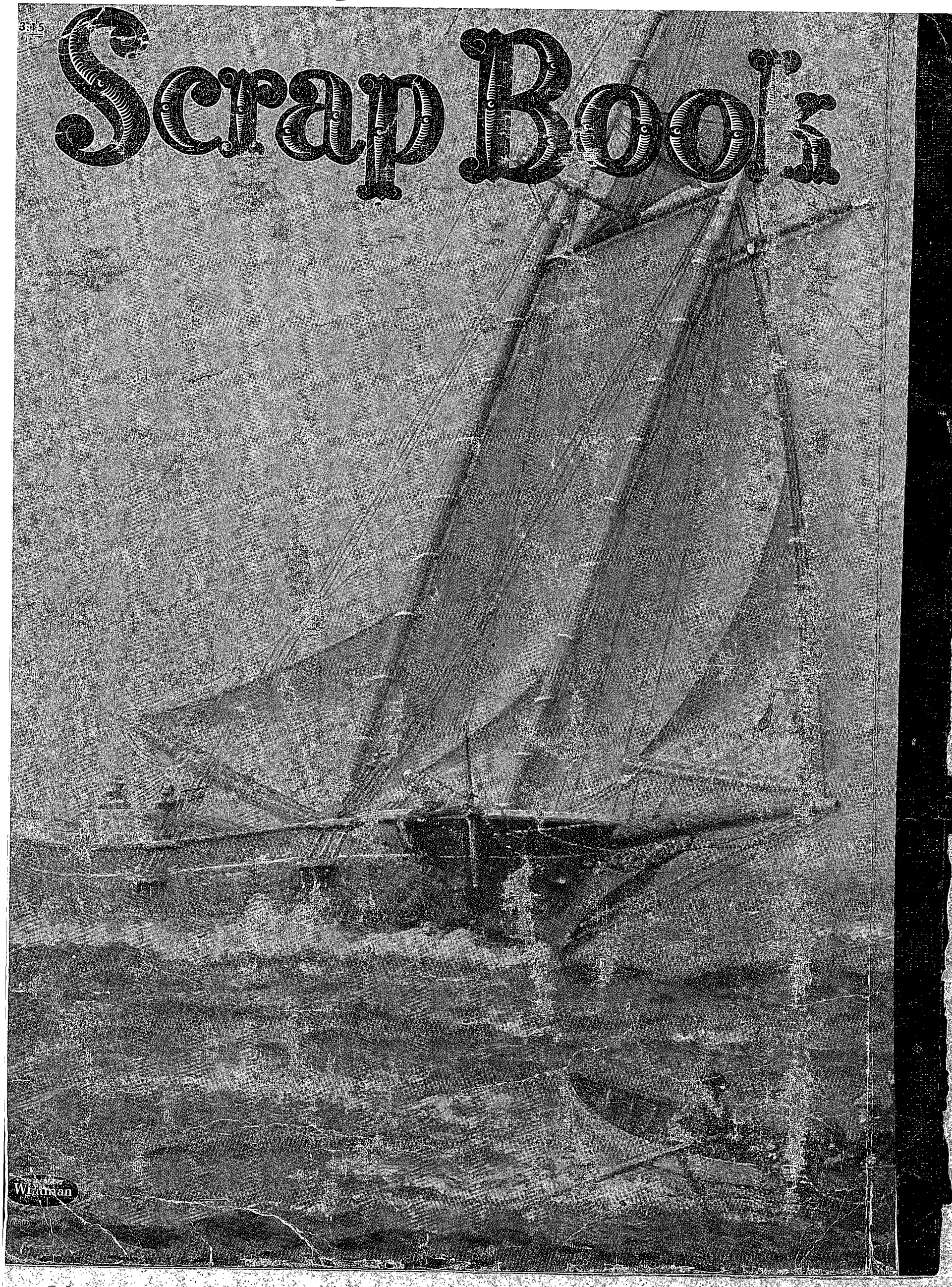


WHY TRAFFIC IS RESTRICTED—This section of U. S. Highway 101 hanging out in space is just one of the reasons traffic on the road in the Eureka area is restricted. This section was undermined by the Eel River during the recent flood. The highway was damaged severely in 16 places, ranging from loss of a half-foot of roadway for a length of 100 feet, to a complete washout for 800 feet. (AP Wirephoto)



WATER CHECK—The north bank of the Mormon Channel, along Hazelton Street, was sandbagged this morning to prevent the pent-up waters, which flooded over the south side last night, from repeating its actions and reaching the downtown business section. (Record photo)



BRACED FOR DELUGE—City employes and volunter workers sandbag the Wilson Way subway in an effort to prevent overflowing Mormon Channel waters from flooding the underpass.

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