

# Umpqua Rivers Steadily Rising

## MEET Your NEIGHBOR

By Paul Jenkins



**BONNIE MARIE RADIGAN** takes a whirl around a balcony floor at the Tots To Teens Shop with a dancing doll while on Christmas shopping tour Tuesday with her mother. She knew a lot of steps the doll didn't, but that didn't bother the doll any, she followed them easily. She should. Her feet were looped to Bonnie's by elastic bands there for the purpose. Bonnie Marie is 5½ years old and attends Helen Spoor's kindergarten classes. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Radigan of 175 West Tanager Street and the Radigans are lucky someone doesn't steal her. The photographer would have liked to.

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## Umpqua Basin Scheduled For Study

### State Water Resources Board Makes Choice

The Umpqua will be the first river basin studied by the newly created State Water Resources Board, it was announced today by the board chairman, H. E. Maxey of Springfield.

A resolution from the Douglas County Court requesting a study of the Umpqua Basin was approved by the board. The resolution was endorsed by numerous organizations in the county, including the Roseburg City Council only last week.

Prior to the actual study, Maxey said, a series of meetings will be held by the board and its staff with interested persons in the basin. County Judge Carl C. Hill said today that the County Court probably will create a local advisory board to aid in the survey.

The study, in accordance with the law creating the board, will include existing water resources; means and methods of conserving, existing and contemplated needs and uses of water for domestic, municipal, irrigation, power development, industrial, mining, recreation, wildlife and fish life uses; and pollution abatement.

Other items to be studied include flood control, drainage and reclamation.

Following completion of the studies and after a public hearing, the water resources board is to plan an integrated, coordinated program for use and control of the unappropriated waters of the basin.

Data collected by the Douglas County Water Resources Survey during the past 1½ years probably will be put to use, Maxey said.

The county survey, headed by Ben B. Irving, has instituted a program of gathering weather and streamflow data from throughout the county and has supplemented the work with data from federal agencies.

Cooperation of state and federal agencies concerned will be requested in the survey, Maxey said.

### Lester V. Thomas Killed As Tractor Topples On Him

A freak accident snuffed out the life of an upper Merrose resident Tuesday evening.

Lester V. (Leck) Thomas, 38, died of a crushed chest and abdomen after a tractor fell on him. Coroner L. L. (Jim) Powers said Thomas was mowing the family car out of a mousetrap in front of his home when the tractor was yanked back on its rear wheels and flipped back over on him.

The coroner said the accident occurred about 6:30 p.m. Thomas and his wife lived on the Callahan Trail, near the old Lander's Look-out, about 14 miles southwest of Roseburg.

Neighbors in the area said Mrs. Thomas heard the tractor fall and tried, in vain, to jack it off her husband's body. It was finally necessary to bring in a "cat" to lift the vehicle.

The area where the Thomases live is not accessible to a big vehicle by jeep and foot to reach the body which was later taken down the mountain to the ambulance.

Thomas was a logger. He worked for his brother's M. B. Thomas Logging Operations. He came to Douglas County about a year and a half ago.

He was born April 16, 1919, at Rodeo, N.M. Survivors include his wife, Ruth; two stepchildren: Mrs. Ellen Weaver, Albany; and Harold Snyder, Roseburg; his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Thomas, Grass Valley, Calif.; five brothers, Marion, Roseburg; Claude and Ila, both of Myrtle Point; and Ernest and Jesse, both of Grass Valley; and five sisters, Mrs. Artie Marcel, Blith, Calif.; Mrs. Allie Smith, Clarkdale, Ariz.; Mrs. Ivy Smith and Mrs. Alice Riley, both of Delona, Ariz.; and Mrs. Edna Pitts, Gates.

Thomas' body was removed to the Chapel of the Cross, Roseburg. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

### 17 Persons Die As Big Airliner Crashes, Burns

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — An Eastern Air Lines Constellation, bound from Miami to Boston, crashed and burned on a landing approach here early Wednesday, killing all 17 persons aboard.

The big, four-engine luxury airliner was only a quarter of a mile from the end of the runway at the Jacksonville airport when it apparently came in too low, hit the top of a tree in the pre-dawn darkness and plunged to the ground.

Visibility at the time was one-half mile and the ceiling 300 feet, airport officials said.

Five of the dead were crew members, and 12 were passengers. Also aboard the plane was the body of C. B. Thrift of Miami, an employee of the airline, being sent to Washington, D. C. for burial. Thrift, 47, had died of a heart attack Saturday.

The crash was the third aerial disaster in Florida in three days. Monday, two Air Force bombers crashed over the outskirts of Tampa, killing eight men. A few hours later an Air Force jet and a bomber collided over Port St. Joe, 200 miles up the Gulf Coast, killing three men and leaving three missing.

Sixteen of the bodies were buried.

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### Liles Found Guilty By Court Martial; Granted Leniency

By LEROY HITTLE

FT. LEWIS, Wash. (AP) — Lt. Col. Paul V. Liles was found guilty Wednesday of aiding the enemy by making propaganda recordings while he was a prisoner of war in North Korea in 1950-53, but he won leniency from the 10-man military court.

He was reprimanded by being suspended in rank for two years.

Army attorneys said that meant he will retain his present rank as a lieutenant colonel, but will be put two years behind all officers in the order of promotion to higher rank.

Liles was acquittal on the other charges against him.

He was the 12th soldier to be tried on collaboration charges since the end of the Korean War. Two other officers and six enlisted men were convicted; two officers and one enlisted man were acquitted.

Liles was the first West Point graduate to be tried on collaboration charges.

The possible maximum sentence for conviction could have been life imprisonment, dismissal from the service and loss of all pay and allowances.

The 39-year-old officer from Birmingham, Ala., was found innocent of two other charges embracing several counts. They were accusations that he was disloyal to the United States; led Red in.

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## Residents In Low Sections Advised To Be Ready In Case Evacuation Is Necessary

### West Oregon Streams Near Flood Stage

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Western Oregon streams went out of their banks Wednesday, threatening homes, schools closed, slides cut highways and rain still came down.

The McKenzie, the Umpqua, and the Siuslaw were raging torrents. The Willamette, a damaging river near Eugene in years past, was still being held in check by Look-out Point Dam whose reservoir was going up a foot an hour.

Mountain snows melted, adding fresh torrents.

At mid-morning the Siuslaw River at Mapleton, a dozen miles from the coast due west of Eugene, was four feet above flood stage and still rising. A score of houses near the river were marooned and water was inching up to the floors.

All woods crews in the Mapleton area quit work and the U. S. Plywood Corp. mill closed down. Schools were being dismissed.

Since Saturday night Mapleton had measured six inches of rain.

The Lane County sheriff's office evacuated seven families by boat from their homes in the Westward Ho residential section north of Eugene and a half dozen more families were told to be ready to leave that lowland area which is criss-crossed by the channels of old floods.

Amazon Creek spread out and surrounded the Eugene High School, which closed. A junior high there also closed because water flooded out the boilers and there was no heat.

Several schools north of Eugene planned to close at noon so children could get to their homes before rising water cut their paths.

Glennwood, low-lying community southeast of Eugene which used to expect annual flooding from the Willamette, apparently was in no.

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The U. S. Weather Bureau office at Roseburg airport 11 a. m. said the South Umpqua River is expected to go slightly over flood stage at Winston Bridge tonight.

The crest forecast is for 26 feet at the bridge by 10 p.m. Flood stage is 25 feet there.

Other forecasts and flood stages are: Roseburg, 22.5 feet by 11 p.m. (about 25 feet); Winchester (North Umpqua), 15 feet by 4 p.m. (15 feet); and Elkton, 22 feet by 4 a.m. Thursday.

The figures were based on an expected inch of rain between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. today. Figures will be revised this afternoon and another river stage advisory issued by the Weather Bureau for radio broadcast.

The North and South Umpqua Rivers were rising late this morning, and the U. S. Weather Bureau station at Roseburg forecast that the swollen streams will continue to rise.

Residents of low areas, especially in the Garden Valley area west of Roseburg, were notified to be prepared for evacuation.

A forecast of when the rivers will crest was expected momentarily. The information will be broadcast on radio stations.

Readings this morning showed the Umpqua River at Elkton at 22.6 feet and still going up. At Winchester on the North Umpqua, the reading was 13.1. Flood stage is about 20 feet.

The South Umpqua, pushed by heavy rains in higher elevations, especially in the Gow Creek region, also was going up. The reading at Winston Bridge earlier in the morning was 20.95. Flood stage is about 25 feet.

At Roseburg, the reading was 17.85 where the flood stage also is about 25 feet. At the Forest Service reported the North Umpqua was hoisted about four feet during the night to a point about 15 feet above normal. A crest was expected later in the day.

The Weather Bureau said slow rises in all streams is expected. Roseburg had 1.39 inches of rain.

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## Ford Motor Co. Reports Assets Nearly \$2½ Billion

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Ford Motor Co. reported Wednesday its assets are \$2,483,019,250. It said it earned \$12 million in the first nine months of 1955 on sales amounting to \$4,942,600,000.

The company released the figures, heretofore always kept secret, in connection with the Ford Foundation's proposal to sell 10,000,000 shares of company stock to the public. This represents only about 22 per cent of the Ford stock holdings of the foundation.

The amount of stock to be sold apparently was a last-minute decision. Previous public word had been that about seven million shares would be offered in this first chance for the public to buy into the pioneer auto firm.

A registration statement for the proposed stock sale was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), government agency which polices the stock exchanges.

The registration statement, bearing financial records of the 52-year-old company for the first time, listed capital and earnings retained in the business as \$1,840,000,000.

The statement did not give a proposed selling price for the stock. This will be reported later. Actual sales are expected about Jan. 18. Guesses in financial circles as to the price have ranged up to \$15 a share. This would mean the Ford Foundation would receive three-quarters of a billion dollars in cash for reinvestment.

Directors of the company have authorized a dividend of 60 cents a share for the first quarter of 1956.

The statement set out Ford's earnings and sales for the period from 1946 through last Sept. 30.

## Blind Salesman, Sister-in-Law Waive Hearings Of Pilots Blocked

PORTLAND (AP) — Clarence Peddicord, 38, blind salesman, and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Joyce Keller, 28, were over the outskirts of Tampa, killing eight men. A few hours later an Air Force jet and a bomber collided over Port St. Joe, 200 miles up the Gulf Coast, killing three men and leaving three missing.

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## Home Lighting Judging Friday

The judging of the Junior Chamber of Commerce Christmas home lighting contest in the Roseburg area will be conducted Friday, starting at 7 p.m.

Chairman Ken Garey requested Wednesday that persons wishing to have the judges consider their outdoor decorations leave their lights on until midnight. He said the committee would cover the area that night.

Winners will be announced Saturday, Garey said. Persons wishing to participate are not required to fill out contest blanks, Garey said. All they need do is keep the decorations illuminated Friday night.

## Highway Traffic Slowed By Slides And High Water

Slides and high water continued to hamper highway traffic at several Douglas County points today.

Highway 38 between Elkton and Reedsport was reported closed in two spots. There is one-way traffic on Highway 99 at Wilbur. A county bridge was washed out near Glenn. High water over roads was general throughout the county.

The closures on Highway 38 were near Paradise Creek and just east of Reedsport, two trouble spots earlier.

At Paradise Creek, according to Dep. Sheriff John McCann, residents at Drain, a new slippage of the roadway forced the State Highway Dept. to turn back traffic.

A new slide, the sixth in about two weeks, occurred on a new highway project a mile west of Reedsport.

A slide in a cut near Wilbur Tuesday night forced one-way traffic. The Highway Dept. said the debris probably will be cleared from the roadway this afternoon.

Other slides along Highway 99 were just north of Myrtle Creek in a new construction of the road on the south slope of Stone Crag Pass near Glendale. Neither, however, slowed traffic seriously.

The bridge washout was at McCulloch Creek on the Ruben County Road, west of Glendale. Slides in two places made one-way traffic necessary, according to Mr. G. B. Fox, News-Review correspondent.

Water was reported over the road on Highway 235 south of Sutherlin, and between Sutherlin and Oakland and south of Yoncalla.

County Commissioner John Ashley, who inspected county roads in western Douglas County Tuesday, said three slides on the Loon Lake Road failed to close off traffic.

He said one slide came down across the road about 300 yards ahead of his car while he was driving toward Loon Lake.

The Mell Canyon washout on the county road between Elkton and Kellough continues to block the road. Part of the roadway slipped into the Umpqua River last week-end.

About 50 feet of roadway is setting on Garden Valley Road just west of Calkins Road.

## Post Office Breaks Record For Volume Handling Of Mail

The Roseburg Post Office set an all-time record Monday in volume of mail handled, calculations made by Postmaster Clyde W. Carstens showed Tuesday.

The postmaster said the volume of incoming parcels was about 10 per cent over that of the peak day last year (Monday, Dec. 20).

About 83,000 outgoing letters and greeting cards were handled Monday, including about 10,000 of metered mail, which is about 18 per cent higher than the top day in 1954.

Monday was the peak day. Carstens said, and the volume of outgoing mail will now taper off. However, the "incoming" mail flow will gradually rise now. That means the biggest job now lies with the carriers.

The post office planned in advance for a bigger Christmas, the postmaster said, and "everything went off smoothly." Workers have been able to clear each day's mail without a holdover to the following day.

One indication of what was in store, Carstens said, was the fact the office has been selling about 40,000 two and three-cent stamps each day for about two weeks.

To take care of last-minute parcels arriving here, Carstens said delivery of gift packages will be made on Christmas Day (Sunday) in the Roseburg delivery area, which includes suburbs.

## Umpqua Harbor Dredging Slated

The \$12,000 appropriated for improvements of the Port of Umpqua Tuesday for the current fiscal year will be used for widening and dredging a channel and dredging a mooring and turning basin.

The channel will be dredged 12 feet deep and 100 feet wide from the river channel to the dock in Winchester Bay. The dock in Winchester Bay will be 12 feet deep, 175 feet wide and 300 feet long at the river end.

Word of the appropriation was received from the office of Rep. Harris Ellsworth Tuesday. It was approved in the appropriation bill for the current fiscal year by the Bureau of the Budget.

## Woman Shoots Former Husband

EUGENE (AP) — Clarence Lewis Hamilton, 26, of Klamath Falls, was shot and killed Tuesday night by his ex-wife, Mrs. Aileen Belle Hamilton, 31, said she had fired two shots at her former husband in self-defense. "I shot at his legs and missed," she said. "He kept coming, so I shot again."

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## Eden Announces Reshuffle Of British Government

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Eden announced a wholesale reshuffle of his government today but British newspapers gave the changes a mixed reception.

Eden put seven Cabinet portfolios into new hands, raised one department to Cabinet rank and dropped another from the inner fold.

Nine of Sir Eden's inmost official family stayed where they were and actually only three new men joined the Cabinet. Even some Conservative papers expressed doubts and Laborites—naturally—jeered at what they interpreted as a game of political chairs.

These were the most important changes:

1. Richard A. "Rab" Butler went from chancellor of the exchequer to government leader of the House of Commons. In effect he becomes deputy Prime Minister, the post for which he has been slated ever since the general election last May.

2. Foreign Minister Harold Macmillan succeeded Butler at the Treasury.

3. Defense Minister Selwyn Lloyd takes over the Foreign Office from Macmillan, and Sir Walter Monchton—who has been Labor minister—succeeded Lloyd in the Defense post.

4. The Works Ministry was raised to Cabinet status and Patrick Buchan-Hepburn, chief Conservative floor leader in Commons, was named minister to replace Nigel Birch. The Ministry of Pensions was dropped from the Cabinet.

Those removed from the Cabinet—generally men above 60—either went to the House of Lords or to higher titles if they already had peerages.

The shakeup was Eden's answer to increasingly shrill criticism—applied by the Labor opposition—of inflation on the home front and failure to cope with step-up Communist pressure abroad.

The United States and other British allies were mainly interested in Macmillan's replacement by Lloyd at the Foreign Office.

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Over in Prineville a while back the city council decided to try out a behind-to-motors project. So it instructed the city's cops, whenever they found a meter with the EXPIRED sign up, to put in a nickel. At the same time, they left in the usual place on the windshield an envelope containing a coin card which the motorist was supposed to mail in to the city WITH A NICKEL.

Thus he escaped the four bit fine for overtime parking.

It worked beautifully for a while. But—

As the novelty wore off—

The motorist QUIT SENDING IN THEIR NICKELS.

So the city fathers, sadder and wiser as a result of their experiment in philanthropy, have scrapped.

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## County Public Welfare Commission To Meet

The Douglas County Public Welfare Commission will meet in Roseburg Wednesday, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Commission members will act on the quarterly budget for the welfare department, covering work for January through March of 1956. They'll also be asked to increase the present general assistance budget, according to administrator Lois Baker. Mrs. Baker said the budget was insufficient by \$2,000 to cover current needs.

Tonight's session will be the first for new commissioner Dr. C. H. Babbitt. The commission will be short one member. The vacancy came when Commissioner Elmer H. Letting resigned recently from the Douglas County Court. All 11 county members are welfare commissioners.

## Coquille Plywood High Bidder For Timber Tract

Coquille Plywood Corp. was high bidder on 16,560,000 board feet of Bureau of Land Management timber in the Spencer Creek area. The company paid \$34.10 per thousand board feet.

In a Vincent Creek sale, Long-Bell Lumber Co. paid \$31.05 per thousand for 9,834,000 feet. And Evans Products was high bidder on 1,154,000 feet in the Loon Lake area. The timber sold for \$48.25.

The sales were made in the Coos Bay office of the B.L.M.

## Myrtle Creek Telephone Operator Wins Auto

A 19-year-old Myrtle Creek telephone operator, Miss Gloria Aiken, who never owned a car before in her life, was sporting a new 1956 model today.

Correspondent Ruth M. Evans reports she was the winner of the car in a contest sponsored recently by the Myrtle Creek Boosters Club.

The contest grossed the club about \$4,000. Proceeds will be used to promote all types of athletics in the Myrtle Creek schools.

## United Fund Comparative Collection Figures Listed

The Central Douglas United Fund drive is currently \$13,837.43 short of its \$52,289 goal.

CDEF President Elmer G. Baldwin said the lag in the drive appeared to be "a story of a little lesser gifts in the division areas, in almost all instances, and a nose-dive in the chapter organizations."

Baldwin said UF personnel "can see from \$5,500 to \$5,000 more coming in," which will boost the amount to around \$43,000. He said directors had voted that under "no circumstances" would the campaign continue after Jan. 15.

Fund directors do not contend particular participating agencies until after the deadline, Baldwin said.

Until that Jan. 15 date, the UF workers will recontact larger contributors and tell them the story of the drive. Likewise, the president pointed out, they'll have a small clean-up operations of contacts, which have not been made. And they'll welcome new contributions which may be mailed or brought to UF headquarters in the local Umpqua lobby.

## Three Young Men Escape Injury In Car Accident

Three young men escaped injury when their car struck a highway divider fence and spun out of control across Highway 99 early this morning near the Harvard interchange at Roseburg.

Harold Roger Dailey, 28, Klamath Falls, drove his car into the fence on a curve while going south. Six steel posts and fencing were ripped down. The car came to rest on a stone bank on the east side of the highway, state police said.

Riding with Dailey were Harris Holtsapple, 24, Talent, and Melvin Otis Shilt, 20, Klamath Falls. Police listed no citation. The car was heavily damaged.

## Oakland High School's Yule Program Thursday

The Oakland High School's first annual Christmas program has been scheduled for Thursday at 8 p.m. in the gymnasium.

It will feature Christmas music numbers by the band and chorus and specialty pieces by the girls' sextette and the boys' quartet. The event is for all interested parents and there is no admission charge.

High School music director Darrell Langwin is directing the program.

## Guilty Plea Entered To Drunken Driving

A 51-year-old Myrtle Creek man, Tom J. Wilson, pleaded guilty to a drunk driving charge in Myrtle Creek Municipal Court Tuesday.

Wilson was arrested Monday evening by city police. Judge Garry Mylender fined him \$125 and ordered that he be lodged in jail for five days, reports Correspondent Ruth M. Evans.

## The Weather

Continued cloudy with intermittent rains today, tonight and Thursday.

Highest temp. last 24 hours 54

Lowest temp. last 24 hours 50

Highest temp. any Dec. 70

Lowest temp. any Dec. 5

Precip. last 24 hours 1.31

Precip. from Dec. 1 8.26

Excess from Sept. 1 17.19

Sunset tonight, 4:40 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 7:42 a.m.

## Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

The annual sprouting of synthetic Santa Claus offers a chance for some fake-seeking poet to go Edwin Markham one better by composing an ode to "The Man With The Ho, Ho, Ho."