

# Douglas Co. Storm, Flood Conditions Roundup Given

A roundup report of damage in several Douglas communities indicated that, as of midday, the major damage was striking areas along the South Umpqua River. As the flood crest headed to the Pacific Ocean, however, it gave pessimists serious cause for alarm.

Most damage in the Roseburg area had come to Riversdale and Garden Valley. Many families there were marooned and some were evacuated. The lower valley region was isolated and surface water and swollen river waters cut off most roads. Phones went out, according to reports.

Road crews worked hard to remove debris jamming the Brown's Bridge across the North Umpqua which caused serious threat.

In the lower Curry Estate area, residents moved to higher ground, starting Wednesday. No count of lost livestock, machinery and personal belongings was possible.

In other areas the following reports came through:

**CURTIN**  
Correspondent Ruby Meacham reports creeks high with water, fields inundated, but no evacuation of residents. Pass Creek is flooding. The Ralph Marvick home narrowly missed being struck by a giant tree at 8 a.m. at Anlauf. Brush and debris was cleared from the Bear Creek Road Thursday to allow passage of school buses. Intermittent rains. Anlauf Mill closed.

**RIDDLE**  
Resident Dorothy Hunt, editor of the Riddle News, reports "winds blowing terrifically." She said most persons left flooded areas Wednesday night, including several families east of a rampaging Coye Creek. Schools are closed, football field is flooded and water is racing across the Priner Bridge, making travel difficult.

**ELKTON**  
High winds and rains were reported Thursday morning. Schools were dismissed. Residents reported no real flood, but said continued rains could force evacuation of low areas.

**DRAIN**  
Power was off for a time Thursday morning and the Sheriff's Dept. reported Elk Creek near flood stage.

**UPPER NORTH UMPQUA**  
Road was closed from Dry Creek, one mile above Steamboat, to Tokete Falls, because of slides and the washout of a bridge.

**MYRTLE CREEK**  
Residents report flood nearly as bad as 1950 (see story Page One). Water lacks about five inches below '50 high. Mills closed and many flooded. About 80 families evacuated, according to Correspondent Ruth M. Evans. She said residents showed great caution and got out early. Town is marooned from rest of county. Roads to and from city closed at noon Thursday. Water at a standstill then.

Mrs. Evans said electrical equipment remained in the Umpqua Plywood Corp. sawmill while water through the mill.

**DAYS CREEK**  
Community isolated. Water over road and electrical failures. School closed.

**GLIDE**  
Glide Forest Ranger Station reported at 8 a.m. that 2.08 inches of rain had fallen in 24-hour period. River 27 feet above normal, but slacking off. Gauge covered. Log and debris jam at U.S. Plywood Little River Road plant.

**CANYONVILLE**  
No flood damage. Power failure in morning. Schools dismissed. Some basements filling with water. Canyon Creek reported subsiding. No evacuation necessary, reports Correspondent Virginia Proctor. Light rain during night and early Thursday.

**SUTHERLIN**  
Sutherland Creek washed over its banks Wednesday night and surrounded houses on Everett Street, reports Sutherland police officers. They said no evacuation was necessary and that rain stopped in the forenoon. School was open, and only one power failure was reported.

**OAKLAND**  
High water blocked travel north of town for more than an hour Thursday morning. Little damage was caused by Calapooia Creek as it ran over its banks. Rainfall stopped at daylight, according to Chief of Police C. W. Manning. He said the town was not bothered by water and that no evacuation in any area had been reported necessary.

**YONCALLA**  
Highway 235 was closed north and south of town Wednesday afternoon by high water, which had receded Thursday morning. The Scotts Valley Road leading to the new highway was closed by water. Some six inches of water covered the road northwest of the grade school. School closed at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday and pupils went home. No evacuations. Schools open Thursday.

**TENMILE - OLALLA**  
The Stebinger Lumber Co mill broke through at Porter Creek. About 100,000 feet of logs were washed out into a road and field during the night. No high water damage was reported at Tenmile by correspondent Louisa Coats. Water over road east of Douglas High School, but the school was reported safe. No damage reported at Olalla. Several families evacuated in area behind Stebinger mill where Tenmile and Olalla Creek are.

**GLENDALE**  
Most serious damage occurred at the Robert Dollar Co. where railroad bridge badly damaged. Unable to use the bridge, reports Mrs. G. B. Fox, and repairmen can't get to it to determine damage. She said Southern Pacific trains were stalled at Jump-Off Joe Creek this morning. One family reported evacuated. Water was going down Thursday morning. A private bridge washed out on Wolf Creek. The Glendale main sewer system backed up into the city Wednesday and caused damage. Wolf Creek and surface water reported going down.

**UMPQUA**  
Calapooia Bridge under water and one approach floating, according to Correspondent Mrs. G. B. Munson. Water covers the road to Tyee and part of the Sutherland road. The river has cut through the road between Umpqua School and Hubbard Creek and isolated the Umpqua Store. Families have been "waiting it out," rather than evacuate. Some residents have moved to higher ground. Mrs. Munson said water was as high as in 1950 at 9 a.m. and "was going higher." She termed the situation "bad."

## Lester V. Thomas Services Scheduled

Funeral services for Lester V. Thomas, 35, will be held in The Chapel of the Roses Friday, at 1 p.m. The Rev. Vernon Klein of the Assembly of God Church will officiate.

Thomas was accidentally killed Tuesday when a tractor overturned upon him.

He was born April 16, 1919 in Rodeo, N.M., and came to Oregon 11 years ago. He had lived in this community for the past year and half.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth, Roseburg; two stepchildren: Harold R. Snyder, Roseburg; Mrs. Ellen R. Weaver, Albany; five brothers: Marion Thomas, Roseburg; Claude and Ila, both of Myrtle Point; Ernest and Jesse, both of Grass Valley, Calif.; five sisters: Mrs. Allie Smith, Clarksdale, Ariz.; Mrs. Ivy Smith, Sedona, Ariz.; Mrs. Edna Pitts, Gates, Ore.; and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Thomas, Grass Valley, Calif. Interment will be in the Norway Cemetery, Norway, Ore.

## Mrs. Clema O'Niell Passes At Home

Mrs. Clema O'Niell, 61, died this morning, after suffering a heart attack at her home in Happy Valley. She was an employee of the Roseburg News-Review.

She was born Dec. 16, 1894, in Eddon, Mich., and came to this community 14 years ago to make her home. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Roseburg.

Surviving are her husband, Charles, Happy Valley; three sons: Danny, Happy Valley; Don, Roseburg; Rex, Vancouver, Wash.; a daughter, Mrs. George (Evelyn) Mazon, Lookingglass; a brother, Glenn Hartwell, San Diego; four sisters: Mrs. T. J. Sheppard, Mrs. Bryan Akard and Mrs. Olive Pitts; all of San Diego; Mrs. Noel Tweed, La Mesa, Calif.; and six grandchildren.

The body has been removed to The Chapel of the Roses. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

## Search Continues For Parachuter

ELLENSBURG, Wash. (AP) — A rescue mission had battled deep snows in the Cascades 11 hours by mid-forenoon Thursday trying to reach a reported "bonfire" in high country above here in the search for an Army paratrooper missing since Sunday.

A garbled radio message received at the Ellensburg Ranger Station shortly before 10 a.m. said the party, made up of two snow weasels, a bull-dozer and 15 men equipped with snowshoes and skis, was two miles above the Cascade Lumber Co. camp in Colman Canyon, about 20 miles northwest of here.

The search is for Sgt. John M. Moran, Maynard, Mass., who parachuted from a spinning plane Sunday. The "bonfire" was reported seen by a Northwest Orient Airlines pilot two nights ago. At Seattle, airline officials said pilots flying in the area were watching closely trying to spot the "bonfire" again.

## Pan American Airways Resumes Pacific Flights

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Pan American World Airways Wednesday night resumed westbound passenger flights to Honolulu after storm head winds of up to 100 miles an hour abated.

## Water On Roads, Slides Block Southbound Routes

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die roads between the two cities; Reuben Road near Glendale; Garden Valley and Melrose Roads at some points; the Happy Valley Road; and others.

to get through on several routes—the Yokum and Canyonville-Riddle roads.

Dole Road north of Myrtle Creek was covered by water from the South Umpqua River at Myrtle Creek for the first time in remembrance of local residents, according to Mrs. Ruth Evans, News-Review correspondent.

Near Dillard, the Rice Creek bridge was considered "dangerous" by the County Road Dept. Other county bridges were expected to hold up well against the torrents. However, debris piled against the piers of several.

West of Riddle, Cow Creek went over its banks past the Hanna Nickel Smelting Co. plant. Logs were hurled by the current over the county road there Wednesday afternoon.

Highway 227 about three miles east of Canyonville was made impassable by high water.

County road maintenance Supt. Durward Owens said this morning that the road situation was "bad." He estimated it would be three days before full extent of the damage would be known.

The State Highway Commission listed other highway closures in Western Oregon:

Pacific Highway — Blocked at Savage Rapids dam near Grants Pass. The section between Albany and Eugene was closed Wednesday night, but was reopened Thursday morning.

Oregon Coast Highway — Closed by high water in the Coquille area.

Redwood Highway — Closed by slides in California. It also is blocked by a bridge washout at Applegate River, but a detour is available around the bridge.

Alexa Highway — Blocked by slides.

Willamette Highway — Blocked by a 150-foot washout above Oakland.

Lower Columbia — Slide at Clatskanie, but detour via Mist.

Three roads which were closed Wednesday were reopened Thursday, although traffic was hazardous on them. They are the North Santiam, Salmon River and Siuslaw highways.

The commission said there are many secondary roads which are blocked by flood waters, and that other roads have water on them, with traffic going through.

## Former Roseburg Resident Passes

Mrs. Louisa Grace Parker, 82, died Tuesday in Mast Hospital in Myrtle Point.

She was born Dec. 1, 1873 in Watska, Ill. and came to Powers, 29 years ago to make her home. She has lived in Roseburg with her family when she was a small child.

She was a member of the Church of God in Powers.

Surviving are her husband, F. M. Parker, Powers; two daughters: Mrs. Joseph (Hazel) Wilson, Graham; Mrs. Lucille Young, Portland; five sons: Delbert Curtis, Wheeler, Ore.; Charles Curtis, Kay Curtis and Victor Curtis, all of Portland; Jay Curtis, Bandon; four brothers: James Solomon, Yelm, Wash.; Thomas Solomon, Vernonia; Fred Solomon, Priest River, Idaho; John Solomon, Tacoma, Wash.; four sisters: Josie Solomon, California; Jessie Hall, Yelm, Wash.; Anna Roberts and Clara Pendicost, both of Portland; 25 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held in The Chapel of the Roses. The time will be announced later by radio.

## Flury Services Set Saturday Morning

Victor Clarence Flury, 38, who was accidentally killed Dec. 21 was born Nov. 14, 1917, in Coferville, Wash. and had made his home at 43 Calkins Road for the past 11 years.

He was a veteran of World War II serving as an engineer in the U.S. Army. He was a member of the First Methodist Church of Roseburg and of the BPO Elks 323.

He was a co-owner of the F & R Shingle Co. of Roseburg.

Funeral services will be held in The Chapel of the Roses, Saturday, Dec. 24, at 11 a.m. The Rev. Ellsworth Tilton of the First Methodist Church will officiate. Vault interment will follow in the Roseburg Memorial Gardens.

## Children May Speak To Santa Claus Tonight

Children in the Roseburg and Winston-Dillard areas will be able to speak by telephone to Santa Claus tonight and Friday night between 7 and 9 o'clock.

The North Pole may be reached by telephone OR 2-2607. Arrangements have been made by the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce and the Roseburg branch of the U.S. National Bank.

## Substantial Pay Raises Granted Railroad Workers

CHICAGO (AP)—Wage increases ranging from 10 1/2 to 14 1/2 cents an hour have been granted to nearly 800,000 of the nation's railroad workers.

Eleven rail brotherhoods, representing some 750,000 nonoperating employees, last night signed an agreement with the carriers calling for a pay raise of 14 1/2 cents an hour and company-paid hospital and medical benefits.

A few hours later the railroads and the Order of Railway Conductors and Brakemen settled their wage dispute, with between 25,000 and 27,000 operating workers getting a general pay hike of 10 1/2 cents an hour. The pact also provides an additional 31 cents a day for conductors.

The new wage agreements, the railroads estimated, will cost the carriers more than 300 million dollars a year.

The new pay scale for the nonoperating employees, retroactive to last year, boosts the average to \$9 1/2 an hour.

The hike for the operating workers, retroactive to last Oct. 1, provides a varying scale. The average annual pay of passenger service conductors has been estimated at \$7,320, and of freight service conductors at \$6,778.

## Newcomer To Oregon Learns How Fast Streams Can Rise

A surprised newcomer to western Oregon Wednesday afternoon learned a lesson about fast-rising streams at Green when he was marooned in relatives' house by a torrential Roberts Creek.

Dewey Flowers, here recently from Baker, was alone in the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Hogg, near the Green Community Church.

Outside, Roberts Creek was rising from surface water funneling into it. Flowers remained in the house, he said after he was rescued, because he didn't realize that the water was coming up so fast.

When he realized his situation about 4 p.m., it was too late to wade to safety.

His plight was discovered by a passerby on the old Highway 99 nearby. Charles Dunbar said he saw Flowers waving on the front porch of the house. The creek had sent water through an old channel opposite the house, isolating it from dry land.

Dunbar immediately began looking for help. He found it finally in Emil Plink and Mel Deal, who hauled a boat to the scene. Deal and Hogg, who came home from work in the meantime, boarded the boat to effect the rescue. Mrs. Hogg was in Portland.

Two deputy sheriffs, equipped with a rescue boat, sped up just as Deal and Hogg were stepping onto the front porch of the house, but their boat wasn't launched.

The stream was fast-rising, all right, Dunbar said he had passed the house just two hours previously and there was little hint of danger. When he returned from Roseburg, the house was surrounded by water, with the creek only about a foot short of flowing into the house.

Some of the problems which may be considered here, as mentioned by Geddes, are: Plating, transportation, incorporation of cities, problems of special taxing districts, county zoning and the county building code. Many other matters will probably be presented by various groups and individuals.

Besides Sen. Geddes, members of the legislative committee are Chairman Ormond R. Bean of Portland, Sen. Stewart Hardie of Condon, Rep. V. Edwin Johnson of Eugene, Rep. George Layman of Roseburg, Rep. Al Loucks of Salem, Judge Raymond A. Lathrop of Grants Pass, Curtis M. Everts of Portland and John P. Misko of Oregon City.

Groups and governments represented at Wednesday's meeting in the Hotel Umpqua were: City of Roseburg, City of Winston, Douglas County, North Roseburg, Sanitary District, Roseburg Rural Fire Protection District, Douglas County Realty Board and the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce.

**PROGRAM AS SCHEDULED**  
The St. Joseph's School program will be held this evening as scheduled.

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