

Pictures Record Flood Waters



SOME WINSTON HOMES were completely swamped Thursday as the South Umpqua River hit its peak and started to fall. This shot was taken in Winston Section close to river and just north of city. (Paul Jenkins photo).



LEE RAMSDOLL takes time out in Winston Section area for a little horseplay as water covers land, socks houses. He holds sign reading "For Sale: Bone Dry Oak and Laurel." (Joe M. Griffin photo).

Streams Fall Fast; Gauge Washed Away

The Umpqua River at Elkton reached 43.06 feet at 4 p.m. Thursday before the gauge was washed away, according to the Weather Bureau office at Roseburg.

The observer at Elkton said, however, that the river did not rise much after that time, with a crest being reached later in the evening.

The figure does not exceed the 1950 flood mark there, or the 44-foot level in 1953. In 1950 the mark was 44.2.

The crest at Winston was 31.55 feet at noon in 1950 it hit 32.4. At 7 a.m. today, the reading was 20.68.

At Roseburg, the crest of 29.10 came at 2:50 p.m. This is higher than the 1953 reading. No record is available for 1950. At 7 a.m. the reading at Roseburg was 18.3 and falling.

At Winchester, where the North Umpqua hit a record 19.8 feet Thursday morning, the reading was 13.7 this morning.

No more river readings were to be taken until tonight, the Weather Bureau said. The sixth and last advisory for the flood was issued at 6:45 p.m. Thursday.

Cooler weather attributed to the quick drop in all county streams. The freezing level this morning was about 1,000 feet. Occasional snow mixed with rain is possible tonight and Saturday.

Isolated Coastal Region Contact Finally Made

NEWPORT, Ore. (AP) — Lincoln County, virtually paralyzed by two days of fierce winds, was back in touch with the world Friday with highways open again and communications lines being restored.

The winds cut the county off from telephone communication, and dropped trees across virtually all roads.

The Coast Guard at Newport estimated the wind was up to 85 miles an hour in gusts Wednesday and 80 miles an hour in gusts Thursday. The county was without electric power six hours Wednesday, and service was intermittent thereafter as the winds blew.

Rain also fell, but the county apparently escaped high water damage. Most of the trouble was from trees.

At one time crews found trees had caused 14 telephone line breaks in the 12-mile stretch from Newport to Depoe Bay. Power lines also were downed at some of the same places, and plant manager of the C. D. Johnson Lumber Co. at Toledo, estimated the winds did \$40,000 to \$60,000 damage to mill equipment and lumber.

Telephone communication with the outside world was restored Thursday night, but not all phones in the county were back in service. Milton B. Luton, plant manager of the C. D. Johnson Lumber Co. at Toledo, estimated the winds did \$40,000 to \$60,000 damage to mill equipment and lumber.

The wind blew a 100-foot-high overhead bridge crane off its runway at the mill. It also blew roofs off sheds and damaged lumber piles. The rain also got at some kiln-dried lumber.

At Siletz, the Catholic Church was blown off its foundation, and the building so badly damaged it may have to be torn down and rebuilt. Two garages and a barn blew down there.

Store windows shattered at Toledo and roofs were blown off several dwellings.

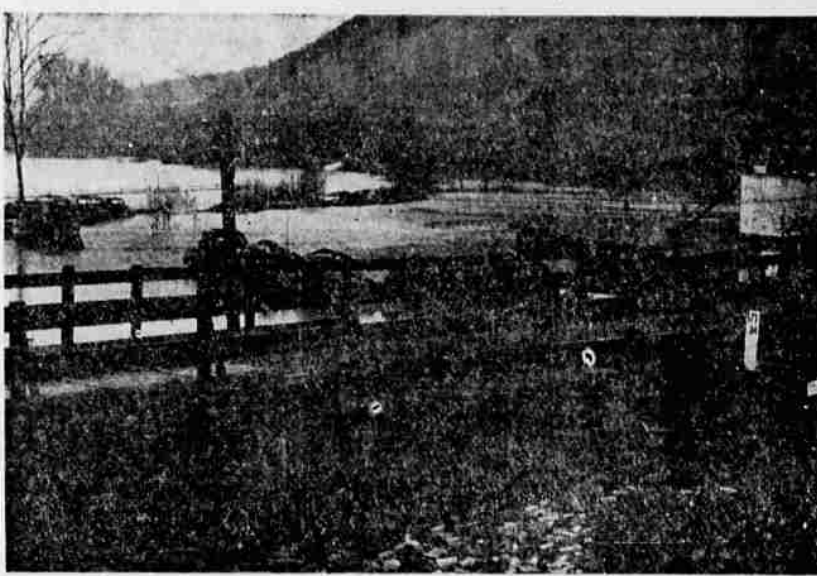
Fishermen also reported widespread damage to their boats.

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SIX FEET OF WATER was in this grocery store at Myrtle Creek. Barney Root, owner, said most stock was moved high enough to escape damage, but he said he suffered between \$1,500 and \$2,000 loss. In all, five businesses in this area were under water. Highway 99 is submerged in foreground. (Warren Studio photo).



SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANT at Roseburg was under water for extended period as water went above dikes, which held. The plant will be inoperative about two more days while silt is cleared. Plant shut down Wednesday night. Storm sewers handled water okay. When river was highest, little rain was running off. Nothing was harmed at the city shops, which were surrounded by water Thursday. (Paul Jenkins photo).

Rain Becomes Snow In Many Localities

A quick drop in temperature brought Christmas weather to many places in Douglas County this morning.

It was snowing "like a blizzard" at Glendale, according to correspondent Mrs. Arthur Selby. It started at 4:45 a.m. The thermometer read 30 degrees about 9 a.m.

It also was snowing in northern sections of the county. Yoncalla had about one-half inch earlier today. There was about three inches at Elkhead and four inches on London Mountain, according to Kitty Jobe of Yoncalla Telephone Co.

Hills and mountains in central Douglas County also were whitened. The Weather Bureau at Roseburg said the freezing level was about 1,000 feet this morning.

Roseburg's elevation is 510 feet. Occasional snow mixed with rain is forecast for tonight.

At Canyonville and Myrtle Creek, it was raining this morning, with no snow reported as yet.

Snow Falling From Roof Kills Christmas Shopper

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Hospital News

Mercy Hospital
Admitted

Surgery: Mrs. Robert Weinberg, Glendale.

Medical: Glen Smith, Mrs. Edna Coen, Ralph Sherwood, Roseburg.

Discharged
Mrs. James Becker and daughter, Angela Faye; Leonard Hubbard, Roseburg; Darla Cleveland, Dillard; Mrs. Dillard Kent and daughter, Barbara Jean, Camas Valley; Mayo Aanderud, Everett, Wash.; John Hodgson, Sutherlin.

Douglas Community Hospital
Admitted

Surgery: Mrs. Merland Foss, Roseburg.

Medical: Leon Hendricks, Mrs. Gary Buchholz, Mrs. Edna Winkelman, Roseburg; Mrs. Charlie Crawford, Sutherlin; Mrs. Merland Halsey, Milo.

Discharged
Mrs. James Pownell, Dixonville; Sidney Drew, Mrs. Carl Arvidson, Mrs. Lloyd Cox, Mrs. Kenneth Redifer, Danny Brewer, Mrs. Paul Fowler, Roseburg; Margaret Blackbird, Wilbur; Mrs. Jesse Martin, Sutherlin; Ralston Cole, Oakland.

Vital Statistics

Marriage License
NICHOLS - WATROUS — L. Larry Nichols and Carolyn M. Watrous, both of Coos Bay.

Divorce Dismissal
RICHESON — Emma vs. Robert B. Richeson.

Divorce Suit Filed
REDIFER — Muriel Jean vs. Kenneth Oliver Redifer. Married Sept. 12, 1953, at Roseburg. Cruelly charged. Plaintiff asks custody and \$100 monthly support for two minor children, \$50 monthly support for third child when born, maternity expenses and possession of household furnishings.

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The sender was Sharon Kay Ritchie, a Grand Island girl now a college student in Denver.

The letter that came with the check said, "From the time I was just a little girl, I have worshipped in this very church, and it was here that my Christian principals were molded."

"I am so grateful that other people saw fit to support this church so that little girls like me could learn about Jesus. Now I want to offer my contribution to be used for the building of the new church, where more and more young people can learn about Christ."

The pastor did not disclose the amount of the check.

SANTA CLAUS COMING
Santa Claus will be at the Moose Lodge, Stephens and Mosher Streets, at 12:30 noon Saturday. All children of the area are invited to attend and will receive bags of goodies.

DOUBLE DEATH
PORTSMOUTH, Ohio (AP) — Mrs. Helen Rowe Cooper, 38, died Tuesday of heart attack. Her husband, Maurice, 59, died the day before of a heart attack.

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