

Utilities' Crews Attempting Damage Repair Hampered By Second Flood Of Week

The county's second flood in less than a week did nothing to alleviate the work of hundreds of persons striving to repair utility service.

Tuesday 19 crewmen of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. were working to bring telephone service to stranded residents along the Highway 42 route to the sea. By 10 a.m. they had made contact as far as Little Remote, reported Manager Jack McGuire. "Beyond that we don't know," he said.

Slides, washouts and masses of debris hampered the workmen in their fight against the elements. In many areas the repairmen were forced to walk, since access by truck was impossible.

Amount of damage is unknown at this time McGuire said.

Crews to Coos Bay, Coquille and Myrtle Creek from Roseburg are out Tuesday the telephone operators were quoting indefinite delays to coastal points.

In the Roseburg-Winston area more than 100 telephones were out of order. Hardest hit, once again, were patrons in the Winston and Garden Valley areas.

The second flood brought trouble to the Sutherlin area. There 25 phones were reported out. Sunday night telephone company employees were forced to sandbag around the Sutherlin central phone office to keep rising waters from damaging the plant.

Crews to Glendale and other areas in the northern part of the county were reported to be in order Tuesday. Down south, residents were not as fortunate.

Damage from flood waters was not known, according to an employee of the California Pacific Utilities which gives phone service to Riddle, Days Creek, Canyonville, Milo, Tiller and Myrtle Creek. Some lines were out in each area.

Electrical and water service throughout the county did not seem to be as severely hampered as telephone communications.

The California Oregon Power Co. said an outage Monday evening blacked out the north portion of Roseburg for a while, due to switch trouble. In the Glendale area a piece of line went out west of Circle H Lodge. Repairs there were under way Tuesday.

Slides and water caused small outages from Oakland to Tiller, but Copco employees said it was no more than "normal winter trouble."

It was not known if residents north of Oakland and in portions served by Douglas Electric Co-operative, Inc. were damaged. All co-op workers were in the field Tuesday.

Jorgen Sands, 94, Dies On Saturday

Jorgen George Sands, 94, well-known resident of Wilbur, died Saturday following a prolonged illness.

Sands was born in Oslo, Norway, March 4, 1861, and came to the United States when he was a young man. He was married in Denver, Colo., Aug. 2, 1887, to Augusta Carlson, who preceded him in death Aug. 14, 1945. He later made his home in Wyoming and Nebraska and came to this community in 1913. In 1932, he moved to California and returned here about 11 years ago. He was a member of the Lutheran Church.

Surviving are seven children, Mrs. J. R. (Bertha) Henderson of Kimball, Neb., Fred of Oakland, Calif., Charles of Wilbur, Ed of Melrose, Mrs. Marie Tipton of Portland, Iver of Gold Hill and Ralph of Wilbur; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held in the chapel of Long & Orr Mortuary Friday at 1:30 p.m. The Rev. Lester Olson of the Faith Lutheran Church of Roseburg officiating. Concluding services and interment will follow in the Wilbur Cemetery.

TWO FIRES COVERED

A chimney fire in a wall at the John Yarbrough residence Monday night did about \$150 damage, according to Roseburg firemen.

The house at 235 Ford St. is owned by Verna Hartman. A grease fire in an oven at the Ellis Gwaltney residence, 427 NE Winchester St., did no damage Sunday night, firemen said.

Logger, 'Ham' Radiomen Combine Rescue Efforts

logs ranged up to three feet in diameter.

It was while Kinnam was working at the big slide that radio contact was made again with Roseburg. Bell said an amplified telephone line was effected to Remote, and the Roseburg people had talked to John Cawse, Remote mill operator.

Cawse, we understood, was trying to meet us with the injured children. But he was stopped by slides about a mile east of Remote. We finally met him there. He had left the children in his home.

It was when we met Cawse that we first learned the complete story of the casualties — five dead, two injured and one unhurt.

Powers' ambulance was driven to the Cawse house, and Margaret and Billy were sped back to Roseburg minutes after we reached Remote. Alvis, the 8-year-old brother, wasn't hurt and was sleeping soundly in Cawse's home. We learned later that the ambulance barely made it through a couple of the slide areas. The hill sides were continuing to collapse.

The children, we were told, had lain in the near-freezing rain and mud from 4:20 a.m. until their plight was discovered about 9 a.m. No one seemed to know just who found them, although we understood it was Cawse.

The slides had knocked out power in the area at 4:30, stopped clocks showed.

Margaret was placed in the ambulance first, then Billy. Both were conscious. Neither talked. Margaret's face and legs were bruised.

The scene of the mishap was about a mile west of Remote. It was dark now — about 9 p.m. We couldn't see much — the sky was overcast and rain was falling intermittently.

But faint moonlight filtered through the clouds revealed that the slide was perhaps 100 yards wide. There was no sign of the house. It had been disintegrated by the hundreds of thousands of tons of muck which had crashed from the hillside, funneled down a gully and washed over the Neals' one-story house.

Somewhere in the debris, which continued 100 yards down a slope after hitting the house, Cawse and neighbors had conducted a day-long search for the bodies. They had recovered four. They were the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Neal, aged 42 and 38, and two daughters, Mary, 15, and Becky, 2. The bodies were in an old feed barn at the edge of the destruction.

Funeral Rites Here For 'Mercy Flight' Gold Beach Infant

Funeral services were scheduled at Roseburg Memorial Gardens this afternoon for an infant who was the object of a desperate mercy flight Friday.

Kelly Eric Johnson, two-week-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Johnson of Gold Beach, died at Sacred Heart Hospital in Eugene Monday despite valiant efforts to save his life.

The baby was flown to Eugene from the flood-surrounded coastal town after amateur radio operators learned he had a critical hernia condition requiring immediate surgery.

A Mercy Flights plane from Medford piloted by George Milligan picked up the child and his mother at Gold Beach airport for the one-hour flight to Eugene.

Mrs. Johnson formerly worked at Community Hospital in Roseburg.

Besides the parents, survivors include grandparents Francis A. Johnson of San Bernardino, Calif., Mrs. Lawrence Thompson of Minneapolis, Minn., and Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Dilworth of Roseburg, and great-grandparents Mrs. Clara Johnson of Minneapolis, Mr. and Mrs. George Perra of Northfield, Minn., and Mrs. Rosa Cross of Carey, Idaho.

Graveside funeral rites were to be held at 2 p.m. for the baby, born Dec. 12 at Gold Beach. Bishop Fred Waugh of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints was to officiate, with The Chapel of Roses handling arrangements.

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Weekend Flood Damage Paralleled Thursday's

With the rivers and creeks on the way down from flood stage, a roundup report from Douglas County communities shows much the same effects as the flood of Thursday.

MYRTLE CREEK
Water started coming into some of the lower houses about midnight Sunday in Myrtle Creek, reports Mrs. Ruth Evans, correspondent, mostly due to the high stages of North and South Myrtle Creeks. About 25 families in Herman's Addition, which was not hit before, were evacuated, and water got in some of the houses.

City Engineer John Asplund reports that he has been advised by a health officer, that all city residents should boil their water. Surface water reportedly poured into springs which are the source of the drinking water.

The Green Valley Lumber Co. mill, about one mile out of the North Myrtle Road, was threatened and people in homes around there were evacuated and haven't yet returned. A log deck was in danger there.

ELKTON
Mrs. Ariel Hubbard, Elkton correspondent, has reported that not too much damage was done Sunday and Monday. Water got in some houses. Water has weakened the piling under Smith Bridge north of Kellogg Mt., and the bridge is impassable.

DRAIN
Deputy Sheriff John McCool reports that three families were evacuated in the Drain area. High water got in some houses and in an office building. In general, no serious damage was done, McCool said.

UMPUQUA
No families were reported evacuated in the Umpqua area, according to Mrs. Opal Munson, correspondent. She said that the water wasn't as high there as it was Thursday. No damage was reported.

DAYS CREEK
Mrs. Jean Yoder, correspondent, reports that while Days Creek was isolated, water did not get into any of the houses. Most of the water was back washes from small creeks.

YONCALLA
Mrs. George Edes, Yoncalla correspondent, reports that high water caused no damage in the area. The main trouble was with high water and slides on the highways.

GLENDALE
At Glendale, Section Creek, normally step-across size, was spread to 40 to 45 feet, reports Mrs. G. B. Fox, correspondent. A bridge and a roadway to the Dollar-Patterson mill were out Monday due to high water. At least six families were evacuated. Water was in the dry

RIDDLE
Pruner Bridge is still barricaded at Riddle, reports correspondent Erna Best. Persons are still restricted from the bridge. At least 12 families near Cow Creek and on the River Road evacuated and are still unable to reach their homes. Most of the people came out Sunday evening, the rest were removed by a power boat belonging to Don Pitts and operated by City Recorder Robert Newton and Police Officer E. R. Alexander. Drinking water is muddy, Mrs. Best said. Many mills are not operating.

CURTIN
Mills in the Curtin area are closed, reports Ruby Meacham, correspondent. Water was the highest ever remembered. The bridge to the Norman Suter home across Bear Creek was twisted out of shape.

Slides caused the most damage in the area.

OLALLA - TENMILE
Apparently the Olalla area was damaged severely, according to Mrs. Walter Coats, correspondent. Residents couldn't be reached by telephone. Water was reported higher than ever before. Some families evacuated. The road was covered by water by Porter Creek. Lookingglass Creek was flooded. The Stebinger Mill is closed until the log pond that washed out Thursday, can be repaired. No damage was reported at Reston.

GREEN
High water in the Green District surrounded many houses, and got into at least one house. The road was under water in many places.

LOOKINGGLASS
The water is nearly back to normal in the Lookingglass area reports Correspondent Mrs. Hazel Marsh. The dam at Hutson Reservoir was washed out and two families had to evacuate. No material damage was evident. Mrs. Marsh said. The road to Roseburg was closed by a slide and a washout, but is now open, she said.

PLANT COVERED—AGAIN
Recent flood waters once again covered the Roseburg Sewage disposal plant located at the end of Rowe Street. City Manager George Farrell said the water went clear over the top of the dike. He said the plant would be in operation again within two or three days. Its operation is entirely separate from that which supplies drinking water to the city.

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