

Financial Expert Outlines Eligibility For Flood Loans

Leon Barnes, financial specialist from the regional office at Seattle of the Small Business Administration, today outlined the eligibility regulations governing small business and housing loans needed as the result of flood damage.

He and Kenneth T. Caplinger, industrial specialist, were in Roseburg today making preliminary estimates of the damages as the result of the recent flood.

The two men will have an office set up at the Red Cross quarters, 814 SE Lane, Friday and Saturday and as often after that as needed for their aid exists. (See story Page 1.)

Applications for loans may be made to them between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on the days mentioned. Application forms may also be obtained from the Douglas County State Bank, the Roseburg branch of the U.S. National Bank or the Red Cross.

Barnes pointed out that any individual, corporation or partnership which has suffered a property loss as a result of the floods are

eligible to file for disaster loans. He said there is no statutory limit to the amount of any disaster loan, but the amount should not exceed the actual damage suffered nor the cost of repairing or restoring property.

Before applying for a loan, an applicant should inventory his losses and obtain reliable estimates on the cost of repairs or restoration. (A victim need not necessarily restore his property in the same location.) Proceeds from a disaster loan may not be used for any purpose but repair and replacement of damaged property.

Barnes related that no statutory requirements of collateral exist in respect to loans. However, applicants will be expected to pledge such collateral as they can. He said consideration will be given to the moral risk involved.

In the matter of repayment, loans will be repaid in monthly installments beginning not later than five months after the date of the loan. The maturity of the loan for business firms is limited to 10 years.

Barnes said loans for restoration of housing for personal occupancy may be made for a period not exceeding 10 years.

In all cases, he said, the repayment requirements will be geared to the borrower's ability to pay. The interest rate on any direct disaster loan will be at the rate of 2 per cent per year from the date of disbursement.

Prospective applicants should interview the SBA representatives. The SBA loans do not cover losses to farmers. They must apply with the Farmers Home Administration.

Weather Cuts A Few Capers

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The weather cut a few capers Thursday and for a switch it was warmer in some border states than in sections of the South.

One example was a reading of 48 above at Billings, Mont., compared to a chilly 24 at Chattanooga, Tenn.

Old air invaded sections of Georgia and the Carolinas and it was below freezing in parts of Tennessee. Temperatures dropped from Michigan southward into Northern Florida. It was 50 Thursday morning in Tampa.

Mild winter weather prevailed in the Southern and Western half of the Northern Great Plains and in the Northern Rockies. The Chinook winds along the eastern slope of the Rockies sent temperatures into the 50s Wednesday in Montana.

In the plains, they were in the 70s in Kansas, Oklahoma and Northern Texas and in the 50s and 60s in South Dakota and Nebraska.

The warming trend extended into most of the north central region but readings were near zero early Thursday in Northern Minnesota.

Fairly cold weather prevailed in New England and New York State with temperatures in the 20s and 30s. They were in the 30s and 40s in Oregon and Washington and in the 40s and low 50s in California.

President Views Budget Balance, But No Tax Cut

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rights... We must expand this effort on every front. We must strive to have every person judged and measured by what he is, rather than by his color, race or religion.

6. Statehood for Hawaii—something the President has repeatedly asked and Congress has refused to approve. Eisenhower said he hoped "progress toward statehood" for Alaska also could be made at this session.

7. Revision of the immigration law so the number of persons admitted to this country each year could be based on the 1950 census rather than that of 1920. Eisenhower also asked amendment of the 1933 Refugee Relief Act so more immigrants can come from Greece and Italy and from the ranks of Iron Curtain escapees.

Eisenhower began his message with a review of progress he said had been made in the three years since he took office. In Summary, he said in part:

"Our country is at peace. Our security posture commands respect. A spiritual vigor marks our national life. Our economy, approaching the 400 billion dollar mark, is at an unparalleled level of prosperity.

"War in Korea ended two and a half years ago. The collective security system has been powerfully strengthened. Our defenses have been reinforced at sharply reduced costs.

"Government spending has been cut by more than ten billion dollars. Taxes have been substantially reduced. A balanced budget is in prospect.

"This record of progress has been accomplished with a self-imposed caution against unnecessary and unwelcome interference in the private affairs of our people, of their communities and of the several states.

"Turning to world affairs, Eisenhower said, "Communist tactics against the free nations have shifted in emphasis from reliance on violence and the threat of violence to reliance on division, enticement and duplicity.

"We must be well prepared to meet the current tactics which pose a dangerous though less obvious threat. At the same time, our policy must be dynamic as well as flexible, designed primarily to forward the achievement of our own objectives rather than to meet each shift and change on the Communist front."

Powerful Bomb Shatters Part Of Milan Palace

MILAN, Italy (AP)—A crude but powerful bomb shattered part of Milan's ancient Archbishop's Palace early Thursday. No one was injured.

Archbishop Giovanni Batista Montini, who was working at his desk inside, said the blast probably was "the gesture of a madman."

Archbishop Montini has been a close collaborator of Pope Pius XII for years. Friday is the first anniversary of his arrival in Milan to take over the archdiocese, one of the biggest in the Roman Catholic Church.

The explosion came just before 2 a.m., bringing down parts of walls and shattering nearly all the windows in the sprawling structure where the archbishop lives. Thousands of persons gathered around the building but police kept them from entering its big courtyard.

Police said the bomb was a large tin can stuffed with more than two pounds of nitroglycerin. It was placed against a window of the study of Msgr. Carlo Martini, the archbishop's delegate to the Milan Catholic Action Organization. The monsignor was at the bedside of his critically ill mother at the time of the blast.

Jackson Co. Protests Suspending Administrator

MEDFORD (AP)—County officials Wednesday protested the suspension of Mrs. Blanche D. Lyman as Jackson County welfare administrator.

She was accused by State Welfare Commission Chairman Jack Lubin of failing in her administrative responsibilities, of lacking loyalty to the department and of hindering the commission's work in checking one of her subordinates.

The county commission, which rallied to Mrs. Lyman's defense, said the affair stemmed from conviction last November of a county welfare employee, Harley Huebner, on a had check charge. A state audit of funds under his supervision followed.

State Welfare Administrator Iona Howard Mason named Richard Hagar as acting administrator at Jackson County. William Smythe, state field administrator, will aid him.

Plane 'Bomb' Identified As Soldering Iron Part

PITTSBURGH (AP)—After 24 hours of anxiety, Army bomb disposal officers have identified a small object found aboard a TWA passenger plane as a soldering iron heat element often used by airplane mechanics.

Lewis Hinebold, head of the Civil Aeronautics Authority here, said last night the object apparently was harmless unless it was set off and it would require considerable force to do so. He said a mechanic probably dropped it after some repair work at Chicago before the two-engine plane took off Tuesday on a flight to Washington.

The pilot discovered the object in the aisle of the plane and turned it over to a TWA representative at a stopover in Wheeling, W. Va.

Acquisition Of Park Property Hits Snag

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line on purchase of the property until the appeal is filed and processed. He promised that it would get attention in Washington, D. C., if necessary.

Farrell's protest was based on the fact that the city had floated a \$12,000 bond issue in 1953, at the height of the depression, in order to purchase some 400 acres of property on which the present VA hospital here was constructed.

The bond issue was sold to the people on the premise that the location of the hospital in Roseburg would increase the economic life of the community during the lean days of the 30's.

Farrell said that in the meantime, the 124.43 acres, based on 1953 property valuations, would have netted the city some \$5,977 in taxes.

The GSA appraisal followed one made by a three-man board appointed by the VA. Members of the board were Roy G. Young, Pete Serafin and Earl Wiley.

Farrell said the VA appraisal of \$12,500 was the one on which the city has based its plans for the park. That the GSA would come up with a larger figure wasn't suspected at the time, he added.

Thissen told Farrell, Mayor Ernest M. Barker Jr. and Councilman Robert Harris that the GSA appraisal was made on the basis of its highest true market value, a condition of the so-called "Morse formula."

Rodman established in his appraisal report that the property would serve best as a residential area.

Farrell countered, however, that the property was to be sold only for park purposes and claimed that an appraisal should have been based on that fact.

He told Thissen that it was his feeling that the city already had purchased the property parcel when it made its application to the GSA.

Thissen said the law is strict in practice, even though Farrell pointed out that GSA had given VA property free of charge to North Little Rock, Ark., and Clarksville, W. Va.

Thissen said he believed those two properties were donated originally to the federal government, then never used. Such wasn't the case here. The property was donated, but put to use.

He suggested that Farrell appeal to the GSA, which the city manager indicated he would do.

Four apparent paths remain for the city in possible acquisition of the property:

1. Farrell's appeal. Thissen said he didn't think the appeal would get far, but promised the fullest attention by the federal agency, which deals primarily in the disposal of surplus federal property.
2. Remedial legislation. The GSA man said the city could take up its point in a congressional bill, probably through Rep. Harris Ellisworth (R-Ore.), a Roseburg man.
3. A arrange with option to buy. The arrangement, said Thissen, would be through GSA. But he pointed out again that the agency's primary function is to sell off extra U.S. lands.
4. A bond issue. Farrell said he would be inclined to be against this sort of move because the city had purchased the property originally through a bond issue.

Should the property be left unsold, Thissen said, it would be reverted to VA management. The VA has no authority to set up a park on the property or allow the city to do so.

Farrell said the GSA appraisal wasn't valid. He estimated that the cost between \$1,200 and \$1,500 an acre to drain — an expensive project in a housing district. But the city had planned to build a dam across a slough running nearly the length of the tract. The resulting pond would become part of the park landscape and would rule out need of drainage.

Original cost of the 124.43 acres, said Farrell, was \$46,022, well above the \$38,730 valuation estimated by Rodman.

Amateur Radio Interest Hits High In Roseburg

Interest in amateur radio operations reached a new high in Roseburg Wednesday night.

Thirty-nine persons 19 of them novices, attended a reorganization meeting of the Umpqua Amateur Radio Club at Lockwood Motors, according to President Chuck Reinhardt. As a result plans were formulated to start "ham" classes for persons interested in becoming amateur operators.

"They'll get under way Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Roseburg School of Business. Open to all interested persons, there will be admission free. Those attending will be asked to share expenses.

Reinhardt said a business meeting of the club would be held the same evening at 8. Election of officers is slated, along with the possibility of organizing a civil defense "ham" group.

Ham operators won widespread recognition for their efforts during the recent floods which plagued the West. In many instances, the amateurs were the only persons able to make contact with isolated areas.

Reinhardt said a three-man committee, Bill Evans, Bob Grant and Jim Armstrong, will investigate the securing of a permanent meeting building for the group, to enable set up of radio equipment.

Card Quiz On Animals Left In Restaurants

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—Is a bat blind in the daytime? Which bird lays the largest egg—the ostrich, eagle, swan or hummingbird? How can you tell the difference between a crocodile and alligator? You can read those questions and others at Columbus restaurants and others at Columbus restaurants.

The Ohio State Veterinary Medical Assn. distributed 2,500 quiz cards at the city's eating spots to test the average person's knowledge of animals.

It was the association's way of publicizing its 72nd annual meeting just so you won't be left in the dark.

A bat has limited vision in the daytime.

An ostrich lays the largest egg.

A crocodile's head is triangular in contrast to the broad-snouted alligator.

Infant Glendale Boy, One Day Old, Passes

Michael Leroy Burke, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert G. Burke of Glendale, died Tuesday. He was born Monday.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Olivet Presbyterian Church in Glendale, with the Rev. Wayne Wattman officiating. Interment will follow in the Glendale Masonic Cemetery, Glendale.

Surviving are the baby's parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burke of Glendale and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Keys of Riddle.

Fire Damages Tug

THE DALLES (AP)—Damage was estimated at \$25,000 Wednesday from a fire in the pilot house of the tug Cherokee.

The tug, being converted from a 107-foot subseaher by the Columbia Marine shipyard here, caught fire Tuesday.



DEATH STRIKES EARLY — This car carried Woodrow Chase of Myrtle Point to his death Wednesday night at about 10:30 p.m. on Highway 99 north of Roseburg. Mrs. Chase was injured critically. Three others were injured. (Winston Studio photo.)

Neal Children's Benefit Fund Begins To Build

The Neal Children's Fund started building up Wednesday and Thursday, with about \$140 contributed so far and the promise of more later in the week.

The fund was started this week by The News-Review, Douglas Fir, KRNR, KRXL and KYES as a benefit for three children orphaned Dec. 26 in a landslide at Remote. The children are Margaret Elaine Neal, 13, and her brothers, Alvis, 8, and Billy, 6.

Two \$25 checks were among the money donated on Wednesday. Russ Turner, Winston, said a drive in that area would net cash by the end of the week.

The drive was carried from Roseburg to Myrtle Creek, Riddle and Coos County communities today, where newspaper appeals for aid were published.

The fund will be used to buy clothing and other needs for the three children, who are the survivors in a family of eight.

They are in the care of relatives now. The family has other children to care for, and the fund is meant to take the monetary load off the relatives. The money, however, is to be spent only for the three children.

Three men, Del McKay, the Rev. Howard E. Baker and W. E. Garrison, are administrators of the fund, which has been set up in the Roseburg branch of the Douglas County State Bank.

Marilyn Monroe Gets Solid Deal With Fox Studio

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—After a year-long squabble, Marilyn Monroe returns to 20th Century-Fox Studio next month with a seven-year contract estimated to be worth more than eight million dollars.

The deal, announced Wednesday, ended one of the most publicized walkouts in film history.

The actress was reported dissatisfied with her salary. She said she was making less than \$500 a week when she first appeared in the list of the movies' top 10 box office stars.

The contract, with Marilyn Monroe Productions, Inc., calls for four pictures in the seven years on a profit-sharing basis. The studio would not comment on the deal, one of its most solid victories for a star fighting a studio.

However, one source close to Marilyn's financial operations explained that the deal—a non-exclusive pact—can earn her more than eight million dollars.

"It leaves her free to do pictures at other studios and also to name her own price for her television spectacles.

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Earth Slides Litter Streets, Roads, Railways

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fell in torrents through the early part of the week.

Main Oregon rivers took the runoff and mostly stayed within their banks but tributary streams throughout the Willamette Valley spread out over the land, forcing many families briefly from their homes.

There was no repetition of the disastrous flooding of 10 days ago however.

At Coquille, center of the southwestern Oregon flood damage last month, the Coquille River was causing no new trouble. Rain in that area did not reach the peaks of that in the northern part of the state where the week brought from 4 to 6 inches.

In Washington, the Puget Sound country was hardest hit by the Wednesday storm. A drenching rain was accompanied by lightning and winds up to 58 miles an hour. Cooler in mountain temperatures checked any serious danger of floods, however.

President Urges Speed On John Day Project

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projects which provide for cooperative action between the federal government and non-federal interests; and on legislation, which makes provision for federal participation in small projects under the primary sponsorship of agencies of state and local government.

The John Day Dam, as originally proposed as a wholly federal project, would have cost 400 million or more for power, navigation and flood control. The first session of the 84th Congress appropriated \$550,000 last year for planning funds, with which the Army Engineers have been conducting studies.

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Boy Who Hates Birds Held For Examination

HAGERSTOWN, Md. (AP)—A 14-year-old boy who said he hated birds was held for a mental examination after a third parakeet was found slain at a nearby elementary school.

One bird was drowned. The other two were decapitated.

The Fountain Dale Elementary School was broken into three times in two months. After each foray a parakeet was found dead. The last one was found Wednesday.

Deputy Sheriff Claude Cline said the boy told him he particularly hated parakeets, that something would "flip in my head" and he got the urge to kill birds.

Cline said the boy told him he "enjoyed" killing birds ever since he once killed some chickens for his mother. He said he once attended the school and knew it kept a parakeet.

Eisenhower Maintains U. S. Must Wage Peace

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States must wage peace with the same vigor it has waged war, President Eisenhower told Congress Thursday.

As he put it in his State of the Union message:

"The sum of our international effort should be this: The waging of peace, with as much resourcefulness, with as great a sense of dedication and urgency, as we have ever mustered in defense of our country in time of war. In this effort, our weapon is not force. Our weapons are the principles and ideas embodied in our historic traditions, supplied with the same vigor that in the past made America a living promise of freedom for all mankind."

5-Year School Building Plan Approved By Board

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Roseburg, the completion of Joseph Lane to increase student capacity to 750, a classroom addition at Riversdale, and a new junior high school in west Roseburg.

In 1959-61, the superintendent foresees need for additions to the west side junior high, additions to the west Roseburg elementary and for Hucrest and Central, razing of the quonset hut at Central Junior High School.

The final year of the program, 1960-61, indicates additional rooms for Hucrest and Central, razing of the old community hall at Edenhower and the centralizing of administration offices at Edenhower.

All plans hinge on continuance of growth in the areas indicated.

Faced now with increases in labor and building costs, a definite long-range financing program is difficult. However, Supt. Deller hazarded a guess last night that the sum would be somewhere around 15 million dollars.

Board members, attempting to visualize the future, found themselves playing with a giant jigsaw puzzle. Any change in building indirectly affects the district as a whole in relation to transportation, etc., the board learned.

With student growth expanding, it has become evident to the board that sites for future schoolrooms are needed. The board's sites committee, headed by Supt. Deller and including Supt. Guy Davis, will inspect potential sites and report back to the group next week. In the 1956-57 program, they see need for purchase of sites in at least two areas: Green and west Roseburg.

In 1958-59, the board authorized its legal counsel, George Neuner, to enter into negotiations for the Howe Street site in east Roseburg; (2) authorized Supt. Deller to contact Umpqua National Forest Supervisor Vondis Miller concerning a "conditional" request that government property on Howe Street be declared surplus; (3) agreed to call the Portland architectural firm of Freeman, Hayslip, Tuft & Hewlett to provide possible plans for Hucrest addition; (4) requested that Roseburg architect Lyle F. Glenn appear before the Jan. 11 to disapproved purchase of \$2,500 worth of equipment for Hucrest from monies allocated in the current school bond issue.

Funeral Slated For Flood Victim

Word has been received here that the body of a California flood victim, who formerly lived in Roseburg, will be returned here for burial.

The victim was Vera Perry Johnson, about 60. She was born in Roseburg, the daughter of early residents, Mr. and Mrs. George Perry. She was a resident of Medford and had been visiting a sister, Mrs. Charles Bartlett, at Marysville at the time she was drowned.

The body was recovered Tuesday. Mrs. Bartlett's son was also drowned. His body has not been recovered.

Mrs. Johnson is survived by her husband, of Medford; the sister Mrs. Charles Bartlett, and a cousin, Mrs. Herbert Quine of Roseburg.

Funeral services will be held at Long & Orr Mortuary. Mrs. Johnson will be buried in the family plot at the Roseburg IOOF Cemetery.

Mildred Redifer Dies Following Surgery

Mrs. Mildred Fay Redifer, 31, of Curtin, died Wednesday at a Portland hospital, following heart surgery.

She was born at Days Creek May 29, 1924. She was graduated from Days Creek High School and was a member of the Methodist Church. She had been living in Curtin for the last year, coming from Lakeview, where her permanent home was located.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Ganz Mortuary in Myrtle Creek. The Rev. Howard Walton of the Days Creek Methodist Church will officiate. Interment will follow at the Masonic Cemetery in Canyonville.

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A perennial among the best-dressed is the Duchess of Windsor. Her supremacy is challenged this year, however, by a princess who refused to break the traditions of the British royal family for love, Princess Margaret. They tied for second place.

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H. Fredrickson Given 20 Days, Fine Of \$125

Hugo Jacobson Fredrickson, 50, of 2131 Finchland St., was sentenced to 20 days in the county jail and fined \$125 when he pleaded guilty to drunken driving before Dr. Judge Warren A. Woodruff.

Fredrickson was arrested Tuesday by state police on a private complaint. The judge said a year's suspension of Fredrickson's driver's license is automatic, since this was his second offense in the past 14 months.

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NORTH HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (AP)—No charges will be pressed against song writer Merle Travis, 37, who elixmaked an all night drinking spree yesterday by slugging his wife with a pistol and barricading himself in his San Fernando Valley home for more than 90 minutes.

Travis, who will earn an estimated \$75,000 from his current song hit "Sixteen Tons," said he "didn't remember a thing" after 30 policemen armed with rifles, shotguns and tear gas stormed his modest bungalow.

Police said the husky composer, dressed in pajamas and a robe, was drunk when they found him unarmed in his living room. After a short snooze at the Van Nuys jail, he was released when his wife, Bettie, 31, refused to sign a wife-beating complaint.

"I love him very much," she said. "He's really a very nice guy, but he was drinking."

Mrs. Travis said her husband began drinking Monday night after a television appearance. In the morning she said she found him fondling a bottle of scotch and a Luger automatic.

When she threw the cartridge clip into the back yard, she said, he hit her with the pistol. She was treated later for a one-inch gash behind her ear.

Mildred Redifer Dies Following Surgery

Mrs. Mildred Fay Redifer, 31, of Curtin, died Wednesday at a Portland hospital, following heart surgery.

She was born at Days Creek May 29, 1924. She was graduated from Days Creek High School and was a member of the Methodist Church. She had been living in Curtin for the last year, coming from Lakeview, where her permanent home was located.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Ganz Mortuary in Myrtle Creek. The Rev. Howard Walton of the Days Creek Methodist Church will officiate. Interment will follow at the Masonic Cemetery in Canyonville.

Survivors include her husband, Rollin Redifer; two sons, Jack and Dick of Curtin; a brother, Lyle Spore of Days Creek; a sister, Mrs. Vance Jones of Tule Lake, Calif.; her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Spore of Days Creek, and a great-uncle, Gus Lapp of Days Creek.

H. Fredrickson Given 20 Days, Fine Of \$125

Hugo Jacobson Fredrickson, 50, of 2131 Finchland St., was sentenced to 20 days in the county jail and fined \$125 when he pleaded guilty to drunken driving before Dr. Judge Warren A. Woodruff.

Fredrickson was arrested Tuesday by state police on a private complaint. The judge said a year's suspension of Fredrickson's driver's license is automatic, since this was his second offense in the past 14 months.

Must Chlorinate Water

PORTLAND (AP)—Oceanlake, Lincoln County resort town on the Oregon coast, must chlorinate its water supply or face court action initiated by the State Board of Health.

Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer, said the board has given the town until May 1 to install the equipment. He said the town's water supply was "subject to contamination."

Theater Group To Meet

The Roseburg Community Theater group will meet tonight at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Marcy Baldwin, 425 S. Stephens St. The play, "The Seven Year Itch," will be cast at this time. Anyone interested in any phase of play production is invited to attend.