

Heavy Snowfall Disrupts County

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SHERIFF IRA C. BYRD inspects the 1 1/2 cases of dynamite and part of the 13,000 dynamite caps recovered Thursday with the arrest of five youths who are charged with the powder theft. Some of the powder was used Dec. 3 and 6 to set off blasts which shook Roseburg. The powder was recovered from the attic of a vacant house at Cloverdale, (Master Studio).

Youths In Blast Deal Remanded To Court

Three of five teen-aged boys admittedly involved in the theft of dynamite and caps from a Newton Creek Road powder house have been remanded to county juvenile authorities.

One of the boys, a 16-year-old, wasn't charged in the theft, but was charged with car theft — specifically, grand larceny. The car was stolen from Roseburg Dec. 31 and recovered in Sutherlin Tuesday by state police.

Arrest of the four other boys followed the questioning by the Sheriff's Dept. of the boy in connection with the car theft.

Two others, both 17, are charged with breaking and entering. Sheriff Ira C. Byrd said the gang was responsible for two mysterious blasts near the city Dec. 3 and 6.

More County Offices Transfer To Courthouse

More office changes from the old courthouse to the new east county wing will be made at the first of the week, according to County Commissioner Frank Ashley.

The County Court will move its offices to new space on the second floor of the building, as will the County Road Dept.

The county assessor will move some record-keeping machines into the present road department space. The County Court has contracted for the moving of heavy furniture, files and equipment.

A telephone switchboard, the first ever in the courthouse, is being installed in a room of the assessor's office now, Ashley said.

Minor Earthquake Jars Tacoma Area Friday

SEATTLE — Tacoma, south Seattle and area were jarred in a rather weak fashion Friday by a minor earthquake. No damage was reported.

The first shock was felt at 8:29 a.m., with aftershocks lasting about a minute longer.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Ho! Hum! We're only a week into the year of the big wind and here's what dominates the news:

Democratic congressional leaders — including Oregon's not quite dry behind the ears yet Democratic Senator Morse — disagree with the state's report in his State of the Union message that America's outlook is bright with promise.

Morse says:

"President Eisenhower is looking at the world, at home and abroad, through rose-colored glasses."

Senator Richard Russell of Georgia — a statesman except for occasional lapses in campaign years when his party is out of power and

The Weather

Occasional showers of rain, mixed with wet snow, today. Showers and partial clearing Sunday, with rain beginning late Sunday. Continued cool.

Highest temp. last 24 hours 56
Lowest temp. last 24 hours 31
Lowest temp. any Jan. 7
Lowest temp. any Jan. 4
Precip. last 24 hours 3.10
Precip. from Jan. 1 4.48
Precip. from Sept. 1 27.81
Excess from Sept. 1 14.50
Sunset tonight, 4:54 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 7:45 a.m.

Utilities Damaged By Severe Storm

The soggy snow which blanketed Douglas County Friday night disrupted utilities more than any storm in several years.

County residents experienced innumerable electricity and telephone disruptions and some areas still were without service late this morning.

Crews were working "around the clock" to restore service. Indicative of the situation, a Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. spokesman said at least 800 Roseburg and Winston-Dillard area residents were without phone service, and California-Pacific Utilities Co. said breaks in 142 telephone lines in the southern part of the county cut service to a "multitude of people."

A Cal-Pac crew was on its way from Colusa, Calif., to give assistance. By late morning, workmen had not reached the Tillamook area, so damage could not be estimated. The Myrtle Creek office was on an emergency basis. No calls were going through to Cannonville, Riddle or Days Creek, according to Manager George O'Malley. Some service was expected to be restored soon.

Situation Bad

A Pacific Telephone spokesman at Roseburg said the situation was "the worst the phone company has had for several years," much worse than the trouble caused by recent floods. Service to Camas Valley and Glendale was cut by cable trouble, and calls to Myrtle Point were going through Eugene after a delay.

Lines and trees, snapping under the weight of the snow, also raised havoc with power service, according to California Oregon Power Co. and Douglas Electric Co-operative spokesmen.

In Roseburg, there were several outages, including one Friday night in the south part of town caused when a tree fell across a line at Burke and Short. Flashes of light were seen by many residents as disrupted power surged into street lights.

Main Lines Out

Copco Manager H. C. Wells said two main transmission lines from Dixonville to Springfield and Dixonville to Prospect, still were out late Saturday morning. Mobile crews were being called in from

Charles Stanton Named To Advisory Committee

Charles V. Stanton, editor of The News-Review, has been appointed to the 12-man Travel Advisory Committee of the State Highway Commission.

Stanton will replace Arthur O. Waud, Tillamook, who has resigned. Chairman of the committee is William M. Tugman, publisher and editor of the Port Umpqua Courier, Reedsport. Frank Jenkins, president of the Southern Oregon Publishing Co., is a member.

The announcement was made by H. B. Glazier, secretary of the Highway Commission. The appointment was discussed in December at a meeting of the commission in Portland.

The duties of the committee are to advise the State Highway Commission concerning the activities of the Travel Information Dept. of the commission. The committee meets two or three times a year.

Timber In Douglas County Brought Nearly \$14 Million In Sales During Year 1955

Sale of timber in Douglas County in 1955 brought nearly 14 million dollars to the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

The total figure, subject to slight revision, was \$13,939,132.06. It nearly doubled the seven million dollars amassed in 1954.

While the financial value skyrocketed, the amount of available timber was only slightly more. In 1954, a total of 408,884,000 board feet of timber was purchased. The 1954 figure was 403,855,000.

Of the sum for 284,338,000 board feet, the Forest Service was paid \$9,243,290 — a record sales value. The 1954 amount was \$3,618,564. The sales in the Umpqua Forest have not been completely tallied and the amount will be increased a bit. The BLM total revenue was \$4,595,842.06, also a record high. In 1954, the BLM amount was \$3,309,195.

Bidding for timber in all sales was fairly keen, according to Forest Service and BLM spokesmen. Evidence of the competition was noted in the sale price of Douglas Fir, Umpqua Forest, which set a record high in the district, but not in the state, when Bohemia Lumber Co., Clatskanie, paid \$90.25 for Douglas fir in one sale near Clatskanie.

Highest bid for Douglas fir recorded by the BLM was \$25.30 paid by Roseburg Lumber Co. for a tract located at Rock Creek.

Volume-wise, BLM sold a total of 121,346,000 board feet. The total for 1955 is expected to be slightly smaller, according to acting District Forester B. T. Vladimiroff. He said BLM anticipates sale of 120 million board feet of timber.

Largest individual sale by the BLM was 10,087,000 board feet in the Tye area, purchased for \$96,797.80 by the Martin Bros. Co., Oakland. The firm paid \$2 for Douglas fir.

Biggest sale in 1955 by the Forest Service was 28,100,000 board feet in the Trico Timber Co., Dillard, for \$668,030. The timber was located in the Quartz Mountain area about 25 miles east of Tillamook. Douglas fir in the tract went for \$23.80.

Over in the Post Office Bldg., at Forest Service headquarters, spokesmen said the 1956 volume would be about the same as the 1955 sum or slightly more than 280 million board feet.

The Forest Service received nearly a whopping one million dollars in the largest amount it received on any sale. A sum of \$942,300 was paid by Martin Bros. Co. for 26 million board feet of timber, situated 47 miles east of Roseburg. Selling price of Douglas fir was \$39.35.

The number of Forest Service sales should surpass 150, that of BLM was considerably less—48.

Traffic Stalled By Snowstorm; Accidents Minor

Motorists grumbled when rain deluged the county until mid afternoon Friday, but by evening they were in speechless consternation. Traffic was stalled in long lines on highways from one end of the county to the other. A surprise blanket of snow had caught the motorists unawares and only the happy few with tire chains were able to reach home during the 5 o'clock rush without incident.

City police at one time early in the evening at Roseburg had to close Winchester Street, Stephens, Main and Harvard Avenue because of the stalled traffic and slick roadways.

Accidents were plentiful, but most were of the minor variety. No injuries were reported in the county. Two accidents involving 12 cars were reported south of Dillard. In one, a citation was issued and a state policeman was injured by a sliding car.

The policeman said two cars, one driven by Ronald Vern Rudolph of Anaheim, Calif., and another driven by Eugene Stanley Marshall of Myrtle Creek, bumped into each other while passing in opposite directions. A third car driven by Larry LaVasseur of Myrtle Creek rounding the turn about four miles south of Dillard noticed the accident and tried to stop and slid sideways. A fourth, following the third tried to stop but slid

Tumbling Trees Greatest Hazard

Tumbling trees and falling branches presented the greatest hazard to the county Friday night and Saturday as the result of the heavy blanket of snow.

One of the hardest hit areas was Laurelvood in Roseburg which is clustered around a city park standing thick with trees.

Mrs. Fred Chapman was shaking the snow off her shrubs when she heard a crackling, looked up and saw a tree from the Cliff Baxter property toppling down toward her. It barely missed her and some children playing nearby. The tree had come out by its roots.

Trees also toppled across the street at the Parks Schneider residence on Riverside Drive. The Laurelvood Park was littered with fallen trees and branches.

Near Myrtle Creek trees thumped down across Highway 99, but traffic was restored soon. By today, the snow off the shrubs when she heard a crackling, looked up and saw a tree from the Cliff Baxter property toppling down toward her. It barely missed her and some children playing nearby. The tree had come out by its roots.

Damage was extensive because of the falling trees and limbs, but the greatest damage was to utilities. (See other story).

'Operation Tree-Lift' Gets Into Action Sunday

The third annual "Operation Tree-Lift" will swing into action Sunday at 12:30 p.m. Five trucks, with a three-man crew for each, will cover the entire Roseburg area, including Hucres, Cloverdale and Newton Creek.

Robert Green, Junior Chamber of Commerce committee chairman, states it is not necessary to contact the committee. Residents are asked to leave their trees on the nearest street corners.

The Jaycees plan a bonfire after dark the same day on the beach at the end of Temple Avenue, on the South Umpqua River.

Man, Daughter Face Liquor Law Charges

A Roseburg man and his daughter were scheduled to appear in municipal court Saturday afternoon to face liquor law violation charges, according to city police.

City police said Henry W. Kaus, 51, and Barbara Pearl Craig, both of 549 NE Casper St., were arrested Friday. Kaus allegedly represented his daughter's age as 21 when they went into the Harlequin club New Year's Eve Friday, after questioning, Kaus admitted the girl is only about 19, police said.



TRAFFIC STALLED—Friday afternoon's snowstorm meant the end of the trip, temporarily, for this delivery truck, which slid crossways of Oak Street, tying up traffic. Traffic jams formed along the main arterials for people going home during the 5 o'clock rush. (Staff photo).

Ferry Service Will Be Arranged To Aid Stranded Residents

The Douglas County Court and the Umpqua Navigation Co. Friday negotiated a temporary contract for ferry service past the Highway 38 slide a mile east of Reedsport.

Commissioner Frank Ashley estimated it would cost about \$17,000 to run the ferry for 60 days. The county, he said, will be reimbursed out of Civil Defense funds.

Ashley said that it appears the slide situation won't be cleared before 30 to 60 days. State Highway Dept. Division Engineer Tom Edwards has made an inspection of the area and has forwarded his findings to department headquarters in Salem.

The ferry was made necessary because 150 school children living east of the slide can't make their way to Reedsport to classes. The slide also has cut about 120 loggers living in Reedsport from the woods.

The county dock at Reedsport will be utilized as the west landing for the ferry. Ashley said the Highway Dept. will construct a second landing on Dean's Creek, east of the slide.

The slide, which has closed the highway periodically for the past month, has held up traffic between Reedsport and Scottsburg for the past two weeks — since the heavy rains of late December.

Douglas County Court Refers Bookmobile Bids

The Douglas County Court Friday referred bids on the chassis and body of a bookmobile for the county library to the County Library Board.

The board is to recommend contract winners to the court on Wednesday.

The bids were:

For the chassis: Commercial Truck Sales, \$2,495; Sig Felt Import Co., \$2,492.94; and Mair & Sons, \$2,232.

For the body: Commercial Truck Sales, \$3,000; Gersten-Seager Co., \$5,346.55; Pacific Book Building Co., \$6,189; and Mair & Sons, \$4,763.

Names Of Ten Persons Added To Jury Panel

The names of 10 persons have been added to the jury panel for the January term of circuit court, which starts Monday, according to County Clerk Charles Doerner.

Only two criminal actions have been docketed during the first two months of the term.

The jurors called Friday included: Myron Leche, Ruth Parker and Agnes Veach, all of Roseburg; Ruth Chenoweth and Guy Watts, both of Oakland; Charles Briggs, Umpqua; Harry Dayton, Riddle; Thelma Jones, Sutherlin; Leila Shultz, Winchester; and Beulah M. Withers, Glide.

Electric Lead Cable, Other Items Stolen

Two hundred feet of insulated electric welding lead cable, a 50-foot extension cable and \$150 from a soft-drink machine were stolen from the Smith River Machine Shop in Drain, according to Sheriff Ira C. Byrd.

Harry Luper, owner of the business, told the sheriff Friday that the theft had occurred sometime during the previous night.

Controversial Al Serena Mine Hearing Slated

WASHINGTON — A Senate group headed by Sen. Scott (D-Or.) resumes next Tuesday its investigation of a transaction in which Scott says a private company bought for \$2.35 million a half million dollars worth of federal timberland in Oregon.

Scott announced the hearing date and disclosed the witnesses called to testify.

In an earlier statement he said testimony taken at hearing sessions in Portland, Ore., last November "very strongly indicates a scheme to deal from the bottom of the deck and pass under the table about one half million dollars worth of publicly owned timber to a private company," the Al Serena Mining Corp.

Scott declared that about \$100,000 worth of timber has been cut from 473 acres he said the Al Serena Corp. bought for \$2.35 million, telling the government it planned to develop possible gold and silver deposits.

FIRE DESTROYS MILL

MEDFORD — Fire destroyed the mill of the Talent Saw Mill Inc., Friday with loss estimated by the owner at \$225,000.

Much new equipment recently installed in a remodeling project was destroyed as the mill burned.

A southerly wind aided firemen from Talent city and rural departments in keeping the flames from spreading to the mill office and lumber yard.

John Hamacher, the owner, said the loss was partly insured.

New Record In Reduction Of Traffic Accidents Set For Roseburg During 1955

A new record in reduction of traffic accidents and injuries was established in Roseburg during 1955, according to figures released today by Chief of Police Stan Olson.

Olson said accident injuries were down nearly 80 per cent from 1954, and the number of accidents was reduced by two, from 481 to 479.

There were 53 injuries tabulated in 1954, but only 14 in 1955. Both figures were compiled by the police department, whereas in earlier years figures have been obtained from the secretary of state's office.

Olson pointed out that the figure may not coincide with the state's count since persons involved in accidents sometimes send information directly to Salem rather than filing it with the local office.

The chief said he believes there are two primary reasons for the great reduction in injuries: One-way streets and stricter enforcement of speed laws. There were more tickets given during the year for violation of the basic rule, he said. The one-way street grid has eliminated many right-angle accidents which create so many injuries.

The picture for the past five years:

	51	52	53	54	55
Citations	862	931	1,894	1,976	1,773
Accidents	690	672	631	481	479

New Flood Threats Develop In Oregon, Southern Part Hit

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New flood threats developed in Oregon Saturday as more rain was forecast on top of nearly week-long rains.

It was the wettest first week of any year on record at Portland, where the rain averaged an inch a day. Slides destroyed some homes and clogged streets.

But the rain was even heavier in Southern Oregon, and that was where possible new floods were feared. Two inches of rain fell over much of that area Friday, and one point, Cape Blanco on the coast, reported 3.3 inches in 24 hours.

That sent the rivers rising again in the same area that was damaged heavily in pre-Christmas floods. Forecasters said they were not certain floods would result this time, but they were watching the situation closely.

Damage from the earlier floods was estimated by the state civil defense agency at about four million dollars. Twelve persons died in storms and floods. Three others are missing.

The rain became snow in the mountains. If cold weather hangs

Two Persons Re-Named To Advisory Boards

Re-appointment of two persons to county advisory boards was made Friday by the Douglas County Court.

Miss Bess Clough, Canyonville, will serve on the County Library Board until Jan. 1, 1960. Cleo Tipton was re-appointed to the County Fair Board until Jan. 1, 1959.

Neal Children's Fund Climbs To \$520, Report

A total of \$520.47 has been donated to the Neal Children's Fund by residents of Douglas County.

The total was reported by Roseburg radio stations, newspapers and the Douglas County State Bank, which are collecting the donations for the three surviving children of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Neal, who with two sisters and a brother, were killed Dec. 26 in an earth slide at Remote. Margaret Elaine, 13, Alvin, 8, and Billy, 6.

Heavy Rains Turn To Snow In Afternoon

Weather Bureau Sees Improved Condition For Next Few Days

The pretty, white snow which started falling over most of Douglas County Friday afternoon soon turned into a monster.

It fell steadily for several hours, cutting telephone communications and electric lines, and impairing the flow of traffic in all directions.

At the U.S. Weather Bureau in Roseburg about eight inches was recorded. The greatest depth was 7.1 inches registered at 10 p.m. Friday. By morning, only six inches remained.

Elsewhere the fall was nearly as heavy. At Drain the depth reached six inches. In Myrtle Creek residents reported that between eight and ten inches fell. Saturday morning snow continued to fall at Clatskanie.

The Roseburg weather bureau had good news for residents Saturday as they forecast only spotty rain showers mixed with wet snow for the remainder of the day and Sunday.

The snows came directly on the heels of heavy rains which quickly soaked the county. In Roseburg the weatherman said water fell with gusto from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a total of 1.66 inches. Water in Roseburg quickly flooded the Jackson Street triangle, the Garden Valley intersection on Highway 99 and flowed across streets at many other spots. Surface waters once again poured into some business houses.

The temperature for the central

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250 Persons Under Arrest In Chile Strife

SANTIAGO, Chile — At least 250 persons were under arrest today as the government pushed a stiff campaign to avert a threatened nationwide work stoppage.

A government spokesman charged there were signs of "international communism" in the nation.

Those arrested included union leaders, opposition politicians, newspapermen and some former associates of President Carlos Ibáñez. The arrests were made in many cities over the country. The government asserted that many of those taken into custody were Communist or pro-Communist.

Action was taken under a state of siege decreed Thursday night by Ibáñez.

Chile's big Central Labor Union (CUT) called a nationwide strike for Monday in opposition to a government proposal to freeze wages, prices and pensions in an effort to curtail inflation. The government said such a plan was necessary to save the nation's economy but union leaders and opposition political groups said it would cause hunger throughout the country.

Baudilio Casanova, secretary general of the CUT, declared last night the strike would begin as scheduled and would continue indefinitely.

Casanova issued his statement from a secret hideout. The president of the union, Clotario Best, and other union officials were among those arrested.

Schmeer Will Prophecy Outlook For Chamber

H. E. Schmeer, manager of the Roseburg branch of the U. S. National Bank, will again launch the annual Roseburg Chamber of Commerce luncheon series with a prophecy for 1956.

He has titled his prophecy "What's the Fix for '56." The luncheon is scheduled at noon Monday, the first since before the holiday season, in the Civic Room of the Hotel Umpqua.

Schmeer's appearance as the first speaker of the year at the membership forums has become an annual tradition. In the past his "look-see" into the future has proved extremely accurate. It has always attracted capacity crowds.

New Chamber President J. Roland Parker will conduct the forum.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Senator Morse's assertion that his political foes are planning a record Oregon slush fund to defeat him for reelection suggests an early campaign slogan: "Slush vs. Gush."