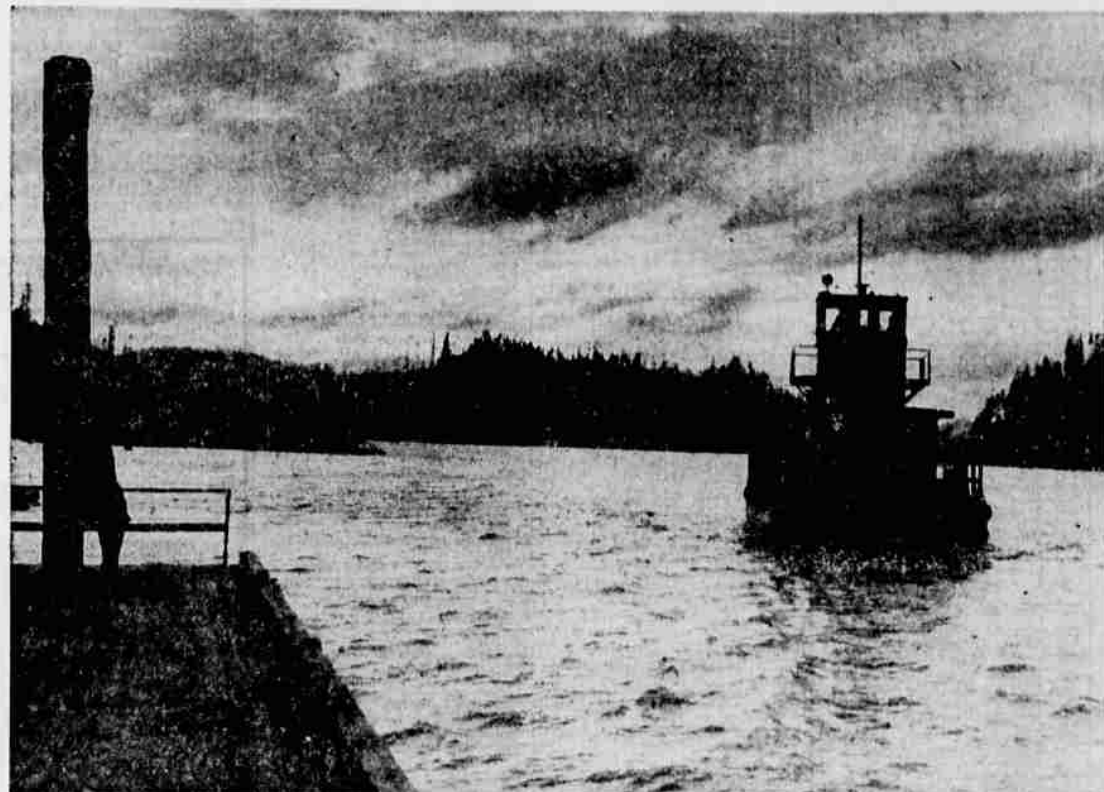


Train, Ferry Replace Highway Travel Along River



PULLING IN to newly constructed dock facilities along Highway 38 east of Reedsport, the converted tug Cathlamet is framed by the wide Umpqua River, looking west. In background is point where mountainside slipped onto

Highway 38, pushing mud and rocks to the river. Reedsport lies directly behind spot where ferryboat is shown.

(All pictures by Paul Jenkins).

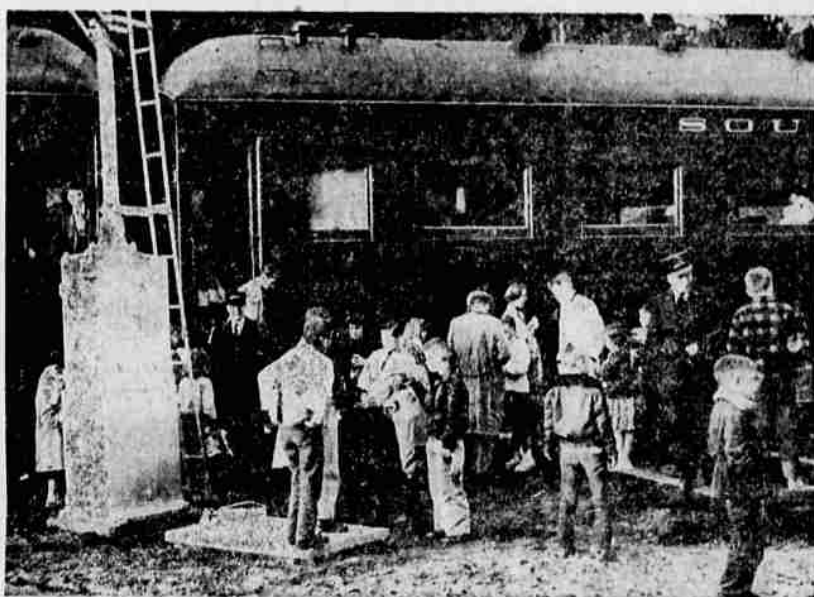


HUGE SLIDE about two miles east of Reedsport blocks vital highway link between coastal and inland points. Highway blockage has brought ferry and train into use.

After hazardous debris on mountain is cleared, gooey mud and rocks will be cleared from the roadbed. The highway is about 100 feet above Umpqua River, at right.



HELPFUL HAND—Conductor John F. May of Portland assists student Paredine Crawford from SP train, which takes children from Reedsport to point on Scholfield Road to circumvent slide on Highway 38.



CONDUCTORS on Southern Pacific two-coach special are shown here talking to school children who live east of the slide. The scene is near Scholfield Road where buses transport youngsters to and from homes.



LOGS AND OTHER DEBRIS litter the roadbed on Highway 38 near where a bulldozer and donkey operate a bucket to pull mud and rocks from overhanging bluff.

Children Say They Enjoy Train Ride, First For Many

Like a majority of the youngsters being transported to school at Reedsport via train from Scholfield Road, 10-year-old Paredine Crawford never rode a train before. "I like it," she smiled, though it was a "little wobbly." The fifth grade student at Pioneer School in Reedsport is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Crawford.

She lives in a float-house, not far from the place where the Southern Pacific train stops along Scholfield Road to discharge its joyful passengers.

The kids now make the two-mile trip to Reedsport each morning, returning to the road along Scholfield Slough each afternoon. About

150 of Reedsport's 1,100 students ride the train. They live east of the slide which blocks Highway 38 and the passage of their school buses.

The children go to and from the contact point on Scholfield Road to the slide, a little way north toward Highway 38, then two buses transport them to their homes, as

far away as the Scottsburg area. Highway 38 east of Reedsport. The railroad track from Coos Bay to Reedsport runs almost parallel to Scholfield Road at a point about a mile south of the slide on cleared.

Little Paredine Crawford said she wouldn't care if the train-ride continued all year, except her family has had a hard time getting food since the highway was closed.

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