

# Rains Cause Rising Water, Slides

## The News-Review

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### Half-Mill Library Levy Proposed

#### Council Slates Ordinance For City Election

Roseburg voters will have a city issue on the ballot at the time of the primary election May 18, if all goes as planned by the City Council.

After considerable discussion Monday night, the Council requested the city attorney to draw up an ordinance by which an election would be called to vote money for support of the city library. If approved, the budget committee and council would be allowed to assess up to half a mill for county library purposes. It is presently allowed to assess up to eight-tenths of a mill for the city library.

City Manager George Farrell estimated this would bring in something over \$5,000, if the entire half mill assessment were budgeted by the council.

#### Hearing On Airport Management Slated By City March 5

What the Council Did

1. Approved the second and third readings of a sewer service and connection charge for the new trunk sewer system.
2. Discussed and acted on the library committee report. (See other story)
3. Appointed Robert Beardsley and Ralph Ohman to the Roseburg Planning Commission and re-appointed O. J. Fett. It was explained that Fett was re-appointed primarily for the liaison work he can do between the county and city planning commissions. Fett is chairman of the county commission.
4. Called for a public hearing regarding operation of the Roseburg Municipal Airport. (See story below.)

#### Hearing On Oil Bill Bribe Will Be Continued

WASHINGTON — A special Senate committee headed by Sen. George (D-Ga.) decided Tuesday to resume public hearings in one week on an oil lawyer-lobbyist's frustrated attempt to give Sen. Case (R-SD) a \$2,500 campaign contribution.

Charles Steadman, committee counsel, said Joseph Wishart, Nebraska Republican state finance chairman, would be the first witness.

Committee aides talked with Wishart in a closed session Tuesday morning.

Wishart's committee accepted a \$2,500 campaign contribution from John M. Neff, Lexington, Neb., lawyer who acted for Howard B. Keck, head of Superior Oil Co. of Los Angeles.

It was Neff who left \$25,000 bills with a friend of Case as a campaign contribution during the Senate gas bill fight. Case declined the money, told the Senate about it, and voted against the bill.

Steadman said the committee also will recall Neff and Elmer Patman, Austin, Tex., lawyer who hired Neff to represent the Superior Oil Co.

Unless there are some unlooked for developments, Steadman said he thinks the committee can wind up its public hearings with a single day session next Tuesday and be ready to report to the Senate shortly thereafter. It is under instructions to report by Thursday of next week.

#### Central Douglas Youth Center Idea Talked At Meeting

A plan for a center to serve youth in the central Douglas area, advanced recently by a Roseburg woman, has caught fire.

Youth and adults swapped ideas at an initial meet in the office of the North Roseburg Sanitary District Monday evening, and talk returned to a single desire: "If we had a place that belonged to the teens."

That idea, expressed by Del McKay, echoed sentiments of the group. The 17 present selected a special temporary committee, composed of McKay, Robert Harris and Bill Forrest, to examine possible club locations this week.

Forrest, president of the Roseburg High School Teen-Age Club and president of the senior class, told the planners that the students "feel we can raise \$5,000 to help pay for a new building or remodel an older site."

Forrest stressed the need for placing the center in a convenient location which could be reached by all students. He noted that only seniors generally drove cars, adding that an out-of-the-city location would hamper students without transportation.

"More kids walk than drive," he said.

Several potential sites were suggested, among them the Veterans facilities and the Roseburg Army.

Forrest, a fluid spokesman for his fellow teenagers, stressed the tremendous desire by youth of the

### Several Roads Temporarily Closed As Rain Pelts County; Flood Threat Still Critical

#### Grants Pass Cut Off, Slides Block Trains

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Earth slides and flood waters rising swiftly in the wake of heavy rains cut highways and rail lines in southwestern Oregon Tuesday and families began to move from threatened homes.

The city of Grants Pass was entirely cut off by road as slides and water isolated it for a short time. Four Greyhound buses with 75 passengers were stranded there. The Redwood Highway south out of Grants Pass was opened at mid-morning to slow travel but No. 99 stayed closed.

The Southern Pacific's main rail line in the Cascade Mountains was blocked by three slides some 45 miles south of Oakridge. Snow, mud and trees littered the tracks.

One of the slides swept down on a passing freight train, the railroad's dispatcher at Portland said, derailing two cars and cutting communications. No one was hurt. Freight and passenger trains were halted.

Rains and warming temperatures that melted snow in the mountains brought the flooding and slides on the long-sloped hillsides. The start was similar to that of the disastrous December flooding which spread over Southern Oregon and Northern California.

An emergency disaster proclamation was issued at 12:45 a. m. at Grants Pass and the County Civil Defense Agency took charge of city and county activities just as it did two months ago.

The city's stores were sand-bagged along one stretch of the business district to hold back water which poured from a broken storm sewer. Flooding irrigation ditches at the edge of the city spread water over wide areas.

The Rogue River at Grants Pass hit flood stage of 17.65 feet at 8 a. m. and was moving upward slowly toward a forecast level of 19.5 feet by noon.

Rain still was coming down all over Western Oregon where the last 24 hours had seen a fall of 2 inches and more. Roseburg had nearly 3 inches and Grants Pass had nearly 4 inches of rain from 5 p. m. Monday to 8 a. m. Tuesday on top of 2.8 inches in the 24 hours before that.

The Southern Pacific's Siskiyou line, the old mountain route for freight, reported a bridge washed out near Myrtle Creek and another bridge at Jumpoff Joe Creek threatened. Water was 8 inches deep in the rail yards at Grants Pass.

The Weather Bureau said the heavy rains would continue through the week.

#### Slides Hampering Highway Travel In Douglas County

High water and slides are again hampering highway travel in Douglas County.

Traffic was cut off between Myrtle Creek and Roseburg by a rock slide and debris washed in from construction just north of Myrtle Creek. The trouble, however, was expected to be cleared up by early afternoon by the State Highway Dept.

The Tiller-Trail Highway also was closed by a slide a mile east of Milo.

One-way traffic between Bridge and Remote on Highway 42 was being enforced after a road wash-out east of Bridge Monday evening. The Highway Dept. said only light traffic could use the route.

However, Highway 38 between Elkton and Reedsport remained open. It had been closed for more than a month after the December high water.

Surface water slowed motorists nearly everywhere. There was one-way traffic on Highway 235 between Drain and Yoncalla because of water over the road.

East Douglas Avenue was closed during the night when Deer Creek overflowed just east of the city limit.

The South Umpqua River north of Myrtle Creek was covered by water and was impassable.



FOR NEAL CHILDREN—Dean Haley, district manager of the Social Security Administration, is shown at left presenting a check for \$362 to Mrs. Rebecca S. Robbins, grandmother of the three Neal children who survived a landslide at Remote last December. Looking on is field representative C. Fenton Ford. The check is for old-age and survivors benefits. Meanwhile, as of Tuesday the total in the Neal Children's Fund was \$4,004.90. (Photo Lab.)

### Neal Children To Benefit From Insurance Payments

Monday, the first check for monthly benefits for Elaine, Alvis and Billy Neal from the federal old-age and survivors insurance program was presented to Rebecca S. Robbins of Riddle.

Mrs. Robbins is the grandmother of the three children who survived a fatal debris-slide that killed five other members of the family in late December.

### Couple Denies Charge Of Causing Child Dependency

Daniel and Mary Elaine Stienon of Little River Route, Glade, denied charges in district court Monday that they are causing a child to become dependent.

Judge Warren A. Woodruff set trial for 1:30 Monday, and the man and wife were released under \$500 bail each.

The charges against the couple grew out of alleged beatings of their children and "cruelty and depravity" toward them. There are four children, aged 6, 9, 11 and 13.

The matter was investigated by deputies, Sheriff Ira C. Byrd said, after juvenile officers received complaints. One of the children first said he had fallen down, giving that as a reason for many bruises on his legs and body.

The child finally admitted he had been beaten, officers said, and another youngster told of being whipped with an electric light cord. It was also brought out that one child had been tied to a tree for punishment on one occasion, the sheriff said.

A hearing is scheduled in juvenile court Thursday to determine whether the children should be declared dependent and put in care of the welfare department.

The youngsters are children of Stienon's sister, Mrs. Howard Rober Stienon and his former wife adopted the children in July 1951. A divorce followed in November 1952, and custody was given to his ex-wife. But she abandoned the children in New Mexico, officers said, and Stienon regained custody.

Stienon is 37, his present wife, 31.

### TEST PATTERN SET

The test pattern for KPIC-TV may be viewed daily from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m., reports resident manager Gene Pierce. The regular scheduling of the pattern started Monday. Pierce said power difficulties were delaying actual programming.

### In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In these chronicles yesterday I listed some of the physical necessities involved in crossing the international boundary into Mexico. Today I'd like to deal with some of the psychological problems that are involved.

Chief among these problems is that of language.

In Europe, which is a large geographical region composed of many small countries, most of them speaking different languages, crossing a frontier amounts to little more than crossing a street. Most Europeans have at least a working knowledge of the language of their neighbors, and so are able to make themselves understood when away from home.

We Americans are a different breed of cats. Our country is vast and it is new. In the past we have been too busy developing it to give

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### The Weather

Mostly cloudy with intermittent rain today, tonight and Wednesday. Little change in temperature.

Highest temp. last 24 hours — 45  
Lowest temp. last 24 hours — 35  
Highest temp. any Feb. — 79  
Lowest temp. any Feb. — 3

Precip. last 24 hours — 2.83  
Precip. month Feb. — 4.54  
Precip. from Nov. 1 — 40.40  
Excess total Nov. 1 — 18.47

Sunrise 6:40 a. m. 7:01 a. m.

1. Unanimously approved merging city and county libraries July 1.

2. Called for a request for appointment of a councilman or person to be appointed by the council.

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### Rotary's Traffic Safety Program Gets Under Way

The Roseburg Rotary Club's traffic safety program goes into high gear again this weekend, reports committee chairman William Wishart.

A community service program for safety inspection of vehicles will be conducted by the club from Feb. 24 to March 31. Motorists may obtain free safety inspection and adjustment of brakes, lights and horn at 17 garages and service stations in the city.

The garages and service stations are: Barcus Sales and Service, Bill Stock Motors, Hansen Motor Co., Jovin Brake Supply, Le Bleu Motors, Luckwood Motors, Pal Motors, Percy Croft Auto Service, Robertson's Shell Service Station, Rose Motor Co., Roseburg Hudson, Roseburg Motors, River-side Buick Union Garage and Wall Edmunds Motors.

The committee is also sponsoring traffic safety programs on KRNR, KRXL and KYES, starting this week.

Members of the committee are: Wishart are: John Robertson, John Ryan, George West, Gene Foley and Stan Olson.

### Large Property Transaction Takes Place At Tiller

One of the largest real estate transactions in recent months has been completed at Tiller, where most of the property in the town has been purchased by S. J. Cooper and B. A. Young of Roseburg.

The men bought 140 acres from Warren Daugherty of Daugherty Lumber Co., Cottage Grove, including sugar pine timber holdings and an old mill.

The acreage includes the area's water supply, river frontage, bunkhouses and land on which seven modern homes are located. About 75 people live on the property, but they will not be directly affected, Cooper and Young said. The Tiller Store and school are on other property.

The men also own the old Maid S mercury mine, and some bunkhouses will be used for miners. The mine's smelter has been rebuilt and the owners expect it to be in full production March 1.

### County Disaster Staff Standing By If Needed

The Douglas County chapter, American Red Cross, is standing by to provide emergency shelter, if necessary, according to county disaster chairman Kenneth E. Barneburg.

He said all personnel has been alerted. He said the RC office in Roseburg, 814 SE Lane St., would be open Tuesday evening if needed. The Red Cross telephone number in Roseburg is OR 3-2253.

BONES MYSTERY CLEARED

OREGON CITY — The mystery of a sack of bones was cleared up Monday when Coroner Leslie Peake said they were those of a sheep or a deer.

When first found by the river bank, they were thought the remains of a man.

## County Farm Bureau Co-operative Termed One Of Northwest's Best

The 34th annual statement of the Douglas County Farm Bureau Co-op Exchange, issued Monday in Roseburg, has been termed "one of the strongest financial statements in the northwest."

The praise came during the annual meeting of members and was made by Bruce Strachan, representative of the Pacific Supply Co-op of Portland. Strachan called attention to the bureau's "thirty-six to one" ratio of assets to liabilities.

In dollars and cents, the statement listed current assets of \$284,180.25. Liabilities totaled \$7,891.21. Manager A. J. Townsend reported an increase of 5.1 per cent in gross sales of the local exchange, reports correspondent Mrs. Arthur Marsh. Some 170 bureau members met at 522 Spruce St., Roseburg, to learn the good news and to elect two board members.

Arthur Marsh, Lookingglass, and J. R. Ritter, Canyonville, were re-elected to serve two-year terms on the board of directors.

Following the regular meeting and program, Marsh was re-elected president of the board and Ritter was elected vice president. L. J. Nesseth was re-elected secretary.

Holder members of the board include: C. R. Gilbreath, Glade; Henry W. Scott, Melrose; and Dave Busenbark, Melrose. Townsend was named manager for the ensuing year and Nesseth, assistant manager.

The meeting session included the showing of related motion pictures by Strachan, and a talk, "Feeding of Plants" by Max Bauer, manager of the fertilizer division of



FARM BUREAU DIRECTORS AND STAFF—From left, seated: J. R. Ritter, Canyonville, re-elected director and vice president; L. J. Nesseth, Roseburg, assistant manager; A. J. Townsend, Roseburg, co-op manager; from left, standing: C. G. Gilbreath, Glade, director; Arthur Marsh, Lookingglass, re-elected director and president; Henry Scott, Melrose, director. Not pictured is Dave Busenbark, Melrose, director. (Staff picture.)

### Field Examiner To Aid Employers Set Up Schedule

George Foster, manager of the Roseburg office of the State Employment Service, reports that a field examiner of the service will be in Roseburg Thursday to assist employers in completing form 1, necessary under the new State Unemployment Compensation law.

Effective this year, employers who have two or more persons on the payroll and have an annual payroll of \$1,800 or more is now subject to the compensation law.

Foster said letters and status reports have been mailed to all such employers, requesting them to enter information necessary.

Don J. Furcher, field examiner, will be at the Roseburg office at 327 SE Jackson St. all day Thursday and every Wednesday thereafter as long as a need is evident for employer assistance in filling out the forms.

Under the new law, an employer becomes subject to the compensation law if he hires two or more people on one day in each of the six weeks of the calendar quarter and still has an \$1,800 or more payroll. The former law made it necessary for only those hiring four or more people.

### High Water Closes Two Douglas County Schools

High water closed schools in at least two districts in Douglas County Tuesday. They were Myrtle Creek's District 19 and Dillard's District 116.

It was not known if the Myrtle Creek schools would reopen Wednesday, but Supt. William Bronley said all in the Dillard district would be open Wednesday "as far as we know." He said overflowing creeks cut off students from Lookingglass School and those living in the Rice Creek and Willis Creek areas.

The rivers were still rising at school starting time Tuesday.

### Opal Kaylor Awarded Partial Disability Claim

An award of compensation for permanent partial disability equal to 60 per cent loss of function of an arm was given Opal G. Kaylor in a circuit court jury verdict returned before Judge Carl E. Wimberly Monday night.

The plaintiff sought an award of 100 per cent in the suit against the State Industrial Accident Commission. The commission previously allowed a jump payment of \$750. She was injured Dec. 16, 1953, when hit on the head by a chunk of wood while working as a laborer for Oregon Products Co.

### 50 Algerian Rifleman Desert With Arms Store

ALGIERS — French authorities said Tuesday about 50 Algerian riflemen deserted with a large store of arms during a battle with nationalist rebels Monday. It was the largest reported defection of the 15-month-old rebellion in Algeria against French rule.

Officials said 10 soldiers of the French-commanded forces and 29 rebels were killed in the battle near Port-Say in western Algeria. French military authorities said the mass desertion was planned to coincide with the rebel attack.

### FINED FOR ASSAULT

Ervin Fred Goetz, 34, of 1973 Goetz St., Roseburg, was fined \$25 by Justice of the Peace Ward Watson, Sutherlin, Tuesday after he was arraigned on a charge of assault with intent to do bodily harm. Goetz was arrested Saturday night on complaint of his estranged wife, state police said.

**L F R**  
Levity Fact Rant  
By L. F. Roizenstein

Ghost of Confucius say: "Red Chinese wise in adopting English-style alphabet. Now make better double talk."