

Unsettled, Adverse Market Conditions, Bad Weather Force Some Mill Closures

A continued "unsettled and adverse market condition," coupled with inclement weather, has forced closure of some of the smaller lumber mills in Douglas County, bringing about an increase in unemployment in the county during November, according to the State Employment Service.

It was estimated that the number of unemployed for Douglas County by the end of November had increased to 2,730, an increase of 36 per cent over November 1955 and approximately 57 per cent over November 1952.

However, the employment service advises that this is in keeping with an approximate increase of 30 per cent in the population of Roseburg since 1932.

Though the total number of employed persons in the county decreased last month, the local employment office calls the rate of decline "not alarming when compared to previous years." But the usual seasonal decline appears to be about a month earlier than previous years.

New claims for unemployment benefits were fewer than those filed in November 1955, but the total number of weeks of unemployment claimed increased by approximately 61 per cent, according to the office.

There were 1,347 new claims filed last month, 4,470 continued claims and a total of 5,149 weeks claimed.

A total of 535 new applications for work were filed through the employment service in November, which is 116 fewer than in October. Non-agricultural job placements numbered 85, a figure very little below that for the same period of previous years.

Activity in the construction field was optimistic with 38 permits totaling \$393,350 in Douglas County, outside Roseburg, Roseburg issued 24 permits, amounting to \$112,225.

While retail sales reportedly continued to remain below the level established in recent years, local businesses are hopeful for a favorable holiday trade.

Glide Seniors Try For Scholarship

By MRS. ARTHUR SELBY

Six Glide High School seniors, Mary Lee Alberici, Carol Dennis, Lois Harris, Anne Jennie, Kay Meyer and Helen Taylor, recently participated in the Betty Crocker "search for the American homemaker of tomorrow." This search is carried on throughout the nation with every interested girl taking a general test on all phases of homemaking. These tests are graded and then each state winner receives a \$1,500 scholarship. The girl receiving the top grade in each school participating in the search, is given a specially designed "Homemaker of Tomorrow" award pin.

Party Sided

The Biscuit Snatchers, a group of Douglas County school administrators, will hold a Christmas party at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, at Vivian's Idlewild Park Lodge in honor of their wives. M. C. Deller, is social chairman.

Major Robert Miller, Mrs. Miller and son John of Phoenix, Ariz., are new residents of the Glide community, having leased the Calvert Butler place on Little River Road. Major Miller, retired after 34 years of service in the U. S. Air Force, plans to purchase property and build a home. Sam Ball, assisted by Ray Ballou and Henry Carlson, made 50 wood toys and donated them to the Roseburg Shriners Christmas project.

Myrtle Creek Students Set Concert Tonight

Myrtle Creek's junior high age pupils will present a concert, highlighting the yule season at the Myrtle Creek school gymnasium tonight at 8 p.m. The public is invited.

The 60 piece junior high band, directed by Lillas Peterson, will present a concert including secular and Christmas selections.

On the program is the National Anthem, "Promotion March," "Big Rock Candy Mountain," "Andantino" and "Mexican Folk Dance."

Several instrumental and solo groups will be featured. A 60 voice choir from the seventh and eighth grades will make its first appearance under the direction of Maryrose Sattler, vocal music teacher in the schools.

The choir will sing background music for the traditional Christmas pageant. Tableaux will be presented by sixth grade pupils under the direction of Olive Brown.

Roy Alvin Gager, 70, Found Dead In Trailer

Roy Alvin Gager, 70, was found dead Tuesday in his trailer house parked near Emile Creek on Little River Road, Douglas County. Coroner L. L. Powers said he was the apparent victim of a heart attack. The coroner said an autopsy might be made.

Gager, a watchman for L. L. Burr Logging Co., apparently died Monday evening between 8 and 9, the coroner reported. He was found in his trailer about 2:15 p.m. by Charles Johnson of Roseburg.

Johnson was making a road inspection and had knocked on the trailer door and received no answer. He found Gager inside.

The deceased was born Sept. 28, 1886. He was a veteran of World War I and was a retired engineer for the Bureau of Public Roads.

Survivors include two sisters: Mrs. Clyde (Beth) Johnson, McMinville, and Mrs. Gladys Sickle, McCall, Idaho; and one brother, Glenn, Missoula, Mont. His body has been removed to the Chapel of the Roses.

Seven White Men Cleared Of Flogging Negro In Florida

BUSHNELL, Fla. — Seven white men were cleared Wednesday of charges of flogging Jesse Woods, 29-year-old Negro who was being forcibly taken from nearby Wildwood jail.

The men were cleared on a directed verdict of Circuit Judge T. G. Futch after State Atty. P. B. Buie himself asked that four of the men be freed.

The case blew wide open when Buie complained that witnesses changed their stories when they came into Sumter County Court-house to testify.

The defense then moved that directed verdicts of acquittal be granted for the other three defendants.

The state had just lost a battle to get a statement from George (Georgia Boy) Altman. The statement was taken after Altman's arrest in connection with the flogging case.

Buie asked that charges be dropped against Keith Sands of Jacksonville, Max Stumberg of Belleview, Leaman Lundy of Belleview, Fla. and Doyle Polk of Marion County.

The other three defendants were Robert Nesmith of Belleview, Ezekiel Alderman of Wildwood and Altman.

Wood, a farm laborer, was arrested Oct. 27 on charges of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. Arresting officers reported that the Negro said, "Hello there, baby," to a white school teacher.

Wood testified at the trial that he was released on bond and asked to be placed back in jail because white men were following him.

He related that he was forced from the jail, taken east of Wildwood, kicked, beaten on the shoulders by both ends of belts and struck by fists.

Israel Discloses Killing Of Arabs In Curfew Tiff

JERUSALEM, Israeli Sector — Israeli authorities disclosed Wednesday the killing of a number of Arabs by Israeli frontier police in a curfew incident 45 days ago at Kfar Kassem, a village near the Jordan border.

Men, women and children were slain. The exact number was not disclosed. Premier David Ben-Gurion said it was a "terrible occurrence," and the police responsibility will be tried.

The government has decided to pay 1,000 Israeli pounds (\$50) to every Arab family affected.

All deputies in the Israeli Parliament stood in silence in memory of the victims. Joseph Sprinzak, the speaker, read a statement expressing shock and bewilderment at the shooting.

An all-night curfew was proclaimed in several Israeli villages on the eastern border after the Sinai Peninsula invasion and a unit of Israeli border police was charged with suppressing it.

Villages generally complied with the curfew order, but some who came home after the curfew hour were killed by members of the patrol.

Flood Danger Believed Over; Crest Passes

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mark of 24 feet, 15 above the river's normal peak, another minor crest was building up on the South Umpqua. Tiller was the apparent victim of a heart attack.

As it passes through the county, this crest could be expected to raise water levels again from their temporary recess. But no serious consequence was presently in the making, according to compiled reports of the U. S. Weather Bureau and other agencies.

The principal concern for any further flooding seemed to lie in the Tiller area and in the Winston-Camas Valley sector where backwaters had forced some evacuation Tuesday.

Major damage in the county Tuesday amounted to plugging of county road culverts in the Tiller and Little River areas, inundation of lowland ranch and farm land, several small bridge washouts in the Myrtle Creek area.

Home evacuations and school closures were most prevalent in the Camas Valley area where tributaries of the Coquille River overflowed their banks onto roads and private property.

Three homes were evacuated along Highway 12 which was closed by high water Tuesday and was still closed at 8 a.m. this morning. The State Highway Dept. estimated that it would be two days before this road would be re-opened.

Evacuated in the Camas Valley area were the Mars, Southwick family on Holmes Creek, the Ford Baker family and the Virgie Moody home at Peterson's mill also on Holmes Creek.

The South Umpqua crested at 25.49 feet, about 1 1/2 feet over flood stage at Winston at 8:10 p.m. Tuesday. Water was over a county road near the Winston Valley Dairy, but no homes were endangered.

At Pruner Bridge on the South Umpqua, the river crested at 29.3 Tuesday afternoon, but began dropping within an hour after cresting.

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Funeral services will be held in the chapel of Long & Orr Mortuary Friday at 2 p.m. with the Rev. M. K. W. Heicher of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. Concluding services and interment will follow in the IOOF Cemetery.

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Hungarian Protest Strike Enters Second Day Today

VIENNA — A protest strike against Premier János Kadar's Soviet-imposed government went into its second day today in Hungary.

Word arrived in the West of many isolated clashes between striking workers and Russian soldiers. But so far there was no repetition of the bloodbath with which Soviet troops and tanks beat back the armed Hungarian revolt Nov. 4.

Kadar sent his security police and Soviet occupation troops to break up workers' demonstrations. The puppet Premier vowed that, having defeated his foes militarily, "we will also defeat them politically."

Mrs. H. M. Thomson, Longtime Douglas Resident, Succumbs

A Douglas County resident of more than 70 years, Mrs. Hulda Millikin Thomson, Roseburg, died Wednesday morning at a Roseburg hospital, following a lengthy illness. She was 88.

Born June 20, 1868, in Janesville, Wis., she moved with her parents to California. In 1887, she came with her parents, Henry and Mary Duthie Scott, to central Douglas County.

The family settled in the Hogan area, later renamed Melrose, by Henry Scott in honor of a Scottish abbot. He was the first postmaster of the area.

She was married on Sept. 24, 1892, at Myrtle Creek to James Millikin, pioneer shoe merchant of Roseburg, who preceded her in death in 1947.

In 1925, she was married to William B. Thomson in Salinas, Calif., who preceded her in death in 1932. She was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church.

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Moscow radio and Kadar's Budapest broadcasting station played down the effectiveness of the strike, called to protest the Kadar regime's dictatorial actions.

But in its next words Budapest radio pleaded for a return to normalcy.

Family Narrowly Escapes As Wall Of Water Hits

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30 feet from its foundations and that it had been badly crushed from the rear.

Tossed up against the back of the house were two pickups. The family car had been bumped out to the roadbed of the Little River Road. A boat and trailer had also been mashed up against the house.

All were deep in mud and debris. Despite the force of the flood, the roadbed was not washed away as water spewed into Little River.

But it was badly damaged. Roadmaster Durward Owens said the road was a mass of debris when county crews started working on it.

Berryhill said he'd never seen anything like the washout since he and his wife moved into the house along Greenman Creek in 1940.

The nearest neighbor's house is far enough away so it was just washed by the flood water and small debris. But a wide area of the mouth of the canyon facing Little River was covered deeply with mud and log debris. It was impossible to determine the natural course of the stream.

Meanwhile Walter Strain, owner of the Greenwood Lunch in the area had arranged for food and lodging for the family until it could make plans. "I haven't made any plans yet," Berryhill said. "He drew a moral from the incident. 'This should be a lesson to a lot of people,' he said meditatively. 'This is the third time in about a year this has happened.'"

He referred to the disaster at Remote in which five members of a family were killed, and another on the Estel Paris ranch east of Roseburg which threatened a house last winter. People located at the mouth of streams like we were are sitting in a trap," Berryhill said.

He blamed the washouts on poor logging practices. He said steps should be taken to make certain loggers clean up debris rather than allowing it to slip into streams to form such lethal dams.

All equipment, including a respiration tank, was carried about a half-mile to the scene because water had cut off vehicular traffic.

Most of the men lost their clothes, including their boots. Two lost wrist watches.

The men were taken into a nearby house and given food, coffee and blankets. Then they returned to camp, where dry clothing was provided.

Members of the crew were able to drive their cars home after the water subsided. Chevalier got home at 9:30 p.m.

Chevalier said that one boat was lost in the rescue try. He said that the loggers would try to replace damaged and lost equipment of their rescuers.

Plane Searchers Still Thwarted

VANCOUVER, B.C. — Low-hanging clouds for the second straight day thwarted searchers Wednesday in the hunt for a Trans Canada Air Lines plane that vanished with 62 persons aboard Sunday night.

Even helicopters couldn't get through for a search of an inland mountain area. It had to turn back after traveling less than 10 of the 55 miles to Sumas mountain.

The search focused on the mountain after a boy and two men were reported missing, at long range, an object which possibly could be a piece of airliner wreckage.

However, the helicopter pilot said he had made a "tree by tree" search of the mountain Monday without seeing anything resembling wreckage. It has snowed at the upper elevations since then making any search doubly difficult.

Portland Fire Damage Reported At \$30,000

PORTLAND — A downtown fire Tuesday night caused damage estimated at high as \$30,000 to a jewelry store, a toy shop and a former lunchroom at S. W. 3th and Yamhill Sts.

Firemen fought the flames for nearly an hour. Fire department officials said the fire apparently started in what used to be a cafeteria called Roy's Lunch, closed recently. Peterson's Jewelry Store and Cook's Toy Store were heavily damaged.

The adjoining Columbia Market suffered smoke and water damage.

East Myrtle Livestock Vote Petition Approved

A petition, requesting a special election in the East Myrtle Livestock Control District, was approved Tuesday by the Douglas County Council.

The election will determine whether or not certain lands in the district will be dissolved from the district in order that livestock may be permitted to run at large.

The court order calls for the election to be held Friday, Feb. 1, 1957, at the South Myrtle Community Hall, Myrtle Creek.

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PARIS — British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd Wednesday called for a kind of "super parliament" with limited powers to serve the Atlantic Community.

The British statesman's proposal before the North Atlantic Council was part of a three-point program for developing the political bonds between the 15 members of the NATO alliance.

Lloyd was speaking on a three-point program which urged the Allies to foster non-military cooperation.

He presented three elements for "the grand design" of the Atlantic Community:

1. An assembly on parliamentary lines with powers and functions assigned to it by member states.
2. A high political and military directorate furnished by NATO itself—with the Western European Union (WEU) of seven states as a component.
3. Economic cooperation through such groupings as the Organization for European Economic Cooperation (OEEC), the European Payments Union, the European Coal and Steel Community, the "Euratom" project for pooled development of atomic energy and the proposed free trade area in Europe.

Lloyd did not precisely define the sort of super parliament he has in mind—whether it would be elected and have the right to make laws or whether its members would be nominated with powers only to consult.

The British foreign secretary in his statement also cautiously welcomed the report of the "three wise men"—Canada's Lester Pearson, Norway's Halvard Lange and Italy's Gaetano Martino—which urged the Allies:

1. To bring their private disputes into the NATO council for possible settlement before taking any one-sided actions.
2. To conduct regular discussions on major political issues even if they related to affairs outside NATO's geographical limits.

The council as a whole accepted the recommendations in principle.

Sutherland Judge Irwin Resigns

Sutherland's municipal judge and building inspector J. C. Irwin tendered his resignation this week. Judge Irwin told city council members he planned to go to southern California for an extended time. His resignation is effective Jan. 1.

Council members also tended to a host of other business items. They awarded the Fetherick Insurance Agency a contract for city property and liability insurance. The Sutherland firm's bid was low of three submitted. Others came from Scallion Insurance and Jones Insurance, according to city manager C. Dean Smith.

In other action the council discussed the matter of delinquent water bills. They asked City Attorney Nelson Grubbe to prepare an amendment by which delinquent customers would be required to pay the toll bill other than a portion, Smith said.

Councilmen agreed to a request from Sutherland Lady Lions that the city pay for the electric lighting of street decorations put up by the club. In final action, the council approved all liquor renewal applications.

Riddle Prospector Succumbs Dec. 10

James Howell Irwin, 81, of Riddle, died Dec. 10 at a Canyonville hospital. Irwin was born Aug. 26, 1875, in Missouri.

He lived 15 miles up Cow Creek where he was a prospector for 25 years. He was married to Elizabeth Womack in 1896. Irwin has preceded him in death in 1938. Irwin has no known survivors.

Funeral services will be held in the chapel of Ganz Mortuary in Myrtle Creek Friday at 2 p.m. The Rev. Conrad Roades of the Riddle Baptist Church will officiate. Interment will follow in the Riddle cemetery. Ganz Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

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