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Valley Counts Cost of Worst Flood in 50 Yrs.

City Saved by Cottage Grove Dam, but Row River on Rampage.

45,000 ACRES FARM LAND DAMAGED.

The upper Willamette valley is digging out of the worst flood in the past fifty years, which bypassed Cottage Grove because of the Hebron dam. Except for flooded basements, local residents suffered little inconvenience. Along the Row river section, the story was different. The Row river and Mosby creek streams stopped traffic for a time last week and caused several thousand dollars in damages to farmers and ranchers, principally in fences that were washed away. Several head of livestock were also drowned. Oscar Flaten, Delight Valley rancher, was one of the heaviest losers to the flood. He estimated that the flood cost him \$500.00 in fences alone in addition to the loss of several head of sheep and a heifer. Virtually all mills and logging operations were shut down for several days and the O. P. & E. railroad suspended operations to Diston until bridges and sections of track could be repaired. High waters made it impossible for either mill workers or loggers to report to any mill in the Row river section last week.

Traffic in the Delight Valley section was routed around the upper Mosby Creek road until receding waters made it possible to again cross the steel bridge east of town.

High point in the flood waters of the Cottage Grove dam was reached Friday with the basin eighty-five percent full and the water level within about three feet of the spillway. The Fern ridge dam was filled.

The hardest hit community in Lane county was the Glenwood Springfield area, near the junction of three rivers, inundated in places to a depth of four to six feet. Small houses were floated away, streets and roadways were washed out and debris scattered over several hundred acres.

THIRTY SEVEN MEN INDUCTED INTO ARMY

Thirty seven men, South Lane and North Douglas counties and former residents of these areas were inducted into the army December 10th and December 23rd by selective service board No. 3, according to a release from the board Saturday. Among the list were the following from this area: Homer O. Treat, Darrell K. McKibben, Clifford McFay, John M. Sutherland and Walter Chas. Mock, all of Cottage Grove; Oliver R. Lane of Culp Creek, and Kenneth James Frier of Drain.

THOMAS JEROME SWEANEY DIES AT EUGENE

Thomas Jerome Sweeney, brother of Mrs. J. A. Powell, Cottage Grove, passed away at Eugene, January 3rd. Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2:00 p. m. from the Simons Chapel of Eugene. Mr. Sweeney was born February 3, 1879 in Missouri and moved west with his parents when a young boy. He made his home up the Coast Fork river for years.

Survivors are one son, Donn G. Sweeney of Honolulu, one sister, Mrs. J. A. Powell, Cottage Grove; two brothers, Dr. Henry C. Sweeney, Chicago, Illinois, and John L. Sweeney, Myrtle, Manitoba, Canada; and a niece, Mrs. Vinal T. Randall of Cottage Grove. Mrs. Sweeney preceded her husband in death about 10 years ago.

ADDRESSES HEADQUARTERS OFFICERS

Capt. Bill Earl of the 16th battalion, Oregon state guard, gave a very interesting address to officers of the headquarters company Tuesday evening on the subject of first aid as applied to modern warfare.

School Population of County Shows Loss

Lane county school population showed a decline for 1942 over the previous year, according to L. C. Moffitt, county superintendent. The school census recently completed showed 300 fewer pupils in the county in 1942. Only five districts in the county showed increases: Springfield, Eugene, Creswell, River Road and Santa Clara. The Cottage Grove district sustained a loss of 110 pupils over the corresponding period of a year ago. Comparisons of the municipal districts over the county for 1941-42 are:

	1942	1941
Eugene	5192	5054
Springfield	1779	1547
Mapleton	226	229
Creswell	392	350
Cottage Grove	915	1025
Lowell	359	381
Oakridge	330	375
Florence	286	297
Coburg	236	281
Glenwood	305	316
Wendling	201	212
River Road	453	433
Santa Clara	307	281

C. of C. Names Committees

Yesterday at an executive committee meeting of the Chamber of Commerce called by the new president, Larry Levens, the following committees were named for the year. The session was held at the Rainbow cafe:

Membership committee: L. J. McCoy and Karl Mills; publicity: W. C. Martin and N. J. Nelson; industrial interest: A. W. Helliwell and R. P. Boyce; civic affairs: L. W. Coiner and W. L. Workman; merchants committee: Roy Short, Fred Anderson and Herman Petersen; entertainment committee: H. E. Eakin and Dr. H. A. Hagen; federal projects—roads and highways: H. E. Eakin and A. W. Helliwell; agricultural committee: Vinal T. Randall and Don Kabler; legislation: H. W. Lombard; fair committee: Dr. H. A. Hagen and C. J. Kern.

War Fund Drives Over Until April

Treasury Secretary Morgenthau announced Saturday that there would be no more special drives for funds to finance the war until early April because the treasury had borrowed an historic total of \$12,906,000,000 during December through its victory fund campaign.

The original December goal of \$9,000,000,000 was overreached by 43.3 per cent.

The actual total of money brought into the treasury last month was \$15,600,000,000, because of \$2,700,000,000 received in taxes and other collections.

Oregon Over Top

Oregon exceeded its \$100,000,000 1942 goal in the war bond campaign by \$500,000, the state war bond staff reported in Portland Saturday.

Oregon's mark is 103 per cent of the state's official treasury department quota. The state ranks with the top three states in the union and leads the Pacific coast with a comfortable margin.

Used Farm Machinery Under Price Control

All sales of five critical used farm machines, whether made by dealers, auctioneers, or farmers themselves, were placed under price control Tuesday by the Office of Price Administration. This action was designed to relieve farmers from paying excessive prices resulting from rapidly increasing demand.

The machines covered are used farm tractors (except crawler tractors) and the following important used harvesting machines: combines, corn pickers, corn binders, and motor or tractor operated hay balers.

Generally, the maximum prices are 70 percent and 95 percent of the list or base prices for the same new equipment, depending on the condition of the equipment when resold.

BEG PARDON

In the last issue of the Sentinel, it was erroneously reported that Miss Margaret Kibelbeck had been employed as assistant in the local rationing board. The name should have been Miss Florence Kibelbeck. We ask the pardon of Miss Kibelbeck and beg the indulgence of the readers.

Inside Stories of Our Legislature to Appear in Sentinel

Inside stories of happenings at a session of the state legislature are always interesting and frequent by just as important as the recorded proceedings, in so far as they inform the public of legislative trends and the efforts and ambitions of individual lawmakers. Because of his state-wide contacts and ten years' experience in reporting sessions of the Oregon legislature, Vernon Williams is specially qualified to write such articles, and his column of news and comment on the 1943 session which will appear in The Sentinel beginning with the issue of January 15 will be of special interest to our readers.

Because of war conditions and the consequent problems every state lawmaking body must face this weekly report from the state capital will be particularly valuable to all who wish to keep informed on bills proposed and laws enacted to meet the grave situation imposed by war demands and their effect upon state finances.

Mr. Williams will maintain headquarters in the capitol building press room throughout the session and his column will cover events of the preceding week, together with timely comment on bills offered in the two houses. The reports will be strictly non-partisan and free from bias or prejudice, the purpose of the column being at all times to adhere to facts, with sincere interpretation of the possible effect of all measures proposed by the legislators.

R. C. Gleason Takes Over Texaco Station At Eighth and Main

R. C. Gleason has taken over the Texaco Service Station from Walter Trembley, located at 8th and Main. The transfer was effective January 1st and Mr. Gleason assumed his duties as manager at that time. Mr. Gleason is well and favorably known here having lived in this area for the past thirty years. He was for a time connected with the operation of a service station in another district.

In commenting on the change in ownership, Mr. Gleason said he would endeavor to give the best service possible to all customers and felt that he was serving a real need in supplying essential service to motorists during war time.

Mr. Trembley who has operated the service station for several years said the first of the week his plans were rather indefinite, but that he probably would go into defense work or some branch of the armed service. He said he would maintain his home here and that his family would remain here.

J. W. Thorne Meets Death in Accident

J. W. (Bud) Thorne, a resident of the Blackbutte route met his death in a logging accident Friday morning along with Archie Brooks of Wendling, in the Booth-Kelly woods above Wendling. The accident is said to have happened near Camp 5, when a slide occurred on the logging road and buried both men under five to twelve feet of mud and rock.

Mr. Thorne who was born at Comstock February 8, 1882, and was married at Roseburg on July 3, 1936. Surviving are his widow, his parents and the following children: Mrs. Mary Hazel Eddy of Blackbutte route; Mrs. Bernice Perini of Dorena; John W. Thorne, Wm. Thorne and the following step-children: Mrs. Orville White, Dorena, and Joyce and Phelan LaBlue and the following brothers and sisters: William Thorne of Portland, Mrs. Tom Foster of Ashland and Mrs. S. P. Shortridge of Cottage Grove and Mrs. Winnie Brown of Portland.

Funeral services were held Tuesday from the Mills chapel with the Rev. H. T. Park of the Assembly of God church officiating. Interment was in the Taylor Lane cemetery.

VALLEY GOLF TOURNEY OUT

Because of restricted travel, the Willamette Valley Golf Tournament staged annually is out for the duration, it was announced at Eugene last week.

Alfred Lee Elliott Is First Baby of 1943

The first baby of the new year is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nobel Elliott of Mosby Creek, born at the McFarland maternity home January 5th. He has been named Alfred Lee. So far as we know at the present time Mr. and Mrs. Elliott will be entitled to claim the prizes offered by local merchants in the last issue of the Sentinel.

C. of C. Sponsors U of O Speakers on Wartime Subjects

Tuesday the Chamber of Commerce agreed to sponsor speakers from the University of Oregon to discuss the following timely subjects: "What should be done at the next peace table," "How may we increase our war production," "How we may lighten the shock of transforming the war economy into peace economy." These subjects will be discussed within the next few months and will be announced previous to the time the speakers are to appear.

Dr. H. A. Hagen of the South Lane Fair Committee reported that the city was taking the necessary steps to acquire the auction barn property near the city park for the fair board.

To Cooperate in Service

The Chamber of Commerce will also cooperate in the community memorial services which will be held February 12th for three Cottage Grove men: Bob Fredricks, killed in action in the Southwest Pacific; Eugene Morrow, a former resident and former high school student, killed in action on the Yorktown, and Rex McFarland, missing in action since the fall of Bataan.

With the Armed Forces

Sgt. Lawrence Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Clark, has landed in North Africa, according to word received by the Clarks last week. He is with the armed forces of the U. S. army.

Pfc. Howard Byrne, with the signal corps, U. S. army, is located at Camp Crowder, Missouri, where he has been in training for several weeks.

Staff Sgt. Darrell B. Booher has arrived from Alaska where he has been stationed with the armed forces. He has a 15-day furlough and is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Booher. He is being transferred to Harding Field, Baton Rouge, Louisiana and will be accompanied by his wife who will remain there as long as he is at Harding Field.

Cpl. and Mrs. Ivan Patten returned to Fort Canby today after spending ten days here visiting their home folks.

Lewis Dye, who has been stationed in North Carolina with the armed forces is home on a 15-day furlough and is visiting his parents at Drain.

Pvt. George R. McQueen, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. McQueen, who has been stationed with the medical corps in North Carolina, has been transferred to Washington, D. C. to what is known as Headquarters and Headquarters company, the purpose of which is to guard the government buildings at Washington, D. C.

RESTAURANT CLOSING DUE TO SHORTAGES

This sign appeared on a boarded front window of a drive-in restaurant at Kansas City Saturday:

No coffee;
No meat;
No gas;
No eat;
Closed for the duration.

Russell J. D'Anna, one of the operators, said gasoline rationing added the finishing touch to the business, already having difficulty getting food supplies.

CHANGE IN SCHEDULE OF EXAMINER

A change in the schedule for state drivers license examiners in Cottage Grove was announced today by the secretary of state.

Beginning Saturday, January 9, the examiner will be in the city hall one Saturday of each month, instead of Fridays, as in the past. The office will be open from 10 to 4 p. m.

Lane Co. Pioneer Buried at Blue Mt. Cemetery Tuesday

Rites for Mrs. Josephine Lee, 65, Lane county pioneer and early day resident of Cottage Grove, were held Tuesday morning at 10:00 a. m. from the Free Methodist church at Springfield and interment was in the Blue Mountain cemetery near Cottage Grove. Phil Bartholomew Chapel of Springfield in charge of the services.

Mrs. Lee died at Springfield January 1, 1943. She was born at Yoncalla January 27, 1878. Later she moved by wagon to Cottage Grove, which took two weeks to make the trip at the time. She was married to Hiram E. Lee October 25, 1894 and moved to West Springfield in 1908 where she has since lived.

Today Is Farmers' Day at Lions Club

Today will be Farmers' Day at the Lions club with two early day residents, Walter Baker and W. J. White, Hebron farmers and ranchers, as guests of the club. Both of these men, who spent their early years here have returned and established a home.

Last Thursday, Lt. General Orlo Bagley gave the club a talk on the bigging industry of the Pacific north west. Yesterday Bagley admitted that his mind was just a little hazy as to what he did say in his speech, but recalled that he gave the number of cars of piling shipped out of here during the past year and said something about riding on the same plane with Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt from Portland to Chicago, but refused to say what he said to Mrs. F. D. R. or what she said to him. (It must have been a military secret.)

Sam Rayburn Is Speaker of House

By the slimmest margin in a decade, democrats kept control of the house and returned Sam Rayburn, of Texas, to the speakership in organizing the 78th Congress for President Roosevelt's report today on a year of war and the way to victory.

Rayburn defeated Rep. Joseph Martin (R., Mass.), who, as a result of the outcome, automatically became the minority leader. Rep. McCormack, another bay state law maker, was renominated democratic floor leader at a party caucus yesterday.

The vote for speaker was: Rayburn 217, Martin 206, on strict party lines. It was the first congress in a quarter of a century to convene with the nation at war. And, as if to impress upon the new and old members the gravity of the times, a test air-raid put them on the alert an hour and a half before Vice President Henry A. Wallace banged the gavel in the Senate and Chief Clerk South Trimble rapped the representatives to order in the House.

Unlike openings of the last ten years was the large occupancy of seats by republicans.

In the House, membership consisted of 208 republicans, 222 democrats, two progressives, one farm-labor and one American-labor representative. There was one vacancy.

When the 77th congress convened two years ago there were only 166 republican House members. The Senate had 38 republican members, more than had sat on the minority side in a decade.

BIGGEST EGG

If all the hen fruit was as big as the egg brought in from the John Bauder place yesterday, the hens could slow down some and still do a good war time job. The egg in question measured nine inches in length with a circumference of 7 1/2 inches and weighed 5 1/2 ounces.

Floods Damage Roads in South Lane Area

The past week's floods damaged several county roads in this section, closing a few roads both west and north of here, James Tedford, South Lane road supervisor said last night. Two bridges were washed out on the Siuslaw below Lorane, which affects the logging operations of the Skelton-Mitchell Lumber Co. The Sears road in the upper end of Delight valley was closed by a slide. The Black Butte bridge south of town was damaged as was the Wilson creek bridge on the road near the Cottage Grove dam and the road to Culp Creek was closed for a time by slides but the road has been reopened now. Mr. Tedford said and has been repaired to Disston.

Local residents who own cabins in the Cottage Grove colony on the Umpqua at Scottsburg also suffered from the high waters. At least three cabins sustained damages from the floods waters when water came up in the houses from four to five feet, washing away some furniture, fishing tackle for Joe Smith, boat houses and boat moorings, gas tanks and other articles.

Flood damages in the entire valley are being surveyed by a crew of U. S. Engineers and the extent may not be known for several days. Rough estimates say that the floods covered at least 45,000 acres of farm lands.

Flood control measures will be discussed at Salem tomorrow when ten valley counties will meet. Arrangements will likely be made to send representatives to the Mississippi valley conference, it was said.

Mrs. H. Krebsky Drowns in Flood

Mrs. Helen Skrebensky, 48, wife of Nick Skrebensky of Portland, was drowned in Pass Creek eight miles south of town Thursday afternoon about 6:30 p. m. when the Skrebensky car left the highway and plunged about thirty feet over an embankment as the couple were enroute to Watsonville, California. Mr. Skrebensky, who managed to crawl on top of the car, was rescued a short time after the accident, which occurred a half mile south of the Shady Brook camp.

The Skrebensky car and a new trailer was forced off the highway, it was said, when an attempt was made to pass a truck at a landslide in the highway. The car plunged over the bank and landed at the bottom of Pass Creek. The car was entirely submerged and the body of Mrs. Skrebensky was rescued about noon Friday and brought to the Mills funeral parlors. Whether Mrs. Skrebensky was so badly injured when the car tumbled over the embankment that she was unable to climb out of it will probably never be known. The trailer floated down the creek for some distance before being pulled from the water.

A daughter, Mrs. Tuzon of Watsonville, was following behind the Skrebensky car. The family were moving to Watsonville, California, after having lived for the past twelve years at Portland. Everything they possessed was either in the trailer or the car, including \$300.00 in money tucked away in top of the car, a 1930 Studebaker. The car top was so badly damaged that the \$300.00 in money was lost and probably floated down Pass Creek.

The body of Mrs. Skrebensky is being held at the Mills chapel pending advice to ship it to Watsonville, where burial will be made. She was a native of Austria and was born there October 25, 1894.

BICYCLE LICENSES ARRIVE

1943 bicycle licenses are now available at the city hall for those who want them. They may be secured at the recorder's office.

Uncle Willie Mullins says—



One of my biggest investments is War Bonds. I figure on putting at least 10% of all my earnings into War Bonds from New Year's on!

City Council Is Reorganized at Meeting Monday

New Councilmen Sworn in at Meeting Monday Evening.

ALL FORMER CITY OFFICERS REAPPOINTED.

The city council was reorganized at the first meeting of the new year Monday evening when the councilmen were assembled by the new mayor, S. L. Mackin. Only one new council member was sworn in, Max Bird from ward 3, in addition to S. L. Mackin, who succeeds J. W. Veatch, retired. In the reorganization process the resignation of three members of the city library board was accepted: C. L. Stroup, who has moved to Portland, and Mmes. Addie Job and Velma Harrel. The following new members to the board were appointed: Mrs. S. L. Mackin, Miss Lula Currin, Mrs. W. A. Woodard, Harold Eakin and Mrs. H. B. Ferrin.

The following committee appointments were announced by Mayor Mackin:

Finance — Max Bird, George Matthews and W. L. Workman. Property, Building and Fire — Glen Flatters, Bill Thum and Workman.

Streets and Sidewalks — A. W. Shofstall, Thum and Bird. Water, Lights, Sewer — Matthews, Flatters and Shofstall. Judicial, Police, Liquor, Traffic — Bird, Matthews and Workman. City Park — Thum, Flatters, Shofstall.

The planning committee is a new one named by Mayor Mackin and includes: Matthews, Shofstall and Bird.

All former city officers were reappointed with exception of Don Allen, serving with the navy on leave of absence. He is replaced by Mrs. Allen. Officers appointed include: M. A. Perry, chief of police; L. W. Coiner, water superintendent and city engineer; Herbert W. Lombard, city attorney; Dr. A. W. Kime, city health officer.

The First National Bank was named as the depository for city funds in 1943.

After council adjourned, John Veatch, retiring mayor, set a precedent for future mayors, by inviting the council and several guests to the Odd Fellows hall for refreshments. Future mayors should take note that the tables were prepared and refreshments were served by Mr. Veatch. Those present were: the present council members, and Jesse Lansing, retiring council member; Alvis Wicks, Wm. Harvey, Myron Perry; Al Deitz, child delinquency officer of Eugene; L. W. Coiner, Herbert Lombard and Kelly Cooper.

Library Report for Month of December

The December report of the library released by Mrs. Hamant, librarian, is as follows: adult fiction books loaned, 33; making fiction books loaned, 33; making a total of 493 adult books loaned during the month; children's fiction books, 56; children's non-fiction, 33; making a total of 89 children's books loaned during the month; making a grand total of 582 books loaned during the month of December. Cash received from fines, \$3.36; cash received from rental shelf, \$4.95; making a total of \$8.31 received during the month. Six borrower's cards were issued and 10 cards cancelled, making a total of 1637 borrower's cards on file.

MISSSES SENTINEL—GOES ON HUNGER STRIKE

Failure to get The Sentinel on time upsets the F. B. VanNortwick family, long-time subscribers to The Sentinel. Friday, General F. V. VanNortwick missed his Sentinel and refused to eat until the mail man delivered his paper, which incidentally was Saturday morning (Friday being a holiday.) "Durn these holidays," he says.

One of the reasons why nylon hosiery is scarce is because the towlines being used to pull the biggest army gliders are being made of a special nylon composition, strong as any rope made.