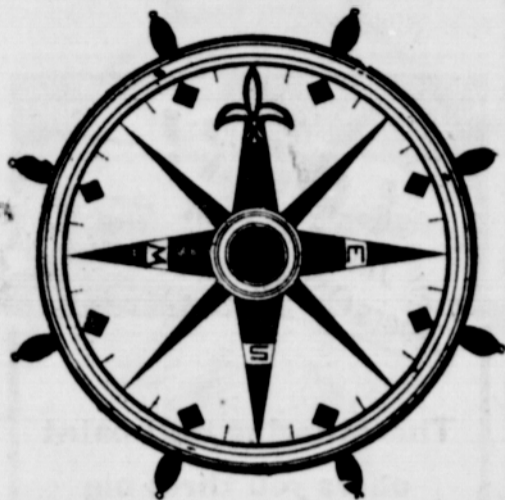
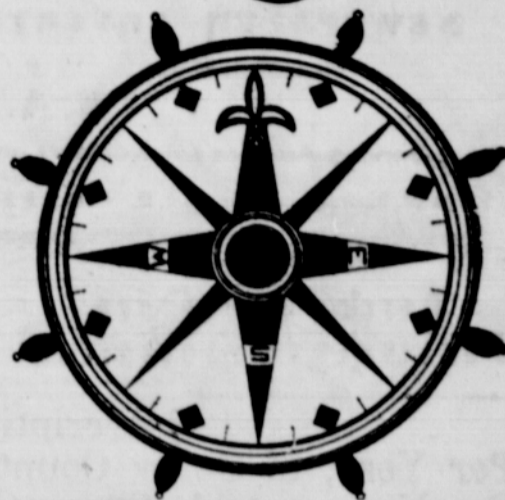


# Storm Darkens Southwest Oregon



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### AREA WITHOUT ELECTRICITY MORE THAN 100 HOURS; BUSINESS HURT

With the fury of wildcats, Monday night, the Pacific coast storm did untold damage along the entire coast line of western United States, with southern Curry county having its share of resulting inconvenience. Power was non-existent for 62 hours, and after a few moment, again went off for another 18 hours, virtually stopping all business from Medford westward, including Crescent City with the Brookings and Harbor vicinities.

Monday evening, the worst windstorm of many years hit the power lines all along the coast, putting many communities in darkness from a day to almost a week, as in case of this area, and Smith River, dependent upon California-Oregon Power Company whose power lines were practically obliterated by the storm.

Bandon and the area about Coos Bay was hit hard, and was without power Tuesday, but had no further trouble after power service was restored. That area was hampered about a day in all, reports say.

Gold Beach, with its own generating plant, had no interruption of service.

In the vicinity of Cave Junction, silver thaws broke the main power lines to Crescent City and Brookings in more than 25 places Tuesday night. More than 100 men were recruited to help restore the service. For a time Thursday afternoon, belief was held that the job had been accomplished but new storms added ice to lines and broke service in less than a half hour. Friday the circuit was closed for almost two and a half hours.

#### Locker Plants Hit Hard

Most concern was felt, not as

### Assessor's Home Hit By Small Fire

GOLD BEACH—Fire broke out last Saturday afternoon in the chimney of the George Sutton home. Prompt action on the part of the fire department held the damage to practically nothing, as the greatest damage was done by a fire department ladder going through a small window.

Sunday evening the department was called again when a motor of the freezer unit at Green Lantern Cafe shorted and burned up. No damage resulted, other than to the motor. The fire truck and Schmidt were at the scene of the fire about the same time, as the siren sounded.

one might expect, by homes, but by the various locker plants, in whose vaults were stored many thousands of dollars worth of food. Brookings Market, before its danger period had been reached, established an auxiliary unit to hold the temperature at normal. Freeman's Chetco Store had to move all that store's meat to another spot.

With no apparent let-up in the storm, a road block was set in Brookings, stopping all north-bound cars until a road plow had cleared Carpenterville hill of the deep snow. Over Oregon mountain, where depths of as deep as 55 inches were reported, presented quite another problem, to force many motorists over Hwy 101, if traveling north.

#### Business Was Non-Existent

Aside from groceries and the businesses which did not depend upon electricity to operate, all business of this area was practically non-existent from Tuesday morning until late Saturday afternoon when power was finally restored.

Restoration of power relieved several situations: Candles had been sold out, bakery goods, due to shut-down of Williamson's Bakery, were becoming scarce; and those who had electric cooking devices, had almost exhausted the supply of kerosene as a substitute.

### P.-T. A. Comes Up With New Male Quartette

"The Gear Jammers," quartet of P.-T. A. members, composed of Bert DeMoss, bass; Fox Bros. tenor and lead and Bill Dugan, sang several numbers at the last P.-T. A. meeting, held at the school last week, with gratifying results. The group sang their theme song (a parody to "The Caissons Go Rolling Along"), "The Diesels Go Rolling Along."

Two films, on safety, were displayed, carrying out the program of safety, scheduled for the meeting, first of the current calendar year.

### Power Outage Delays Pilot

While business in general suffered terrifically from the power outage from Monday to Saturday afternoon, the Pilot was practically "put out of business." Not a wheel of the shop could be turned as every machine is electrical.

This issue of the paper is dated for the regular Thursday edition, and will be mailed to county subscribers on Monday. Those out of the county will find this issue as a part of the issue of the week of January 19. Perhaps some news meant for one issue, may appear in the other.

### O. E. S. Installs Officers For Year

Satellite chapter, O. E. S., installed officers at its meeting, last week, with Mrs. Finch of Harbor and Mrs. Jacobson of Smith River as installing officers and Mrs. C. Brimm as installing marshal, Mrs. Roy Hendry as installing conductress, Mrs. Roy Weideman as installing chaplain, seated the following 1950 officers:

Worthy Matron—Eileen Swan.  
Worthy Patron—Bob Swan.  
Associate Matron—Mrs. Alice Rausch.

Associate Patron—Roy Hendry.

Secretary—Agda Bickner.  
Treasurer—Gertrude Sutliff.

The incoming worthy matron and worthy patron were presented flowers from their daughters, who were unable to be present, by Mrs. Rausch. Mrs. Hendry, out-going worthy matron presented her successor a bouquet of red roses.

At the close of the meeting, Martha Harbin, Minnie Wright, Hattie Payne, Mary Hanks and Ruby Harvey were presented to the chapter as the courtesy girls for the coming year.

The out-going worthy matron, Mrs. Hendry, and out-going worthy patron, Charles Bickner, received pins.

Apple pie and ice cream, tea and coffee were served to climax the evening.

Satellite chapter holds meeting on the first and third Tuesday evenings of each month at the Odd Fellow hall.

"Nuts and Bolts," junior class play, was postponed to a date to be announced later.

### ECONOMY OF LARGE SECTION OF STATE DEPENDS UPON SHIPPING

Col. Burnes, and his assistant, former Col. Hixon, with assistants, heard, first-hand last Wednesday morning how development of the Chetco Cove would affect the economy of the entire southwest Oregon, and how installation would mean increased wealth in the economy of the entire country, from many angles. Each branch of industry, excepting the fishing interest, who could not arrive in time, were present to state a case for that endeavor.

#### Kerr Reports For Timber

Henry Kerr, interested in the timber and lumbering industry of the area, told of the annual cut of the district, and of the years that this cut was to be maintained. His figures were substantiated and supplemented by John Porisch, speaking for the U. S. Forest Department, for Hershel Obye, who was unable to come over Oregon Mountain due to the storm and deep snow.

Paul Hafner, of Gold Beach, in behalf of the mineral interests of the area, told of the different mineral deposits in the section, substantiating his report by findings of the minerals division of the department of the interior. In all these reports the transportation or lack of it was given as reason for non-development of these properties in the county.

A representative of the bargaining company of The Dalles was present to report that his company was cognizant of the importance of the Chetco Cove development because this was the only place between Eureka and Portland offering sufficient deep-water draft for shipping and the loading of bigger ships.

Charles Echols, as county surveyor, compared the need in 1950

### Admitted To Practice In U. S. Court of Appeals

Ed F. Ackley, local attorney, was, on Dec. 30, admitted to practice before the United States court of claims. This is the court wherein claims against the United States are prosecuted.

He had previously been admitted to practice before the 9th District U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals; the U. S. District Court for Oregon; the U. S. Treasury Department; the Interstate Commerce Commission and the U. S. Tax court. He is also a member of the Oregon State Bar; the Coos-Curry Bar Association and American Bar association.

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to that of 1938 when the original hearings had been held. He told that the proposed breakwater at that time would make approximately a 40-acre harbor (if water area could so be measured).

George Funk reported upon the floriculture interests of the county, and what increased rapid transportation would mean in that endeavor.

A department of the interior man reported upon the wealth of the area, now being undeveloped because of costly transportation, and said he could submit many facts to substantiate this statement from records of the department.

Transcripts were taken of all testimony by reporters, and the army engineers allowed three or so weeks more time for all interested people to submit data in writing so that the case may be carried to congress at the earliest possible date.

### Early Morning Fire, Saturday, Levels Landauer Sawmill

Fire, originating in the sawdust pile, and whipped through the mill by the high wind, early Saturday morning, leveled the Landauer mill despite all efforts of firemen to save even a part of the structure. Fire was first discovered about 2 a. m., then still quite small.

Friday, it has been told about town, the wind from the south kept fanning the sawdust fire to aggravating proportions, and the smoke was at times quite dense in the sawmill. Proper precautions were believed taken before the mill was left for the night.

All that was saved from the entire structure, was the green-chain, near which were several piles of lumber.

Built in 1947, this mill, located at the mouth of the Chetco, except for a brief lay-off when lumber prices were unstable last winter, has given employment to many men. Reports say that Mr. Landauer has said he would rebuild, although this was not confirmed at the time the Pilot was put to press.