

## Hiways Blocked By Heavy Storm

Heavy rains during the last week caused considerable damage along the coast in flooding, wash-out, slides and blocked highways, but with no loss of life in this section. Brookings was cut off to travel and communications by Saturday evening.

Highway 101 from the north was closed when a landslide near Carpenterville covered the roadbed. Other breaks and washouts were reported between Brookings and Gold Beach.

A break in the Gilbert creek bridge near Smith River left numerous people stranded who were wanting to go south and others out of town wishing to return home. Telephone service was out both north and south, although electric power remained uninterrupted. It was said by old timers that this was the worst storm they had recollection of in the area.

The Chetco river was a raging torrent of logs, trees and rocks which were deposited into the ocean. Parker's anchorage was flooded and water seepage and drainage flooded Goodson's. Water in the Harbor post office rose to a height of 22 inches, coming from the overflowing stream behind the building.

The Winchuck river also was high, coming into green houses and up near to the McVey residence.

Because of road conditions Brookings Harbor schools were closed for the week. Mail service was partially resumed Tuesday.

## C. of C. Banquet Slated Jan. 29

The annual banquet of the Brookings-Harbor Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Chetco Grange hall in Harbor Thursday evening, Jan. 29 at 7:00 p.m., with the business meeting convening at 8:00 p.m.

Retiring president Paul Davis will seat the incoming officers.

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce for the coming year are: Clive Manley, president; Karl Ostberg, vice president; "Frenchy" Arrell, recording secretary; Tony Christensen, treasurer; Paul Davis, George Funk, Charles Graysel, Homer Haggerty, and Estes Morton.

At this meeting the objective for 1953 will be outlined and duties assigned to the permanent committee chairmen. The program for the evening will be presented by Mr. Charles Graysel and Mr. Ed Ackley, who will speak on the Chetco Cove and Chetco river development and a question period will follow. A door prize will be donated by a local merchant.

We are fortunate again in having the Altar Society as our hostesses, as their delicious dinners are well known by all. Tickets for the dinner at \$1.50 per plate may be purchased from any of the directors or at the following business establishments: Pete Lesmeister Ins. Agency, Chetco Drug, Southern Curry Realty Co., Azalea Lanes, Davis Truck and Tractor.

The Chamber of Commerce urges all citizens of Brookings and Harbor to attend this meeting.

### GOES SOUTH FOR EXTENDED VISIT

Edith Warnock has leased her home near Azalea Park and will go south to San Jose and San Francisco on Friday, weather permitting.

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## Water Enters Goodson Home

Mr. and Mrs. Stayton Goodson at the north end of the Chetco bridge were forced to carry their household goods to the attic and to raise those too large to move easily by 12 inches of water which entered the house during last week's heavy rainfall.

The water had receded on Tuesday and with the help of Mrs. Archie McVay, soon had the silt and mud cleared away. After a few days of heat, furnishings can be arranged and comfort restored.

The Goodsons are at the home of Mrs. Goodson's brother, Thomas Forster until the house is again ready for occupancy.

## Crissy Appointed To Powered Flight Commission

W. L. Crissy has accepted appointment by Paul L. Patterson, Governor, to a committee for the national observance of the 50th anniversary of Powered Flight with Gen. Jimmy Doolittle as the chairman.

This is an especial honor for Mr. Crissy and through him attention will be brought to our area in the aviation circle.

The letter received from Governor Patterson follows:

Mr. W. L. Crissy,  
P. O. Box 203,  
Brookings, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Crissy:  
As a result of much planning during the last six months and a consolidation of the thinking and the efforts of every aviation interest in the United States, as well as internationally, the President of the United States appointed a committee for the national

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## Missionary Speaks At Community Church Thursday

Miss Thomasine Allen, American Baptist missionary in Kuji, Japan, who is home on a year's furlough, spoke to the Women's Missionary Circle at the Community Baptist church Thursday afternoon. The Crusader group, led by Mrs. Hannah Dotson, entertained her with a 6 o'clock dinner in the church basement. At 8 o'clock she spoke to the church people on the work she and Mr. and Mrs. Yahaba established and are carrying on in Kuji, a remote area of northern Japan. She is the only American in a population of 100,000. They now have ten buildings but the need is large and the work does not begin to meet the need. An offering was taken and presented to her.

She will return to Kuji, Japan, in April.

Miss Allen was assigned to the local missionary organization as their especial concern during a past year and close touch with her work was kept by the group.

Gifts and material for her work was sent to her in Japan. She previously had visited Brookings on an earlier trip back to the states and several of the women had met her then.

## H. S. Minstrel Is Postponed

The Black and White Review, old fashioned minstrel, sponsored by the junior class of the high school that was to have been presented Friday evening, Jan. 23, has been postponed. Due to closure of school this week practices could not be held as scheduled.

Announcement as to when the minstrel will be given will be published later.

## Complaints Being Investigated

The Chamber of Commerce is investigating numerous complaints received from citizens of this area concerning the toll charges being made for vehicles using the logging road at Gilbert creek while the bridge on Highway 101 is out. This is the only complaint of such nature received, as the logging industry as a whole has shown excellent cooperation with all authorities in making available their men and equipment for emergency repairs.

## Health Clinic To Be Held At School Friday

Dr. Ronniger will examine preschool children who have appointments at the elementary school on Friday, Jan. 23, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Those not having appointments may go to the school at 9:30 a.m. and if possible those in charge will try to find time between the previous appointments for the examination of these children.

A charge of 25c will be made for a complete series of shots; 25c for smallpox inoculation and 25c for booster shots.

Mrs. Arlene Sargent, nurse, Mrs. Art Guthrie and Mrs. Paul Whirry will assist Dr. Ronniger in these examinations. They are made possible by the Curry County Health and T-B association.

Because of the difficulty of travel and weather factors the Baby and Health clinic scheduled for Jan. 23 at the school house will be postponed until next Friday, Jan. 30. Same time and place.

## Home Wrecked By Slide Sunday

Probably the family worst hit during the recent storm was that of Henry and Ermadee La Barge, whose home and rental cabins, about three miles south of the Chetco river bridge on Highway 101, was pushed downhill and out into the road by earth, rocks and water at about 3:30 a.m. Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. LaBarge had been up all night diverting the water from their home. A slide had blocked an adjacent stream and the dammed earth finally gave way and engulfed the home and the cabins.

When they heard the roar, Mr. LaBarge ran out the back door. Mrs. LaBarge later left the house, wading through mud and water to her waist and called to her husband. Getting no answer, she ran to the Woodriff greenhouse where a call for help originated.

Thinking Mrs. LaBarge was still in the crushed house, Henry got a neighbor to bring him to town for help. The siren was blown and added to telephone calls by Mrs. Woodriff, Mrs. Bill Brown and Mrs. McAdams, soon had 30 or 40 cars at the damaged home, where it was learned that both Mr. and Mrs. LaBarge were safe and not buried under the debris as was first feared.

Don Crockett brought his cat in an effort to move earth. This was stopped as soon as the couple were found safe, because of the danger of sliding earth and rock.

Leslie Woodruff managed to get inside the house to blow out two candles still burning to avoid fire.

Mrs. Don Oviatt was alone in one of the cabins. Her husband, who drives for the Fox brothers, was marooned at Trinidad by washouts and not at home. She is with friends.

The Molino brothers, John and Ray, Bill Campbell and others, were digging out electrical appliances on Monday and Tuesday and pulled out their car. The electric washing machine was found across, and some distance down the road from the house. Jars of canned fruit dotted the mud slide here and there.

The La Barges will occupy the house Pete Lesmeister maintains for his ball team until May, or until other plans are made.

## March of Dimes Dance Saturday

The March of Dimes dance will be held as scheduled at the V.F.W. hall Saturday, Jan. 24. Amber Campbell, local chairman, says that funds are lacking from this section from cards mailed out and that she hopes people holding them will mail them before the drive is over.

School children have made a substantial contribution.

## Navy Man Visits Wife

Ernest Felio, navy man attached to the Bon Homme Richard, aircraft carrier of the 77th Task Force, has been visiting his wife and new baby daughter in Harbor this past week. This is his first glimpse of the young lady, whose name is Kathy. Ernest has had his share of service, having been in the Korean area twice. His wife, Janice, and baby are with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Mosier, of Harbor. Lack of transportation prevented his return to his ship in the San Francisco harbor and a short-wave message sent out by Dr. White gained him an extension of leave until transportation is available. He will catch up with the Bon Homme Richard at San Diego.

# Plywood Corporation Announces Plans To Guide Future Company Activities

Brookings Plywood Corporation announces a change in management as of Dec. 19, 1952. At the present time the corporation is under the management of Mr. Harvey Foster, vice president and acting general manager.

Debt Moratorium. The moratorium granted by the creditors last October expired Jan. 12, 1953. The committee representing the creditors as a group has recommended an extension of the moratorium agreement to April 13, 1953. The purpose of the moratorium is to give the company a chance to refinance its indebtedness and to consolidate its obligations. The company has a pending application for an R.F.C. loan in the amount of \$750,000 and, in addition, some of the larger creditors have tentatively agreed to extend payment on their obligations until after the payment of any R.F.C. loan secured by the company. The company feels that it can successfully refinance through a combination of

loans and extension agreements.

Capital Stock. The company is presently having an audit made by the Eugene and Crescent City accounting firm of Winn, Shinn and Schneider. It is hoped that this audit will be completed in the early part of February. The audit will be furnished to the R.F.C. as the basis of the pending loan application and will also be furnished to the corporation commissioner. The company has authorized a new issue of common capital stock, Class B, of 100 shares at \$5,000 per share. The company expects to sell 50 of these shares in order to raise an additional \$250,000 for working capital. The sale of the shares will not commence until the corporation commissioner has received the pending audit report. The company is hoping that the stock sale can be commenced by the middle of February, 1953.

Mr. K. L. Osborne, formerly of Harbor Plywood in Los Angeles, is now in the employ of the corporation as office manager and

assistant treasurer.

The representatives of the corporation state that they are optimistic about the corporation's future and are particularly pleased with the spirit and morale of the working stockholders. Many of these working stockholders, local residents of Brookings, are donating their weekends in order to improve the company's production and to reduce the cost of producing plywood. There is considerable feeling that the spirit of these local workers is an important contributing factor to the creditors' agreement to extend additional time to the company within which to straighten out its financial affairs.

The company announces that its production is steadily increasing and expects to set an all-time production high during January, 1953. The company is receiving favorable reports on the quality of its production and a recent market rise of \$5 per thousand became effective during January, 1953.