

SMITH RIVER

By Ethel Goodlin

Strong winds and steady down-pour of rain from Saturday to Sunday night for 24 hours, filled all small streams and sent Smith river out of its banks and overflowing along the farm lands along the river and flooding the old highway leading out of the town of Smith River.

The river overflowed along this highway by the Clarence Westbrook and Lester Ulrich homes, with plenty of water around both homes.

The river overflowed at the Homer Martin home on the bank of the river and ran over the highway at this place. Several feet of water was running over the highway at Tryon corner, with all traffic stopped Sunday night until noon Monday, when the water began to go down. A foot of water from Smith river was around the gas station across the Dr. Fine bridge on Smith river. All ranches north and south of the river were flooded, but all stock had been taken to higher ground. By Monday occasional showers caused the water to go down. The detour at Jordan creek was washed out and all traffic routed through Elk Valley cut-off road from the main highway. The bridge across Jordan creek is under construction by State Highway crews.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Thatcher and

daughter, Miss Becky of Palo Alto will arrive here to spend Thanksgiving holiday with Fred Haight, father of Mrs. Thatcher.

Mrs. Margaret Evans, who has been confined to Sacred Heart hospital at Medford following a fall when she received a broken hip, was brought to Crescent City by ambulance where she is confined to Del Norte Infirmary.

Smith River school was closed Monday on account of no water in town. The high water of Dommie creek broke the water pipe leaving the town without water. Manager Bill Owen and crew of men repaired the break.

GRANGE HAS DINNER

Lake Earl Grange of Fort Dick held their annual Thanksgiving dinner at the Grange Hall Thursday evening, Nov. 19. Nearly 90 grangers and members of their families partook of Thanksgiving turkey dinner. Table decorations carried out the autumn theme. The turkeys were furnished and prepared by the H. E. club of the Grange, the other food was potluck brought by members.

Following the dinner, an enjoyable program under Leontine Bennett, lecturer, was held in the hall with grange members taking part. A short business meeting was held with Jack Bennett, master, presiding.

The charter was draped with an impressive ceremony in memory of Frederick Miller, who passed away. Taking part in the ceremony was Maxine Rhodus, chaplain, and Bernice Larson, Ceres.

Pomona Master Leo Kloske announced the installation of officers of Del Norte County Granges will be held Sunday, Dec. 6, at Lake

Earl Grange Hall. A potluck luncheon will be served at 1 o'clock. Installing the officers will be Bert Pasco, district deputy of Humboldt county. The Pomona Christmas party will be held December 20, meeting under the direction of Hazel Hand, lecturer.

GROUND BROKEN RECENTLY FOR NEW CHURCH

The Assembly of God members, who hold regular services each Sunday at the Community Hall, held ground breaking ceremonies recently for the start of their new church building. The land, 25x200 feet, has been purchased from Layman-Westbrook Addition across the street from Charles Spooner property. Rev. Loucks, pastor of the church, lifted the first shovel of dirt for the ground breaking. She was assisted by members of her congregation. Foundation has been laid and construction will begin at once when the weather will permit work.

Mr. and Mrs. Lew Mathews of Hackensack, N.J., are visiting at the home of Paul Peterson. They will be here for an indefinite stay.

FORMER PASTOR HERE
Matson Metcalf, formerly pastor of the Seventh Day Adventist

Church here, was in Brookings Friday. Rev. Metcalf is now at Ocean Lake, Oregon.

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