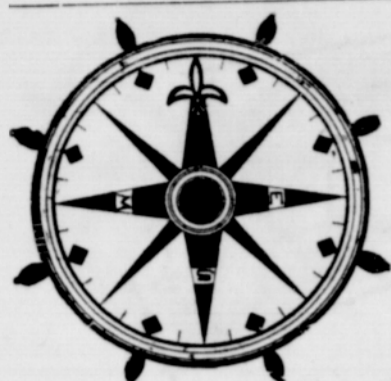


# STORM ISOLATES WIDE AREA

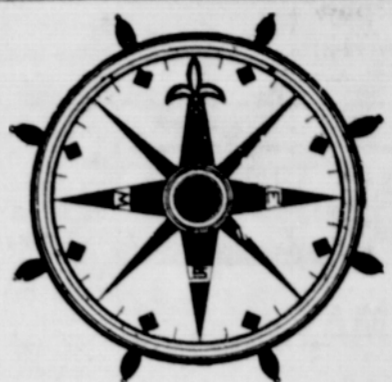
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Disaster struck this area this week, as a terrific storm disrupted power, communications, and roads, isolating Brookings for practically two days. Other areas were hit even worse. Klamath, California was almost completely wiped out by a flooding Klamath river. Few casualties were reported there, but only a few buildings remain standing in an otherwise thriving community.

The power went out at about noon Wednesday, and didn't go back on until 2 a.m. Friday, leaving the community in a helpless, although surviving state.

It was just reported here that the Red Cross estimate reported \$15,000,000 damages in Klamath and Klamath Glen. It was reported that 90 percent of the homes, and all the businesses in that city were wiped out.

Things are not normal yet, by any means, as the paper gets ready for press. According to the latest reports, Highway 101 is out of completely above Gold Beach, with water over the road in several places. To the South, the approaches to the Klamath bridge is out, eliminating traffic in that direction.

There is some question about the only other means of travel. Early Friday morning reports say that another mile near Gasquet has closed that route. On Thursday as cars came and some trucks did by through, by making a by-pass through Murphy. Wednesday night the highway was impassable, and five vehicles were reported under water.

The Brookings-Harbor area was a strange place Wednesday and Thursday, as the power outage caught the town in the midst of the Christmas season. Some stores stayed open, others hung their signs saying that they would be open as soon as the power went on. Some people shopped in the dark lamp-lit stores. The post office was crowded, and flashlights were used to get to open the boxes.

Some stores were unable to make a scheduled appearance at North Brookings, and most of the gas stations were unable to pump gas. Thursday, several of the stations had backed up emergency pumps and were pumping. Several of the stores had diesel or gas generators.

No other power shortages were reported. Bread was flown in to Brookings, and a variety of other necessities were delivered across from the south at Medford. Milk deliveries were a little uncertain today, but milk can be had.

One plane deliver reported that his truck had had six feet of water in it Wednesday night, and ruined several hundred turkeys bound for Brookings.

Several restaurants that had gas ranges were doing a land-office business, as most homes had electric stoves only.

Reports from the outside came thick and fast, and rumors were spread around like butter on hot cakes. One man reported that he saw a boat drifting in at Harris Beach Park, but police investigating saw that it was only a log.

Several reports were due to arrive in Brookings by Southwest Airlines. The planes could not come in Wednesday night, and many people waited most of Thursday. Dr. Paul Rosniger was on the plane, arriving home from Europe. The plane almost landed Thursday night, but just before it touched ground, the lights went out on the field. Cars immediately formed a ring on the edge of the field, but the pilot decided it was too dangerous.

He returned to Medford, and just as he left the lights on the field went back on.

### SKETCHBOOK



Bud Pisarek

Getting up at 2 a.m. to run off a paper is not a procedure I want to follow regularly.

When the power was restored in the wee hours of this Friday morn the entire town lit up like a Christmas tree. I bet nine out of ten people left more than one electric light on at the time the current went Kaput.

I believe that with electric power back in circulation everyone is mighty Thankful and will gladly settle back for that as far as any Christmas present is concerned. But, late as it may be we would like of St. Nick to take note of some of these special requests.

Dear Santa: Can it be possible that you may have an old pre-World War 1 Surplus typewriter that you could bring M. S. Brainard. I'm tired of using these beat-up, broken down antiques he keeps bringing into the office.

How's about presenting the newly-organized Quarter Back Club with one fullback, ala Alan Ameche; three or four backfield men of the George Shaw calibre and a dozen or so husky linemen.

We would like you to watch over Doc Sam kinda special like if just in case Oklahoma U. has a little difficulty with Maryland come the 2nd of January.

It wouldn't hurt if you found some extra fast pin-boys to set pins for those sharp bowlers like Ray Gadberry and Irv Jones, plus a few others.

If it's not asking too much, how about getting a new six-sided cube with numbers on for Elmer. Things got to roll along.

To guys like Ray Guerrettez and the other bookkeepers in town, extra bottles of aspirin. Income tax papers will have to be filed soon.

We would like to have Bud Cross get a sack full of pennies. Then when he comes to a park-link meter that is expired, he can deposit a penny for the motorist instead of giving him a citation.

To all the guys at the state line bug station—bugs, I've never seen them find any yet.

To Pets Lesmeister—some free ducats to the next world series.

To Bob and Al Phillips—another western HAT Day in July.

To Jay Fountain—another re-appear performance by Betty.

AND TO ALL THE PEOPLE OF BROOKINGS: STREETS, SEWERS AND SUNSHINE AND A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

## COUNTY COURT PAYS VISIT NAME WINNERS IN ART CONTEST

### DR. WHITE ON EMERGENCY

Dr. Roy White is doing a wonderful job, putting in many long hours at his short-wave radio. He has handled a great many messages of importance that could not have gotten through by any other means and this is all on top of his job as a medicine man. He's cleared a jam of traffic accumulated when the power was off.

### WATER MAIN BREAKS

Last Saturday morning there was a beautiful geyser, about fifty feet high, waving in the breeze, up back of Paul Johnson's. It came from a break in the water mains. A couple of hours later, the break had been repaired. It didn't effect supplies below the system because of the big volume retained in the pipes below the break.

### WEATHER HOPER

One of our solid citizens was in Wednesday morning, and said he hoped it would keep on raining until midnight, at least, so's to scare that stubborn woman of his that it wasn't fit to start a drive up to Portland.

On Tuesday, Redmond had 5.92 inches precipitation and Medford reported 3.02 inches. The day before Eugene had 4.02 inches. Temperatures at the time were freezing.

## 15 Inches of Rain Reported For Dec.

As we have had several inquiries from the newer Oregonians concerning the precipitation they have recently noticed, we have obtained the following figures from Mrs. Mina Akers, the weather observer for the Dept. of Commerce.

Up until noon, Wednesday, a bit more than a foot and a quarter of rain had fallen at Brookings during the month of December, and on that particular day, between 4 and 9 a.m. 1.18 inches of dew had been measured and more was still falling.

For December 1955, to date:

1	.....92	12	.....80
2	.....95	13	.....00
3	.....00	14	.....00
4	.....00	15	.....48
5	.....147	16	.....45
6	.....52	17	.....40
7	.....60	18	.....150
8	.....136	19	.....122
9	.....02	20	.....76
10	.....47	21	.....288
11	.....93	Total in	15.13

The 10-year December average is 11.60 inches.

### VISITING

Clk Beam came over from his present home in Salem, just to get a sniff of the nice balmy air he's accustomed to as a resident of Brookings.

## PLAN TO ORDER FOOTBALL SUITS

Ways and means of raising funds were the most important items on the agenda, as the newly formed Quarter Back Club held its meeting Monday night. The Club heard several reports from members on raising money to finance the proposed Brookings-Harbor football team. They set a goal of \$5,000 in the drive.

Doyle Rausch reported that about 60 milk bottles with cards asking for contributions are out, and money will be coming in from them.

A drive to contact individuals and merchants was planned and committees named. Ben Jewell and Warren McNeeley each contributed a \$300 check Monday night.

A membership drive for the Quarterbacks was set up, with Bill Thompson, Bud Pisarek and George Dunning and Gene Allison on the committee. Membership cards may be sold.

It may be possible, members thought, to set up a series of "passes," where \$300 would buy a life-time pass; \$200 a 10-year pass; and \$100 a 5-year pass. However, that proposal would have to be taken up with the school authorities.

It was agreed to order suits. Gene Allison was in charge of that department. He would order 50 complete suits.

It was reported that the school board had budgeted funds for the hiring of a coach.

The field was the next problem, and Ben Jewell reported that the Wranglers Rodeo field was acceptable for use as a football field, with a minimum of work.

The next meeting will be held on January 9th, at 8:00 p.m., in the high school faculty room.

A discussion was made of the by-laws of the club, and it was agreed that officers would serve from July to July.

## Bell Reports Close Call On Trip

Darrell Bell returned, Friday morning, from a fruitless trip to Portland. He had driven his truck out to get a load of furniture for his store but says their prires were all out of line and didn't buy. His trip home, coming through the storm, was only possible because of his intimacy with back roads, the result of years' familiarity. Darrell says flooding in the Willamette, Umpqua, middle Rogue and the Smith River valleys is very bad and the only way he could get out of Grants Pass was via the Robinson Bridge, and even then he almost didn't make it across the flat to this end of the Applegate bridge. He said driving through the Smith River canyon was truly frightening. The trip would have been impossible in an ordinary car, and even then, he didn't have safe clearance with his truck.

## NAME WINNERS IN ART CONTEST

Betty Stewart was the first prize winner of The Second Annual Dunning Motors Window Decoration Contest. Mrs. Stewart won \$75 with her picture of two deer.

Margaret Rapraeger won second prize with her church window picture; Earl Land was third, with a snow scene.

Honorable mentions in the contest went to Bud Pisarek, Glenna Giddings, Upper Chetco School and Carol Putnam.

In the Christmas Card resign Marian Chapman won first in the adult division, followed by Earl Land and Carol Beckley. Mrs. Ray Kinch won Honorable Mention.

Patricia Walker won first prize in the high school entry. In the intermediate grades, Leslie Oldham won first; Clinton Fackrell, second; and Karen Kline, third.

Honorable mentions went to Delores Shaw, Judy Nickerson, Mary Matlock, Emily Leeds, Tommy Gardner, Pan Kerr, Bob Raymond, Pat McGinnis, Sara Ellison and Mark Williams.

Elementary winners were first Tommy Berger; 2nd, Florence German; and 3rd, Bobby Wallen. Honorable mentions went to Colleen Murphy, Claudette Matlock, Linda Kiser, Nellie Fackrell, Danny Stewart, Diana Elward Gill, Larry Fallert, Billy Walker, Diana Walker, Michael Kelly, Sonya Travis, Clinton Fackrell, and "John", Upper Grade School.

## MRS. BECKER IMPROVING

Mrs. Roy Becker, now a patient at Seaside Hospital, is reported to be feeling much better. In fact, she is said to have asked for a double breakfast the first day she was perked up.

## V.F.W. PARTY

The annual Christmas doin's of the VFW and Auxiliary will be held their next meeting, January 4th, according to Frank Kelly and Mrs. Roy Bolin. The party would have been last Wednesday evening but was put off for obvious reasons.

## SEWER BILLS

Our annual poetic endeavor, with apologies to whoever wrote that other Jingle Bells epic.

Dashing through the rain  
In a one-horse open tank dray  
O'er the ruts we go  
Gripping all the way.  
Bills the councilmen send,  
and the ones Elmer sends, too,  
Oh, what fun it is, to laugh  
and sing a gripping song tonight.

CHORUS —  
Sewer bills, sewer bills, sewer all the way,  
Oh what fun it is to ride in a one-horse tank dray  
P.S.—Cheer up boys, and a Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night.

—THE PILOT.

## PLAN TO ORDER FOOTBALL SUITS

The Curry County Court met here last Friday night with members of the Brookings-Harbor Chamber of Commerce and other interested persons.

An informal discussion of the county problems followed a no-host dinner at the Chetco Inn. Here from the Court were Judge Guy Forsyth, and commissioners Tex Breedlove, Sixes; and Bob Ismert of Pistol River.

The discussion meeting was conducted by Sam Hall, district attorney.

Many problems were thrashed out by the group during the meeting, but the three most important topics were the proposed county school aid, the road situation and the possibility of the re-assessment of timber holdings in the county.

Judge Forsyth was questioned on the unbudgeted \$113,000 left over from C & C timber payments to the county. He reported that the court were considering putting the money into a sinking fund; to be used in case of leaner years.

However, it was pointed out to him by Superintendent of Schools D. D. Williams, and the County Superintendent of the Schools, Ed Seger and others, that the county schools are in bad shape. Seger told how two schools in the county are without adequate water, and one is operating without electricity.

Williams reported that Brookings-Harbor was classed as a distressed area, one of 20 in the state out of over 700 districts. This is because this district is bonded to capacity, but still does not have all the students adequately housed, and over 400 are double-shifting.

He said that next year over 600 may be double-shifting.

The road situation was also described as critical by Virgil Clark, Brookings Plywood Timber buyer. Clark told how the Long Ridge road was closed, and how several mills had to be shut down because of the lack of logs. He told the group that if the South Bank road would go out that perhaps no mill in the area would be able to operate.

Timber re-appraisal and re-evaluation was also discussed. It was pointed out that many areas have not had the timber cruised for over 30 years, and their assessments do not now bring a true picture, and consequently the timber owners are not paying a just share of the taxes.

Means and methods of re-evaluating the timber was discussed and was reported that air photos have been taken of some or all of the county, and it might be possible to secure additional information through them. The hiring of a county forester was also discussed.

The meeting ending with a short discussion of the method of financing the new county court house. Forsyth said that \$110,000 had been placed in the court house sinking fund for some time. Last year the entire O & C timber check was added to the fund. Another \$30,000 was added, bringing the total to over \$300,000 which would be enough to build the new structure.

## Brookings Civil Defense Director, Bill Thompson, reports that, after conversation with the emergency area in Klamath, that no clothing is needed at this time from Brookings. People in the area of Brookings-Harbor are asked not to bring down clothing, unless at a later date when defense officials may ask for specific sizes.

The Brookings-Harbor area through its city officials and defense group, wish to cooperate in any way possible with the disaster area.

Thompson reported that bedding, blankets, and baby food, and baby clothes are needed. The City Hall, in Brookings, will stay open on Friday night to receive them. Thompson said that money donations should be made to Mayor Roy Brimm.

## To Name Man and Woman of Year

A "Man and Woman of the Year" will be picked again this year by the Brookings-Harbor Chamber of Commerce. Last year former Mayor Bob Dammick, and city librarian Dely Brainard were named for the honor.

Nominations are being accepted now by the committee in charge of the selection. No special qualifications are necessary for the honor, other than community service in the Brookings Harbor area.

All nominations should be sent to "Man and Woman of the Year" committee in care of the Brookings-Harbor Chamber of Commerce. The announcement will probably be made at a January meeting.

Besides the nomination a short note is also desired telling why you think the person deserves the honor. It is very important to get the nominations in as soon as possible, so that the committee can make the selection, and order the plaques.

Chairman of the committee is Joe Murphy, with Karl Osterberg and E. L. Steinhauer.



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