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A DISASTER STRIKES NEAR-BY . . .

Last week's flood was a terrible tragedy. Imagine how you might feel to have your home washed away, your belongings disappear in a raging torrent, your business taken away in a single night, your life savings floating out to sea. In some cases, even worse tragedies occurred, with the loss of members of the family. And all this just a day or two before Christmas.

About all that is possible for us to do, is to extend our deepest sympathy to those in the flood.

It is easy, however, to sit down and point out a bright spot in the disaster, even though it may seem callous.

We refer, of course, to the helping hand extended to the stricken areas by nearby communities. Crescent City deserves a vote of thanks for the way they took the flood victims into their homes, and the way they provided food and clothing. Other communities help too. Brookings and Harbor contributed a great deal of clothing, bedding and the like.

The Civil Defense, under Bill Thompson, took over well in the emergency. Radio hams did more than their share. The police, and other authorities did their job efficiently. The disaster was akin to a war emergency, and the lessons were good in that respect.

We are proud of the unselfish way that people react in bad situations.

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By CLIFFORD P. ROWE

I don't know why ghosts should be on my mind this week unless it is because I have had my annual contact with Dickens Christmas Carol, and old Scrooge, and his ghosts of the present, past and future. In fact, I am not sure that there is any particularly appropriate season for the subject of spooks. Probably Hallowe'en would be a more proper time, but then I usually find myself about a couple of months behind time whatever the subject.

Anyway, I found myself reminiscing the other day and wondering just what became of the ghost, so popular when I was a youngster. What form of a torture has replaced him in the bag of tricks the older kids employ to torment the younger ones? Where have the forsaken ghosts gone? Did they flee the premises when electricity eliminated the mysterious shadows from kerosene lamp-lighted kiddies' bed rooms?

Whatever the reason, the once popular tag of "scaredy cat" has practically disappeared from the name-calling vocabulary of the noisy grade-schooler. Even the graveyards no longer call for long detours around their borders; rather the sheet-wrapped spectres have to compete for space with privacy seeking-romantically-inclined couples in parked jalopies.

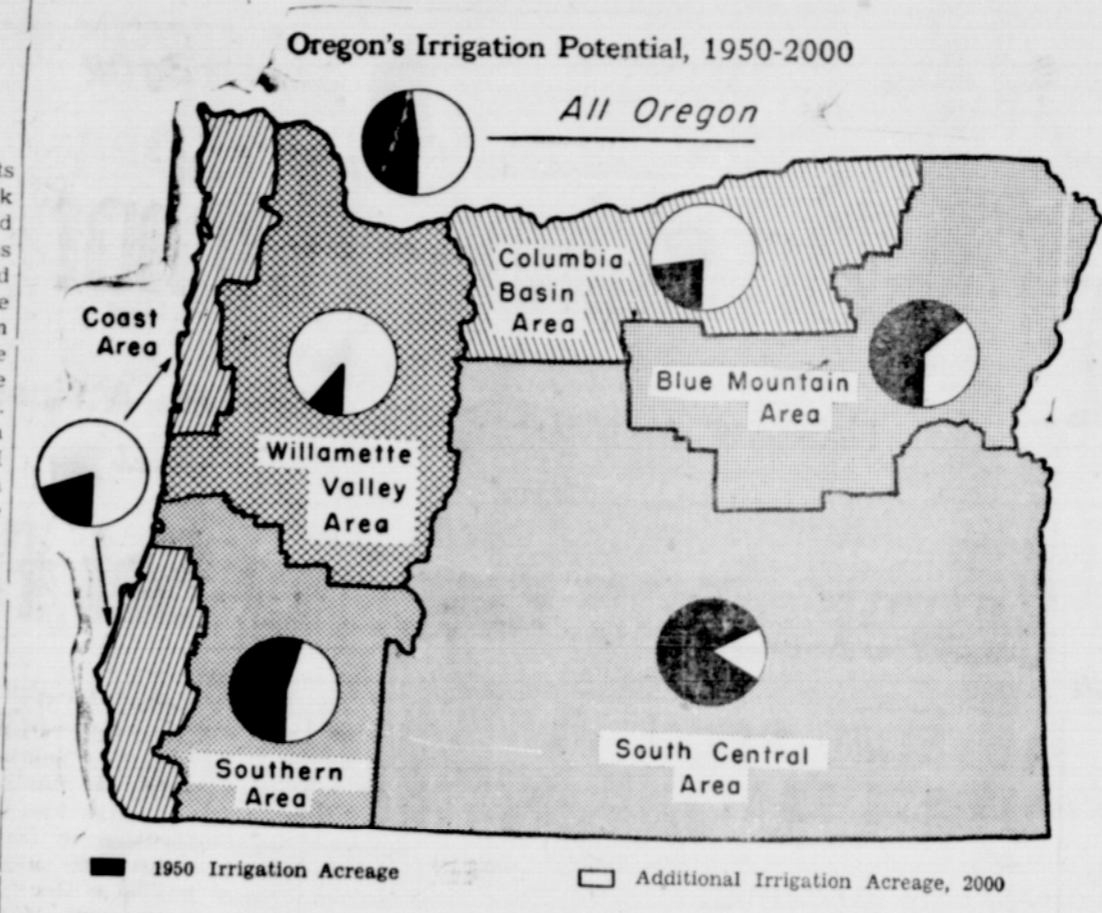
Even the once much dreaded "haunted house" with its creaking doors, its ghostly footsteps on the stairway and clanking of chains in its cellar, is now simply regarded as a shack which has outlived its usefulness. It will soon be torn down to make way for a modern residence. Where the poor old ghosts go when thus displaced seems to worry no one. Not even one congressional committee, to my knowledge, has advocated a government subsidy in their behalf.

That is why I am glad that I had the opportunity to know them before an unimaginative generation drove them into oblivion. A parents' protective arms meant something in those days when you ran to their shelter pursued by ghosts who popped out at you from behind an apple tree during a bedtime session of "run, sheep, run" in an unlighted backyard.

Today's parent has been cheated. He is deprived of his role as a protector when the ghosts lost their hunting licenses.

NAIL POLISH N NAILS GONE

Mrs. Amber Campbell has chewed off her nails and nail polish fretting over her son, Dickie, who left Camp Carson for home a week ago. Dickey walked in on his parents, on Christmas night. He had been held up in Reno, because of the floods.



Gardens Suffer

While the early freeze did an estimated 5 million dollars of damage in Multnomah County alone, home gardeners are wondering how they made out with the plants and shrubbery around their homes. In some parts of the county losses will be very heavy although they cannot even be estimated until new growth should be coming on. Most of the roses have apparently been either lost or suffered very serious damage and the bud tips of andromeda, daphnes, rhododendrons, and azaleas, are all pretty well damaged. Reports are that the shortage of blooms may seriously effect the famed Rose Festival.

Commercial losses have been estimated in the disaster brackets, not only in nursery plants and decoratives but also in the cane and other berry crops. It is probable, also, that some bulbous crops and gardens have been wiped out, especially dahlias that have not yet been dug or weren't sufficiently protected.

STATE VET'S MORTGAGE INSURANCE CHANGED

Beginning next month all the owners of homes upon which Oregon veterans loans have been made will receive notice of the newly inaugurated mortgage insurance plan. Under this scheme those who comply will be protected in event of death at which time the state will release the balance of the mortgage then still payable.

The Standard Insurance Co., of Portland, was the successful bidder on the contract, which will become effective when 75 percent of the mortgage holders have signed up. The rate will be 28 cents per month per thousand on the unpaid portion of the mortgage.

POPULATION PREDICTIONS

According to figures released by the U. S. Bureau of Census there will be more people in the three Pacific coastal states in 1956 than all the other 15 states west of the Mississippi River. These predictions are based upon actual surveys and which figure California will have the largest population in the country. During the 1940-1950 census period the population of the three western states increased 3 1/2 times faster than the rest of the country with California's increase 53 percent and 39.6 for Oregon.

Although the population increase has slowed down some in the past five years, the three Pacific coastal states are expanding three times faster than the nation, as a whole.

With the great increase in the coastal population it is logical to believe economic trends will similarly shift. Manufacturers are eyeing the coast more and more and there has been a rapid shift of all marketing in realization that by locating on the coast they do not have the long hauls and freight rates to compete with. Industrially, the area is gradually getting away from the seasonal economics of natural resources which, in conjunction with cheaper and more dependable power is rapidly changing the whole setup of the west coast.

CITY RECORDER TELLS OF ADVENTURES

Mrs. Mae Smith was the center of emotions when she set out on a long planned trip to visit a son and his family in Southern California. Unfortunately, she only got as far as Eureka, via bus, and had to stay there for a couple of days, until she got a ride back to Crescent City with a plane load of bread. There she was delighted to meet Elmer Bankus, with whom she rode back to Brookings. She was disappointed in one way, yet mighty pleased to get home.

WE'LL FIND IT IN THE WANDS

ROCK HOUNDS MEET

The Mt. Emily Gem and Mineral Club held their regular meeting at the VFW Hall, on December 15th, at which time gifts were exchanged and officers elected for the ensuing year.

Those selected were Charles Hoffman, President; Kenda'l Grover, Vice-President; Verlois Upp, Secretary-Treasurer; and Sue Jackson, Historian.

Claude Goldizen reported the club's library of gem and mineral books are now available to the public at the Chetco Community Library.

Charles and Pearl Young showed colored slides of their trip north to Astoria and south to Palm Springs, California. Colored slides of the hybrid lilies developed by Leslie Woodruff were also seen by the 25 members present. Refreshments were served by Verlois Upp and assistants.

ROBERT MEAD, U.S. NAVY

Robert D. Mead, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Mead, enlisted in the Navy, November 25th, and is now taking basic training. His address is 471-43-69, Co. 623, U.S.N.T.G., San Diego 33, Calif. Robert graduated from the high school here this last year and would like to hear from any of his friends.

The Chetco Home Extension Club met at Nellie Jagers for their Christmas Party, which was started by the group singing "Silent Night," after which Faye Stanhurst recited a Christmas poem and read a Christmas story, followed by an accordion solo by Tommy Jagers. Games were played and then the gifts were exchanged.

Those attending and visiting over their ice cream and coffee were: Marjorie Moore, Winifred Fitzgerald, Bernice Hewitt, Jessie Berg, Bertha Crosby, Bess Miller, Susan Jackson, Anne Mosier, Matilda Pate, Faye Stanhurst, Martha Harbin, Cleo Craig and Florence Davis., Dorothy Kirkpatrick and the hostess and children.

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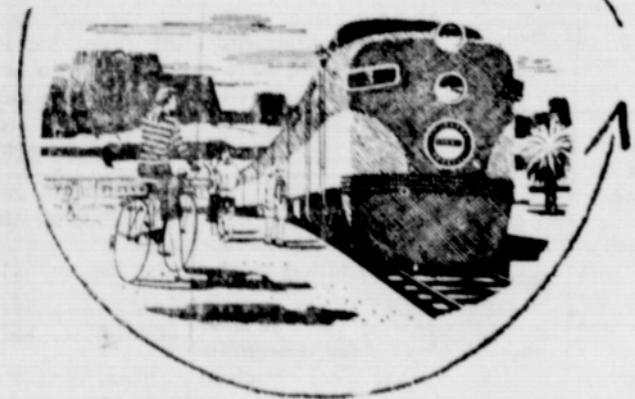
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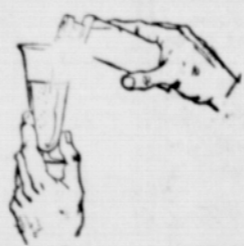
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