

Flood Threatens Willamette Area

The Red Cross Disaster Committee was alerted early Tuesday morning, and key men in each Lane County community threatened with high water were contacted.

Warning System
The disaster set-up includes a warning system through which residents of low areas may be informed of the danger of flood. Residents of Glenwood were preparing to move out Tuesday, and Walter Steen, president of the Glenwood Business Men's Assn., said his group was working closely with Red Cross Disaster Committee.

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meritmen. Merchants in the area were busy Tuesday moving their goods above the expected high water level, and some residents who expected to be effected by the high water were getting household goods to higher elevations.

Passes Used
Steen asked that all persons in the area contact their block captains before moving out, to receive a pass which will admit them to their property again. Those without block captains are asked to contact Steen or Fred Wimer and get a pass.

"I believe we can handle the situation this year without any trouble," Steen said Tuesday morning. "All our committees here are getting organized, and we are working closely with the Red Cross."

Tell Address
Ed Pape of the Red Cross Disaster Committee asked that all persons leaving the Glenwood area

call at the Red Cross office and leave their names, home address, and temporary address, in order that telephone calls and telegrams from worried friends or relatives may be answered more easily.

Moving Early
Red Cross disaster workers said some persons were moving out of Glenwood as early as Tuesday morning, and that many trailers had been moved to higher grounds.

In Eugene flooded basements and street intersections kept city maintenance crews working on the double-quick.

Asked where the worst situations were located, Supt. William Mullins of the street department whimsically replied, "from city limits to city limits."

No Phone

To add to his woes, Mullins' telephone at the city shops was out of order Tuesday morning, and while it was being repaired he had to get information of citizens' complaints about clogged storm drains and flooded basements by relay through other city departments.

Mullins said he and his men were working to clear as many storm sewers as possible and to pump out basements where possible, but he felt the ultimate solution would need to await abatement of the rain.

When Rain Stops
"Within an hour or so after the rains stop, he said, most of the trouble will disappear." He said

the city's storm drainage system was simply overloaded by the deluge early Tuesday, and this caused sewers in low-land areas to back up into basements and prevented proper street runoff as well.

By midmorning, the water was running across Thirteenth Ave. W. in four places, with one-way traffic at several points. Near the Amazon, some sections of property were submerged, and the stream, filled to its banks, was sliding under bridges with only inches to clear.

Tow Cars
On Sixth Ave. W. tow cars were needed early in the morning to pull stalled cars out of standing water almost two feet deep in places. Nineteenth Ave. was barricaded from Hillard to Willamette as the Amazon spilled out over the surrounding area.

Water at Lowell was only one-half foot from flood stage at 11:10 a.m. Tuesday. It had reached 9.3 feet by that time, and was washing across the main highway between the Lowell Bridge and the store.

Five families were towing their trailers from Noisy Creek Camp, and seven other families were being evacuated from cabins near the river.

Power Out
The cities of Fall Creek, Lowell, Jasper, Marcola, Springfield, Cottage Grove, and other towns along the middle fork of the Willamette were partially without electrical power Tuesday morning as roads, highways and fields were inundated with flood waters.

Mountain States Power Co., which provides electrical energy for that large area, said a power outage occurred about 7:45 a.m. Tuesday. The company said the outage was caused by a failure on the transmission line to the south, near Crater Lake.

The outage caused the closing of all schools at Lowell, and more than 300 students returned home after reporting for classes in the morning.

At 10 a.m., lighting facilities for homes and businesses had been restored in all towns except Cottage Grove, and it was expected to be energized within a few hours. Mountain States said no power was available for industries.

Lowell Water
The Register-Guard correspondent at Lowell said the stage of the river at 9 a.m. was 8.6 feet, and that it rose a foot from 8 to 9 a.m. Flood stage at Lowell is ten feet.

One of the school buses could not get through because of high water on the West Boundary Road, the correspondent said.

On Highway
Water was "almost" over Highway 58 at Sandy's Service Station near Trent, and the Jasper-Fall Creek Road was reported to be "out." Water was over Lost Creek Road, south of Dexter, in several places. Nearly all fields near Lowell were inundated by rain water.

At Cottage Grove, residents reported water running in some streets, many basements flooded, some phones out, and several houses marooned. All schools were closed and children returned to their homes. South Sixth St. was inundated.

Dorena Dam reported "heavy indications of flood," with 12.54 feet reached at the dam at 8 a.m. Tuesday. Flood stage there is 10 feet. Water was reported rising there nine-tenths of a foot per hour. The Dorena Dam road was blocked by water at Woods Gravel Pit.

School Closes

At Laying Creek, where a ranger station is located, precipitation from 5 p.m. Monday to 8 a.m. Tuesday measured 2.20 inches.

Row River Road, leading to Culp Creek, Disston Route and Waldon, as well as other small communities, was closed Tuesday morning.

Junction Alert

In Junction City, Red Cross officials and residents were watching and waiting for official river forecasts from the weather bureau. The river normally reaches its peak at Junction City about four hours later than it does in the Eugene area. Like most other communities, Junction City was covered with much surface water Tuesday morning. Persons in need of help are asked to call central at the Junction City exchange. Flood headquarters will be at the fire station.

Lights were out in Creswell Tuesday, and surface water seeped into some basements, extinguishing furnace fires. Schools were operating normally, and water in downtown streets was "not bad yet," residents reported.

long and all Tuesday morning in the Cascades, with Santiam and Willamette summits reporting the rain all the way across the summits. Rain was also falling on McKenzie summit.

Santiam summit reported 36 degrees, hard rain, and most of the pavement bare. Snow was melting and turning to slush at the Willamette summit, and rain was falling on Sun Mountain Pass where the pavement was bare.

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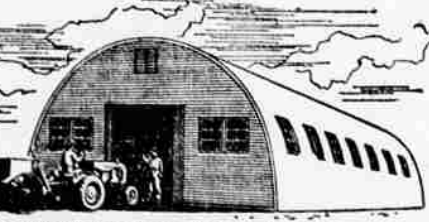
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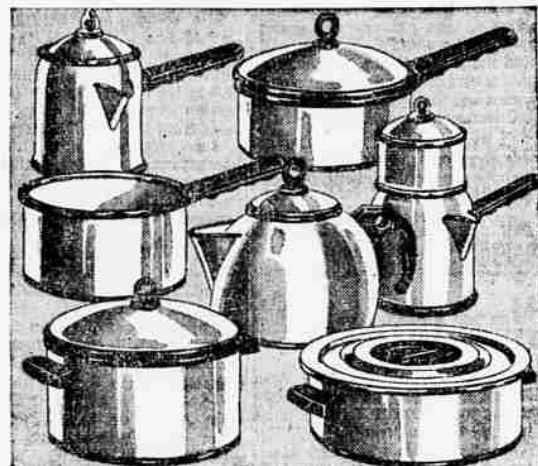
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