

Streets Like Venice as Flood Rolls In

Citizens Greet Emergency With Good Sense of Humor

While torrential rains poured down on river valleys, flood waters inundated whole sections of valuable property. Lane citizens, especially the children, enjoyed the moments, and with characteristic humor joshed one another as they prepared to meet the emergency.

As Mrs. L. S. Prown, Eugene, welcomed a rowboat at her home and said it was just the thing she needed to keep an appointment with a dentist, Buddy Rath, 12, gallant operator of the water taxi service on Oak St., pulled hard on the oars as Charlene Rath acted as quartermaster and steered the craft through street intersections.

There was no paradise for Mrs. Lee Paradise, who was bolting the family trailer in the Glenwood district for her car. She smiled, however, and said she'd be back in dry weather.

In Springfield, a harried wife called to report three feet of water in her living room. A photographer saw she was quite right, and after wading through two feet of water standing in the yard he arrived to find the men at the home rather enjoying the excitement.

Uncle A. F. Remus, Tacoma, had arrived with his nephew from California to visit one family, but upon seeing the damp situation decided not to be a wet blanket and camped for Tacoma.

Near 14th and Oak St., Eugene, three boys reveled with their speed boat and grinned gleefully at car drivers who had to care to enter their regatta.

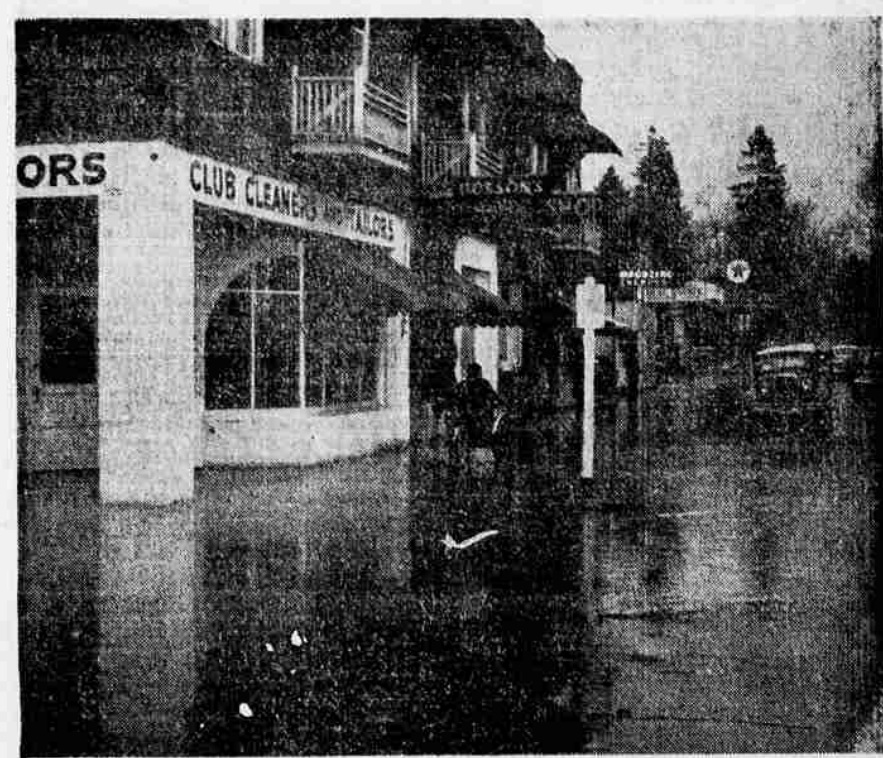
In Springfield, H. R. Patterson stood in two feet of water at 1569 North 5th, but dryly commented, "Tain't much. It's happened before."

D. Dotson considered the high waters near his home also thought of his Eugene business and sputtered his along the streets on a motorcycle. Of course, it stalled and he had to put his feet back into the water before he could chug to his destination.

On West Eleventh Ave., Eugene, looked like the field to a field mouse. He swam and swam with just his head and tail bobbing up at times. It would take a lot of time to replace his exhaustion when he arrived at his destination—a farm-house.



WITH SCHOOLS adjourned, these youngsters enjoyed the flood from their speedboat reconnoitering along south Oak St. where the Amazon Creek spilled over its banks to flood dozens of basements and add to general flood damage.



STORM sewers were taxed to capacity sending flood waters at Oak St. and 10th Ave close to the doors of these business houses.



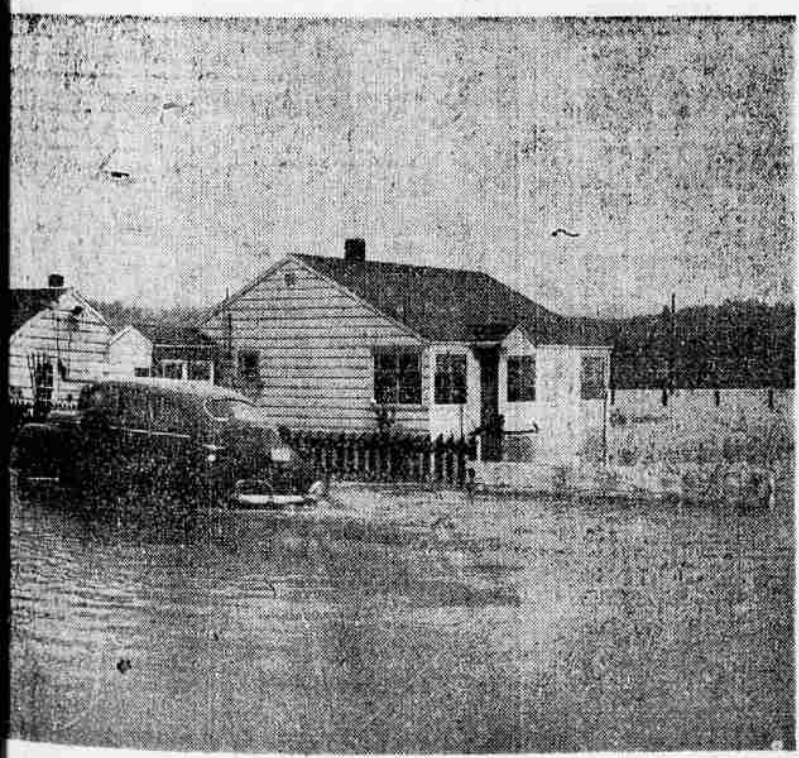
A. C. GUNDERSON carries household goods to a waiting car while waters stream across the highway on West Eleventh.



GROCERS in the Glenwood area knew from experience it would pay to raise stock off floors and onto stands several feet higher. Mrs. Thelma Olson, clerk in the Dickson Store, finishes a section.



THIS CAR bravely pushed through the waters on Oak St., Eugene, until it began to submerge its motor. The driver then decided to back out as he is hastily doing in photo above.



CAR ABOVE shown in its home driveway on West 11th at McArthur Drive ready to salvage household goods.



TOO DAMP for this nightspot in the Glenwood area. Equipment was moved by van Tuesday to avoid the higher waters.



SIXTEEN-month-old Andy and a neighbor playmate rather enjoyed the excitement when three inches of water flooded this Springfield dining room Tuesday. More than a foot and a half of water stood in the front yard of the same home on Clover Lane. Parents declined to be identified.

Elsewhere Drenched Oregonians Report Plight

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Athland a fire truck lies bottom of Ashland Creek. Portland's Department Store basement filled with thousands of dollars worth of water-damaged merchandise. A leak in the basement Tuesday and the fire department offered to pump out the water. When the heavy engine over the bridge at the store, the structure and the basement were in full flood.

Store employees in the basement made a dash for safety.

Two Portland housing project residents were virtually marooned Wednesday. High water flooded streets in the St. Johns Woods project in North Portland and Altamend in East Portland. Johnson Creek went out of its banks and surrounded a house in Southeast Portland. Canyon Road leading west out of Portland to Hillsboro was covered with debris from slides as were numerous other streets in the area.

Near Scottsburg in Douglas County a landslide caught a truck and trailer. Another truck bumped into it. Both vehicles were badly damaged but the drivers were unhurt.

Coos Bay area sawmills were nearly all shut down because of breaks and diversion of power to Roseburg where the city was without electricity for a time Tuesday. Roseburg was again without power Wednesday.

Water poured in cascades over the fashionable West Side hills in Portland. A 30-foot stretch of Fairmount Boulevard was washed out. Weakened earth fell over the Council Crest streetcar tracks. Slides and washouts closed many nearby roads.

Completely cut off were the towns of Dorena, Disston, Culp creek and engineers said roads between Cottage Grove, Silk Creek and Lorane were severed. The Eugene-Jasper-Fall Creek road was also reported underwater.

Highway engineers said there was 22 inches of water over the Coos Bay-Roseburg Highway 10 miles west of Dillard.

Army engineers gave farmers in the middle valley a 24 hour notice to remove livestock from low levels near Salem, Corvallis and Albany.

At Lebanon, the Santiam was reported within recently completed revetments at 6:00 p. m.

but nearing the top of protective banks. State Highway 20 was under two feet of water in places north of Sweet Home. The inundation was attributed to run off from the hills.

The Oregon State Motor Association advised southbound motorists to travel either the Coast Highway 101 or The Dalles-California route on the east side of the Cascades.

Several families were evacuated Wednesday from the Jefferson and Buena Vista areas south of Salem as the Willamette River spilled over into low-lying areas.

Local creeks were veritable rivers flooding hundreds of basements in Salem. Sewers were clogged so that many roads looked like lakes. Some bridge washouts were reported in the city.

Rescue party from Grants Pass was sent to assist families in the Murphy area, nine miles from the city, where several families were marooned by flood swollen river waters.

Columbia River Gorge has severed its mainline route to the east from Portland.

The road has rerouted its daily streamliners over the Spokane, Portland and Seattle lines on the Washington side of the Columbia. Trains will operate six to eight hours behind schedule.

The Union Pacific Railroad announced a landslide in the