

EASTERN CLACKAMAS NEWS

Devoted to the Interests of Eastern Clackamas County

VOLUME 11, NUMBER 14

ESTACADA, OREGON, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1917

\$1.50 PER YEAR

DELUGE AND FLOOD

DO LITTLE DAMAGE

**Clackamas River Fills Gorge
Water Foot Deep In Estacada Streets**

All records were shattered by the heavy rainfall, which reached a climax Wednesday morning and which for a time threatened to do much damage, although aside from stopping all train and mail service, washing out gravelled roads and a few small bridges, did little actual harm in this community.

Owing to the topography of this immediate section, less damage was done than in other parts of the Northwest, although the full extent of the injuries to foundations of bridges, washed out roads, etc., cannot be ascertained yet.

New high water marks were established in the Clackamas and tributary streams, with the muddy waters afloat with drift wood. All sorts of rumors were current of the weakening of the dams at Cazadero and River Mill, resulting in phone inquiries from Oregon City, Gladstone and Portland. The torrent of water, with its burden of trees, roots and stumps passing over the River Mill dam was a grand sight and witnessed by many local people. In Estacada Park the Clackamas rose to within eight feet of the observation platform on the point.

In Estacada proper, the sewers were unable to handle the water, with parts of Main Street and Broadway resembling Venetian canals, with from six inches to two feet of water following 2nd St. and reaching the river through Terrace Addition Flat.

The so-called Kimmel Creek, draining the Reagan Hill canyon, broke over its banks and poured through Estacada's business section, flooding basements and in some instances ground floors.

Up to Thursday noon, no train or mail service had arrived further than Boring since Tuesday night, with the Deep Creek trestle near Barton reported to have been weakened by the flood.

The Currinsville and Eagle Creek flats resembled lakes, with roads in places under a foot of water and the railway track cut near Alspaugh being the bed of a stream.

Work from a farming standpoint was at a standstill during the flood and many humorous incidents occurred in connection with the futile attempts made in Estacada to drain the town.

The Estacada State Bank wishes to announce that the Liberty Bonds have been received and are ready for distribution to all holding receipts.



NEWS ITEMS FROM ALL SECTIONS

Community Tree

Christmas Eve

Under the auspices of the Estacada Parent-Teacher Association and with the aid of the schools and churches, a community Christmas tree and entertainment will be given in the high school auditorium on Christmas eve, beginning at 8 o'clock.

The leading feature of this entertainment, aside from the tree and the "treats" for the youngsters will be an elaborate series of tableaux, entitled "The Nativity of Christ." Also local and school musical talent will take part and an enjoyable evening is promised.

This is a community affair in every sense and all parents and children are invited to be present.

At the I. O. O. F. Hall on Friday evening, December 21st, will be held the annual Joint Installation of the Estacada Lodge, A. F. & A. M. No. 146 and Mountain Chapter O. E. S. No. 108, with a banquet following at the Hotel Estacada.

The young folks of the Estacada High School enjoyed a dancing party last Friday evening at the I. O. O. F. Hall, with dancing continuing until midnight. The music as furnished by Mrs. Mayme Boyle and Neil Bronson was exceptionally good.

The six Eagle Creek boys who last week enlisted have been duly accepted and with the exception of Will Still, who has been transferred to Texas, are stationed at Vancouver, being attached to the Signal Corps. The five being Roy Wilcox, John Fuchs, Howard Longwell, Adolph Still and Earl Odell.

E. C. Morgan of the Hotel Estacada, while wandering around in the dark in search of the elusive axe and woodpile in the basement of the hotel, last week ran into a projecting nail in the wall, badly tearing his left ear, necessitating the services of a doctor.

Annual County Budget Meeting Saturday

From the present outlook, Eastern Clackamas will be well represented at the annual County Budget Meeting to be held at the court house in Oregon City, next Saturday, December 22nd.

To date, final arrangements for running a special car from here, have not been perfected, owing to the many taxpayers who are planning to make the trip by auto.

John Ely and John Page of Estacada, who are handling the arrangements for the special car had been unable to obtain sufficient reservations by Thursday noon, to warrant going ahead with the excursion, but will hold the matter open until Friday evening, in hopes that a sufficient number will signify a willingness to make the trip, to assure the expenses.

If you have not already done so, phone either Mr. Ely or Mr. Page at once and tell them you will join the special car excursion.

A. G. Ames of Estacada, the Federa Hunter from this district returned home last week, bringing with him his usual supply of varmint hides, including one cougar and three bob-cats, the result of two weeks hunting. To date, Ames' record is second to none among the federal hunters of the Northwest, according to the government figures.

The Eagle Creek Red Cross Auxilliary now has a membership of twenty-two and is meeting tonight, Thursday, at the Ed Burnett home, where the campaign for additional members, in accordance with the national drive, will receive attention.

A Christmas program will be given at the Springwater Presbyterian Church on Christmas night, beginning at 7:40 P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Bumgardner of Columbia City are this week moving to Estacada, occupying Mrs. Bumgardner's house on Pierce St.

ESTACADA RED CROSS

HAS NEW OFFICERS

**Headquarters Established
Membership Drive Begins In Earnest**

In the places of Irwin D. Wright and Mrs. A. K. Morton, former chairman and secretary of the Estacada Red Cross Association, who have moved away, Mrs. E. W. Bartlett and R. M. Standish were this week selected to fill the vacancies as secretary and chairman. These, with Mrs. M. H. Evans as treasurer, constitute the officers of the local auxilliary.

The entire attention of the Estacada organization will be devoted to the present Red Cross Drive Membership Campaign, not only handling the city proper but affiliating with the nearby auxilliaries, in putting Eastern Clackamas County to the front again, in this, as it has in all other patriotic campaigns.

Through the courtesy of the Estacada Telephone Company, which kindly donated its Broadway store front, artistically decorated headquarters have been established, which will be in charge of Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Lovelace and other Red Cross workers, ably assisted by their husbands. Messrs. Givens Bartlett, and Stephens are working among the neighboring schools, clubs and other organizations in presenting this important membership campaign, besides working with dozens of others in soliciting the memberships.

Clackamas County's quota is 12,000 members and this community should exceed the thousand mark. A membership, continuing from Christmas 1917 to Christmas 1918 costs \$1., with the solicitors giving each new member a "service flag" or "button" as a receipt. In due time certificates of membership will be sent to all joining at this time.

Special posters or insignia are to be distributed to homes, where Red Cross members reside.

The public is requested not to wait for some solicitor to call upon them, but asked to come to the Estacada headquarters and take out a membership, or if in the vicinity of Eagle Creek, that auxilliary can issue the necessary flag or button receipts.

In the case of parties already belonging to the Red Cross, this drive is supposed to include them also, as all present memberships expire Christmas next.

There are also other forms of memberships, including special \$2 per year ones, life memberships, etc. For information as to these specials call at the Estacada headquarters.