

FLOOD DAMAGES WEST SPRINGFIELD

West Springfield District Devastated By Rampant Willamette; Springfield Getting Back To Normal After Heavy Downpour.

Springfield and West Springfield districts are shaking themselves dry after the most damaging flood in this section's history, the result of a heavy rainstorm over the past weekend and the melting of snows in the high Cascades.

A trail of devastation was left by the waters of the Willamette as they receded from West Springfield Tuesday. In Springfield, normalcy is just being reached after crippled gas service, communication and travel held the city in partial isolation for several days.

Great damage was done in West Springfield and surrounding lowlands, the loss being counted in inundated houses, service stations and restaurants, drowned stock, swamped automobiles, and similar damage.

The Pacific highway, which cuts through the center of the district, was under water for a day and a half, but on Tuesday cleared, showing little damage to the pavement except at a point immediately under the trestle of the Southern Pacific near the Springfield arch.

Here the pavement, undermined by the water, crashed through when a car was driven over it. This delayed the restoration of bus service to Springfield by several hours Monday. In fact, for approximately two days Springfield was reached from the county seat, but three miles distant, only by train or on foot over the railroad tracks.

At Chase Gardens considerable loss was counted in damage to spring hothouse stock, and to the plant itself, the largest of its kind on the coast. The Charles Kingwell greenhouse in West Springfield also was damaged.

Seavers Auto camp store, a large building, was floated by the flood waters early Monday and sent careening down the Pacific highway, not unlike a massive truck, to be deposited with its front on the edge of the highway, a few feet from the Kingwell greenhouse. Cabins in the Springfield-Eugene and Seavers auto camp were badly damaged.

Much loss of stock in Davenport, Bevere's, and other West Springfield stores resulted from the high water. In some cases, service stations were carried away from their gas pumps. Here and there houses and garages, and other buildings, were floated and carried for considerable distance. A barn in which cattle were tied was tossed against the Southern Pacific trestle.

Much evidence of the flood was seen in Springfield as well as West Springfield. Basements in the lower sections of the city were flooded, water ran in torrents down the streets, cutting off the depot from the remainder of the city for a time. Some damage in the lumber yards was reported.

The isolation of the city delayed mails and communication. Small cars were still unable to be supplied from service stations with gasoline on Tuesday. The gas service, cut off, it is reported, when Mammy's cabin, a restaurant at Judkins Point, was ripped loose from its foundation and water allowed to fill the gas main, was not restored for several days.

Damage to wires of the Mountain States Power company was reported by local officials. The Oregon-California line went down Sunday night, and the service was cut off here while a transfer of intake was made to a northern supply system. The Springfield-Albany line went down about the same time, impairing service to Harrisburg. Cottage Grove was without service for many hours.

Many Eugene motorists and others, out for a holiday trip Sunday, were marooned in Springfield Sunday, and either put up here for the night or walked the tracks to Eugene. Among these were a group of University professors, who found their way back to their classes Monday. Many motorists turned pedestrian and walked to Eugene.

Calls for help from marooned West Springfield residents were turned in Police Chief Jess Smitson Sunday night and Monday morning. All available boats were launched into service, and city and county authorities cooperated in taking marooned families from house and tree-tops, high ground, and similar places. No one was reported hurt, although

MANY GOOD TURNS BY SCOUTS, SAYS REPORT

Boy scouts of Springfield Lions club troop No. 11 have done 9125 individual good turns since their organization, according to the annual report of Scoutmaster W. P. Tyson, submitted to the Lions club. These are in addition to two "good turns" done the community, and five for the benefit of the Red Cross and similar organizations.

The report shows that 28 tenderfoot tests have been passed by the scouts, and 130 second class tests. The latter were taken by 13 scouts, 104 being given by the Scoutmaster and his assistants and the others by troop committeemen.

Sixty first class tests have been taken by five scouts. The troop has taken two hikes and held six outdoor meetings. Six hikes were taken by patrols. The troop took part in two rallies at Eugene, and went to church in a body on two occasions.

Forty-nine meetings were conducted, with the average number at the meetings as 17.

SCOUTS ADD MEMBERS IN ANNUAL ROUND-UP

Three new members have been added to the Lions troop, No. 11, of the Boy Scouts, during the annual "round-up" which ends in March, it was announced by scout master W. P. Tyson.

The new scouts are Henry Trinka, Percy Tomseth and Winston Backus. Their enrollment swelled the membership of the troop to 22, while the full strength is 25. Others are to be added shortly, it is expected.

The "round-up" has for its purpose the promotion of interest and stimulation of advancement in Boy Scout work. Throughout Lane county this work is progressing, and the Springfield troops are holding up their part of the campaign, according to Mr. Tyson.

4-L MEETING MONDAY TO HAVE PROGRAM

Entertainment will be featured at a meeting of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen at the W. O. W. hall Monday night. Under direction of a committee headed by W. P. Tyson, a complete program has been arranged featuring local and Eugene talent.

The Carlton sisters of Springfield will sing a duet, Charles Nadvonik will give a selection on the violin, and Paul Frese will give a vocal solo. A vocal selection also will be given by Margaret Skavlan of Eugene.

Walter Lee will give guitar selections. A comedy skit will be presented by a Eugene group.

A field officer from the headquarters of the 4-L will speak at the meeting. The entertainment will follow a regular business session of the Springfield local according to Chairman Earl Dillard.

SNOW FALL AT WENDLING LOGGING CAMPS COLSING

Henry Carter visited Springfield from above Wendling late Wednesday, and reported a heavy fall of snow on that day. When he left, he said, the snow was still falling.

The Booth-Kelly logging camps in the Wendling district, he reported, have shut down until March 7.

Injured Hand

Elmer Sankey sustained a painful injury to his hand when splitting wood at his residence here Saturday. A piece of wood flew out from under his ax and struck one of his thumbs, gashing it. Two stitches were taken at a local physician's office.

many were suffering from exposure. Considerable difficulty was experienced by the rescue parties in some cases. A woman, Mrs. J. L. Miller, who husband works at Notl, was taken from top of a gravel wagon with her three children and their dog. The Simpson family was rescued from the migrating Seaver's store with difficulty.

Parties were taken by boats from their island safety-spots in the McKenzie district also, Monday, although the most serious condition existed in West Springfield.

In Springfield the schools were closed Monday on account of the floods.

At its height, the Willamette river reached a level of 17 feet, the highest since January 5, 1923, when the height of the river was 18 feet. The flood damage this year, however, was much greater than in 1923, partly because the West Springfield district has been built up considerably since then.

Springfield Aids In Flood Rescues

Seasoned Boatsmen of This City Volunteer Services During Willamette Freshet

Springfield played no inconsiderable part in the rescue of marooned families in the flood ravaged areas surrounding this city during the Willamette river freshet early this week. Not only did seasoned boatsmen from this city volunteer their services in rescuing marooned persons, but many unfortunate ones were given shelter here and much money was pledged to the Red Cross for relief work here.

A dozen Springfield men spent all of Sunday night and a large part of Monday, exposed to the cold and the water, and without food, engaged in rescue work in the flood district. Many heroic deeds were credited to these men by families rescued from house and tree-tops and high ground. Among the Springfield men most active in the rescue work were Nelson Fisher, Frank Fisher, Wilbur Lloyd, Doid Miller, Henry Tomseth, Leo Clitser, the Gay brothers, Mr. Saterfield, Nol Sharman, Harold Williams and Harvey Johnson.

One of the bravest deeds of the rescue was credited to Dodd Miller, who, with a single oar, dared to send his boat into a swift current where none other dared go and rescued a marooned family. Mrs. M. B. Huntly circulated the petition asking subscriptions for relief for the unfortunate families left destitute by the flood.

FLOOD FAILS TO STOP EFFORTS OF MAIL MEN

Undaunted by the high water in the West Springfield section, the McKenzie river and Wendling mail carriers tramped through flooded area Monday and delivered mail to residents and postoffices on their route.

The drivers are Percy O'Brien of the McKenzie route and J. DePoe of the Wendling route. On Monday morning these men hoisted their mail sacks on their backs at Eugene and walked by railroad track through the flood area to Springfield. Here they hired automobiles and finished their trips.

Returning in the evening with outgoing mail they again walked to Eugene with the mail.

Mails were practically back to normal here yesterday, with a few delays in delivery from various parts of the state. Mail was sent out every day during the flood, but during two days almost none was received here.

HIGHWAY REPAIRS ARE WELL UNDER WAY HERE

Second street is being scarified today following the surface damage wrought by the recent storm. Approaches to the Willamette river bridge are being repaired on either end, and improvement of the rough stretch between the bridge and the Pacific Highway is on schedule.

A permanent character is being given the temporary repairs on a hole in the Pacific Highway under the Southern Pacific trestle at Glenwood. Teams and men are busy building up shoulders on the highway throughout the West Springfield district.

County crews are at work in various parts of this section repairing flood damage. Estimates by County Commissioner O. E. Crowe have placed the damage to the county road system at near \$50,000. Inspection has found, however, that in few instances has the damage been more than surface, road beds holding up well against the lashing of flood waters.

CHRISTIAN REVIVAL TO START ON SUNDAY

Evangelist services to be conducted by Rev. James Small will be started at the Christian church Sunday morning. Rev. Small has announced the following themes for the week:

- Sunday A. M.—"The Print of the Nails."
- Sunday, P. M.—"What Shall it Profit a Man If—"
- Monday—"The Journey of Life and My Ford."
- Tuesday—"Reason and Religion."
- Wednesday—"The Faith that Saves."
- Thursday—"The Freedom that Jesus Gives."
- Friday—"The World's Greatest Question."
- Sunday, A. M.—"The Christian's Hope."
- Sunday, P. M.—"Two Sides of the Cross" or "How the Thief on the Cross was Saved."

\$20,000 Subscribed in Woolen Mill Stock

Committee Appeals to Everyone to Sign Lists in Next Few Days

With \$20,000 signed for stock in the new Oregon-California Woolen mills to be located in Springfield on the industrial tract, provided \$100,000 is subscribed locally, the Chamber of Commerce committee met today and laid plans for future efforts. A systematic campaign will be made over the town in the next few days and it is hoped to double the amount now signed up before the meeting to be held at Eugene next Monday night when assistance from that city will be asked.

Anyone who is overlooked during the next few days is urged to call at the Chamber of Commerce and sign up if they wish to take stock in the new mill. It is mandatory that \$100,000 be subscribed in Lane county if this \$750,000 industry is to be located here.

Following is a list of those who have subscribed:

C. F. Eggmann	1000.00	J. Fulop	1500.00
L. F. Anderson	500.00	W. C. McLagan	100.00
Wm. McDonald	200.00	Wm. Vasby	100.00
J. E. Cross	300.00	M. A. Premier	300.00
W. H. Adrian	200.00	T. V. Ogden	100.00
Geo. Vallier	200.00	W. A. Taylor	100.00
D. B. Murphy	500.00	W. C. Rehhan	500.00
C. E. Swarts	500.00	Eugene Kester	500.00
B. A. Washburne	500.00	John Henderer	100.00
J. B. Young	500.00	R. Vasby	100.00
M. J. McKlin	200.00	Frank Logan	100.00
M. R. Adams	100.00	S. Ralph Dippel	200.00
J. L. Lorah	100.00	Geo. W. Perkins	500.00
I. M. Peterson	100.00	John Winzenreid	500.00
Wm. F. Walker	500.00	R. W. Smith	100.00
Thos. McKinnis	100.00	J. M. Larson	100.00
A. A. Anderson	100.00	F. H. Walker	100.00
W. W. Clover	100.00	F. W. Roof	100.00
F. B. Planery	200.00	L. E. Scott	100.00
B. O. Smith	100.00	I. D. Larimer	100.00
J. A. Neher	100.00	J. A. Seavey	400.00
J. C. McMurray	100.00	Mrs. Mary Kessey	200.00
Mrs. L. May	100.00	Welby Stevens	2000.00
S. I. & Ella Ogden	200.00	A. J. Perkins	2000.00
C. A. Swarts	100.00	Harry M. Stewart Fuel Co.	500.00
B. G. Sankey	100.00	Harry M. Stewart	500.00
C. W. Hamlin	100.00	M. M. Peery	500.00
F. B. Hamlin	100.00	G. G. Bushman	200.00
Geo. J. Gerlach	500.00	H. J. Cox	100.00
		H. E. Maxey	\$ 500.00

MRS. J. H. HARPER IS DEAD IN PORTLAND

Mrs. J. H. Harper, 76 years of age, for years a resident of Springfield and mother of A. E. Harper of this city, died in Portland Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The funeral will be conducted in Portland Sunday, and burial will be at Laurel hill cemetery here.

Four children survive Mrs. Harper, who was well-known throughout this district. They are A. E. Harper, Springfield; Marion Hamlin, Portland; Josephine Whitbak, Portland, and Ida Kearns, Vancouver, B. C.

SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED BY RAIN; PROGRAM FRIDAY

Attendance interrupted by the heavy rains of the early part of the week, the Springfield schools were closed for Monday and Tuesday.

Only an hour and a half of school was planned for Tuesday, Washington's birthday, and programs planned for that holiday will be held on Friday in many of the elementary rooms, according to announcement by Superintendent V. D. Bain.

School buildings here suffered no more than other buildings in the heavy storm, it was reported.

UNIVERSITY HIGH IS HUMBLED BY LOCALS

Springfield High school's basketball team tossed in its first victory last week when it humbled the highly-touted University High school, 15 to 8.

The game's result was a surprise to all concerned. Springfield had not won a game this season, while University High, among other things, had whipped Eugene High. Eugene, on the other hand, had beaten Springfield by such scores as 66 to 3. A return game will be played at Eugene February 28.

LIONS TO ROAR FOR BENEFIT OF LADIES

Mysterious rumblings for the benefit of the ladies are on schedule for tonight's activities of the Springfield Lions club, who are to celebrate their annual ladies' night.

A dinner at the chamber of commerce will start the event. Following the feast, the clubmen will escort their companions to the Bell theatre, where a stunt program will be presented. The Lions, however, have refused to divulge details of the latter event, and the mysteries will not be unravelled until the program starts.

WRECK IS FATAL TO ERROL PARKER

Well-Known Springfield Youth Succumbs Week After Accident On Second Street; Military Funeral Conducted By Guard Unit.

A military service Sunday afternoon paid last honors to Errol Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Parker, of Springfield, who died Friday afternoon from injuries suffered when the automobile in which he was riding crashed into a Southern Pacific train at the Second street crossing.

Death came a week after the accident. It was believed through the week that the injured man would recover, marked improvement being shown on some days. He suffered a relapse late in the week, however, and Friday afternoon passed away.

Sympathy for the Parker family and the injured man was widespread through the community, and hundreds of telephone calls were received at the Pacific Christian hospital, where he was confined, from interested friends.

Errol Parker is survived by his parents, his brother, Rowland, who was with him in the car at the time of the accident, and his sister, Eunice.

The Christian church was crowded with friends of the family at the time of the funeral, at which Rev. S. Earl Childers officiated.

The local National Guard company has charge of the military honors, furnishing pallbearers, in charge of Sergeant Charles Scott, and a firing squad, commanded by Sergeant Trubert Henderson. The salute was fired at the grave in Laurel Hill cemetery, and Kenneth Mullican, bugler, played taps as the casket was lowered.

Special music at the services consisted of a solo by Hugh Winder and special selection by a mixed quartet composed of E. E. Morrison, Mrs. Dallas Murphy, Mrs. W. P. Tyson and Dallas Murphy.

The accident which proved fatal to Errol Parker was the first of a serious nature to take place at the dangerous Second street crossing for several years. Rowland Parker, driving the light coupe in which they were riding, was facing a bright sun, and did not see or hear the danger signal. When he realized that the train was upon them, he turned the car to the left, with the train.

Caught on the front of the engine, the automobile was carried for 370 feet. When the train was brought to a stop, Rowland Parker was out of the car on the engine pilot, clinging desperately to the hair of his injured brother in a successful effort to prevent his being ground under the wheels of the engine.

GIRL SCOUTS AT MEET HELD LAST SATURDAY

The Girl Scouts of Springfield met last Saturday and selected Louella Williams chairman for the ensuing period.

Other officers chose by the scouts were secretary, Audrey Daniels; news reporter, Barbara Adams, and yell leader, Adaline Perkins.

Plans for various activities were discussed. The Scouts are engaged in an achievement contest with Eugene.

LAUGHTERESQUE TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY

Springfieldites prepared to enjoy a bit of side-splitting comedy Monday night were compelled by high water to hold their laughs until Friday night of this week, when Laughteresque, the high school's annual joke-fest will be presented at the school auditorium.

Four stunts have been prepared by the classes of the high school. Between acts special music and other features will provide entertainment.

Judges will decide the best of the stunts presented and the prizes will go toward the inter-class rivalry.

Bridge Inspected

County Engineer P. M. Morse inspected the approaches to the new Springfield bridge during high water Monday. His purpose was to determine the effect of high water on various proposed rights-of-way for the short roadways to be built to connect the span with the Pacific highway on the Eugene side and the McKenzie highway on the Springfield side of the Willamette river.