

# Ione Still Cleaning Up from Flood; Damage High

By LORRAINE BALL

**IONE**—It is hard to realize the damage that the on-rush of a sudden flash flood can bring until you journey throughout the peaceful community of Ione and its outlying ranch homes and communities.

In the wake of last Tuesday's sudden downpour, everyone is in the process of "mopping" up and cleaning up operations. In Ione, basements, stores and the yards of some homes still show the signs of the storm. Our outlying roads that lead into town are only passable in some places with one way traffic. Everyone will be talking for a long time to come, about the damages it brought with it. The water poured down every little drainage ditch along with every canyon that is in an area covering lower Rhea Creek to the George Snider ranch, back through the Gooseberry and Eightmile area and back across town and out Rietmann Grade, up Smouse Grade and beyond.

Debris is piled high. Roads are washed out. Damage near the Dave Rietmann ranch to the roads and fields runs high. Down Rhea Creek, the bridge at the Darrell Padberg home is gone. Fields have regular paths cut through them and back out to the Berl Akers ranch, there isn't much back yard left. About 4 inches of mud and silt was scraped from their basement floor and what was a lovely yard of lawn and flowers has gone by the wayside.

Caution should be used by all

## Mopping Up After the Flood



**DORR MASON**, Ione grocer, is shown with scoop shovel starting to clean up mud in his store after last week's flood. This week Mr. and Mrs. Mason announced that the flood damage was too severe and they are quitting business. (G-T Photo)

sightseers, especially if they are unfamiliar with the road they travel, as extensive damage has been done in many places.

Mrs. Ronnie Thompson of Dufur and Mrs. Lonnie Bounds of Portland visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elbe Akers on Sunday.

Mrs. David Baker and daughter Nancy and Barbara Boyce spent several days this week at the Baker's trailer house at McNary Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bergstrom returned home the last of the week after visiting and sightseeing through Yellowstone National Park.

Bobby Ball, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Ball was among a group of Walla Walla Union Bulletin carriers who enjoyed a week-end trip to Wallowa Lake this past week-end. Each boy, to be eligible to go, had to obtain 14 new customers. The boys enjoyed swimming, hiking, bowling and other activities, of which a 9 mile horse back ride into Ice Lake was taken. They "roughed" it, sleeping under the stars and eating outdoors.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Boyce and

family visited in Portland last week for a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Roger Steiger and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Hubbard visited in Dayton, Wash. on Tuesday with relatives.

**Remember On Birthday**  
A coffee hour for Mrs. Robert DeSpain was held at the home of Mrs. Walter Corley, with Mrs. Corley, Mrs. Arnie Hedman and Mrs. Ray Boyce as hostesses. Around fifteen friends gathered to wish Mrs. DeSpain "Happy Birthday."

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Kirk have moved into the Jesse Griffith house on second street. Mr. Kirk is the foreman at the Stone Machinery shop.

Mrs. Walter Corley went to Boardman on Tuesday to accompany her mother, Mrs. Bill Seehafer to Klamath Falls on Wednesday to meet Mrs. Duane Essex and daughters of Sacramento, who will be visiting relatives in Boardman and Ione the next two weeks. Mrs. Ron Tye and family of Enterprise was also visiting at this time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Seehafer. On Thursday, Mrs. Joe Gaarsland and children of Ione

went to Boardman to visit with her sisters and parents, and Jo Ann Turner of Pendleton also came for a brief visit with Mrs. Tye who had to return home on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Turner and sons of Eugene were visiting with her parents and other relatives this past week.

Mrs. Beulah Lundell of Portland is visiting relatives in the Ione area this week.

Paul Pettyjohn had the misfortune to crack a bone in his right wrist while assisting a Pendleton veterinarian doctor a horse on Monday night. The horse bolted, injuring Mr. Pettyjohn and also the doctor. Paul has his arm in a cast.

### Honored On 39th Anniversary

Mrs. Walter Corley was hostess on Sunday for a dinner party in honor of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Seehafer's 39th wedding anniversary. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gaarsland and family, Mrs. Duane Essex and daughters, Jo Ann Turner, Francis Rea, Carmen Carnell of Pendleton, Joe Palmer, Sherry Corley and the honorees and the hostess. During the celebration, SP-5 Billie Seehafer of Ft. Eustis, Va. called to congratulate her parents and to talk to all the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Gaarsland are in the process of moving. Mrs. Ida Coleman is also preparing to move into her house in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnie Hedman have moved into their new home on third street.

Mr. and Mrs. Si Cooper of Milk visited with Cleo Drake on Saturday. Mr. Cooper and Mr. Drake were in the same company during world war I.

Mrs. Ray Barnett accompanied other members of her church to Portland to attend the National Assembly of God Convention now being held in Portland.

Bob Akers and Tom Martin motored to Pasco, on Monday to register for the fall school term at Columbia Basin College.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon White spent a day in Portland last week on business and also were in Spokane on business. On Mon-

day, Mr. White was in Athena. While there he visited with Mr. and Mrs. Tom White.

Mr. and Mrs. Everette and Mr. and Mrs. Cohorn and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon White and family enjoyed a picnic dinner in the city park on Sunday evening.

David Glack who has been visiting at the David Rietmann home returned to Vancouver, Wn. on Friday. Jerry Bristow took his mother, Mrs. Edmond Bristow, also and little Tommy Crawford, who has been visiting with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Dazell. Mrs. Bristow will visit at Ray City with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie McCabe, for a week. Jerry went down for the Heppner town team ball games.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Crowell and family of Omak, Wash. visited with relatives in the Ione area over the week-end. Among those were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Crowell and Mr. and Mrs. Al Winkelman and Mr. and Mrs. Crowell, his parents.

### To Teach In California

Julie Rietmann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Rietmann will leave for Garden Grove, Calif., on Thursday to assume her new duties as first grade teacher at the Earl Warren Elementary school there. It is located in Orange County near Los Angeles and is only three miles from Disneyland. It is a town with a population of 85,000. Her teaching duties will commence about September 11.

Victor Rietmann returned home on Thursday from the Pioneer Memorial hospital where he has recently been confined.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bye and children, Helen, Francis and George, Jr. of Idaho visited on Saturday at the Lewis Ball home and with Elmer Peterson. The Byes were enroute to Yakima to visit with relatives.

Mrs. Charles Hudson visited Wednesday evening with the Dallas Shockleys and was house guest on Thursday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Gar Swanson. She went on to Pendleton to visit with relatives there while awaiting the Shrine Football game to be held in Pendleton this com-



**A GOOD-SIZED** lake surrounded the entrance to Melvin Melena's Builders' Supply shed just after the flood at Ione last Tuesday. Water some two feet deep covered high grades of lumber on lower levels in the shed. (G-T Photo)

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**Joan Patrick Takes Part In 'Chute Jumps'**  
LEXINGTON—Miss Joan Patrick, a Lexington graduate of 1958, now making her home in Lebanon, was one in a group of women parachutists who took part in the 15th annual "Fly-in" in Lebanon last week. She is a member of the Willamette parachutists club. After completing high school here, she was a member of the Waves for several months.

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