

County Reels From Flooding

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dozens of calls for help. They found they could do little immediately because roads were too wet to haul gravel. First move was to go to Boardman to bring needed equipment back to get to work on the huge task ahead.

Judge Peterson said that they would attempt to determine the most urgent needs and get to work on them first.

The Roy Lindstroms, northeast of Ione, had to "make a run for it" to get out of the oncoming waters that hit their place. The flood left four feet of silt around their garage and the car in it. Heavy damage from water and mud was done to their home. Others in the area had similar trouble.

All logging was stopped in the county because of the condition of the roads, Judge Peterson said.

Lower Rhea Creek road was passable but was covered with deep mud and rock in many places. Upper Rhea Creek, Basic canyon and Sanford canyons were hard hit.

The L. H. Rilla reported loss of two bridges, including one on the Liberty road in the Eighthmile district.

Ione Suffers
Water coming down Rietmann canyon converged on Ione businesses about 7 a.m. Tuesday, making a river out of Main street. Bristow's market, Stefan's restaurant, Paul Pettyjohn Co., Hick's Market, O'Connor's insurance, the post office, city hall and others were hit.

"We thought we had it whipped when another crest came," Mayor O'Connor said.

Stores in the business district were reported Wednesday as "still in a mess," by O'Connor.

Some said it was worse than the flood caused by a water-spout in August, 1961, but O'Connor said, "I'll say it was about the same kind of a deal. This time we got on it sooner, and there were more people to pitch in and work. People worked their heads off all day.

Cleaning up continued Wednesday.

The second blow came to Ione about noon when the creek went over its banks, threatening homes and trailer homes there. Among those in jeopardy were the Leonard Herricks, who fled from their trailer house, the Harry Ash home, and the Roy Goodrows.

Schools Surrounded
Water surged around the schools a foot and a half deep and steps were taken to attempt to keep it out of the buildings.

Principal Everett Holstein of the high school said that doors were boarded and stuffed with rags, but one hall between the gym and the cafeteria carried quite a bit of water from seepage. The improvised steps did a good job in stemming the flow in other parts of the building, although some water got in.

Principal Herrick at the grade school reported that water started coming in via basement window wells, but steps were taken to keep it out.

Faculty members and townspeople responded on the school job and Holstein said that he would have been "lost" without their help.

The lone Memorial football field was covered with thick silt when water receded, and the swimming pool was filled with brackish water and mud. Many lawns were also covered with silt, as was the school parking lot. Basements took water damage in residences near the creek.

Mayor O'Connor said that those near Ione also suffered. The Charlie Dohertys had a basement "full of mud," and the David Rietmanns suffered similar damage. At the John Proudfoot place, the runoff eroded ditches to an estimated six feet deep. Many farms sustained damage similar to this.

Herb Hynds 'Lucky'
The Herb Hynds, north of Cecil, reported Wednesday that they considered themselves "lucky." Water covered their fields and surrounded their home but they escaped serious damage. The E. R. Schaffer house was hit the first in their immediate area, Mrs. Hynd said. And at the Dick Patton place, three miles from the river, water went through the house about 18 inches deep. It ruined some of the appliances and household goods and they evacuated the house.

Mrs. Hynd confirmed a report that two Allis-Chalmers salesmen who attempted to get through the water over the roads north of the Hynd place bogged down and had to leave their pickup to the swirling waters. It was carried away and remained in a ditch there Wednesday.

It was also reported that the Lewis Halvorsens lost a truck north of Ione, but this could not be confirmed immediately.

Mrs. Hynd said that the Willow Creek highway had been impassable to the junction from the Hynd place but could not say as of 2 p.m. Wednesday whether it was open or not.

The highway from their place to Ione had been blocked with water over the road at the Schaffer place and right at Cecil. Crews were working on the road there Wednesday, and Mrs. Hynd said she had just received a call for help for men because the highway truck was in the ditch.

Washing Big Loss
Probably the heaviest long range loss from the flood is that from washing in the fields. Tons of top soil washed down the thirty deep-chocolate colored streams and deep ditches were cut in fields.

"One bad runoff can do more damage than 100 years of cropping can replace," Judge Peterson said.

The Bernard Dohertys in Blackhorse canyon were heavily hit by washing, but damage to their home and buildings was not as severe as in some previous flood conditions.

Some miscellaneous reports were that Slim Emert had lost some calves in the flood, that Bill Weatherford lost three soil conservation dams on his place on the main highway to Pilot Rock, and that the Franklin Ely place near Ione was hard hit.

Back in Heppner, damage was light by comparison. Water coming down Shobe canyon went under the Chase street bridge without trouble this time but overflowed on to the lawns of homes of Doug Gribble, Max Buschke and others, leaving a general mess there. Others up along the Condon highway suffered heavy "mess damage." The Roice Fullertons had trouble getting in and out of their home at various times.

Golf Course Covered
At the Willow Creek golf course,

silt was deposited on much of the course, and in downtown Heppner some business buildings suffered from floods in basements. Arnie Hedman at Case Furniture reported three feet in his basement.

Fortunately, Willow Creek above Heppner pretty much behaved itself. It was not fed so much by melting snows of the foothills and was not flooding above Heppner. It was only after it was fed by Balm Fork, the Shobe Canyon runoff, Rhea Creek and others that it became a raging torrent.

At the confluence of Willow Creek and Rhea Creek at one time Tuesday was a vast sea of water. The Marion Palmer place was high and dry but silt covered fields all around it. Water didn't get into the house at the Dehyns place, but it was lapping at the door.

A look at the week's weather report shows the cause of the flooding in a nutshell. From a maximum temperature of one degree below last Thursday, the mercury soared to a maximum of 55 on Tuesday, accompanied by heavy rains. This caused runoff of melting snow over frozen ground.

Rainfall recorded by Leonard Gilliam, observer at Heppner, totaled 1.82 inches from Monday to Wednesday, in addition to .48

inch of snow on Saturday and Sunday.

Weather report for the week of December 17-23 is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	-1	-15	—
Friday	3	-8	—
Saturday	10	-1	.65 snow
Sunday	30	10	.43 snow
Monday	39	29	.66 rain
Tuesday	55	30	.58 rain
Wednesday	60	45	.58 rain

Episcopalians Set Christmas Service

Plans for Christmas services at All Saints' Episcopal church are announced by Father C. Bruce Spencer. Christmas eve mass will be at 11:30 Thursday night. Those wishing to come 15 minutes early are invited to participate in group carol singing at that time.

Christmas Eucharist will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, and the church will keep the other feast days with gatherings at 7:30 a.m. on the following dates: December 26, Feast of St. Stephen; December 27, Feast of St. John; December 28, Holy Innocence; December 29, Feast of St. Thomas; December 30, end of the Octave.



Peace...

God Will to All, at Christmastide.

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JEANNE PAT

Greetings to all

Here's a very special delivery of warm wishes for a merry Christmas.

HEPPNER CLEANERS
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GREETINGS

Here's wishing you an old-fashioned Christmas, filled with all the joys of fellowship and good cheer, and a holiday season brightened by many merry moments for your entire family.

JIM'S CHEVRON STATION, IONE
AND THE BARNETT FAMILY—JIM, DOLORIS, RICK, D-ANN AND ELDON MADDEN

GLAD CHRISTMAS TIDINGS

Bells ring out merrily for all our loyal friends and patrons. May we wish you the same generous measure of happiness you've given us over the years with your valued patronage.

HICKS MARKET

IONE
CECIL—DORIS—EVELYN

BOARDMAN
CECIL—MARGARET—SHIRLEY

Just popping in to wish you a holiday abounding with happiness.

HEPPNER HOTEL

Morrow County ROLLER RINK Will Be Closed Christmas Day and New Years Day

OUR REGULAR SKATING HOURS CONTINUE TO BE AS FOLLOWS:
Fridays and Saturdays, 7 to 10 p.m.
Sunday Afternoons, 2 to 5 p.m.

We Wish Everyone A Very Merry Christmas and A Most Happy and Prosperous New Year

—Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ward
—Mr. and Mrs. D. E. (Shorty) Hudson

Christmas in our community is a special time, when friends and neighbors get together, and time spent with our families is precious. May we wish you a Christmas season that's filled with joy and love.

MERRY CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

ELMA and EVERETT HARSHMAN