

Ione and Vicinity Suffers Extensive Flood Damage

By KATHERINE LINDSTROM
 IONE—Ione and surrounding areas are slowly recovering from the most severe flood this community has experienced since the 1903 flood, which was so devastating.

Most of the business firms were flooded by the run-off from the north side of town, coming down Rietmann canyon, caused by the heavy rain and melting snow on frozen ground. Third and Fourth streets and the high school buildings, swimming pool and athletic fields were flooded by a flow of water from the enlarged streams of Rhea Creek and Willow Creek, which converge about two miles above Ione.

The dike just above the city limits, which angles from the railroad to the creek, steers the water to the creek bed. Otherwise the high wall of water would have come straight through the city from the alfalfa fields above town.

The town was isolated for two days because of washouts in both county and state roads. Ralph Crum and Kenneth Smouse took bulldozers and cleared the highway just southeast of town by the Columbia Basin sub-station, so that people could get up the highway.

Many homes in town and the country suffered from flooded basements, but the Roy A. Lindstrom family north of Ione probably was the worst hit. Water 16 inches high entered the first floor of their house from Four-mile Canyon. They had very little time to save any belongings and had to escape on foot and horseback. Their car was buried in the mud and debris.

A close neighbor, the Charles Doherty family, was rescued from their flooding home by Arthur Crawford in a truck. However, their home had water in the basement only. Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Ely, with a little more warning, were able to put their household furnishings out of reach of most of the water, but lost the bridge going into their home. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Patton, who live near Rhea Siding and below the mouth of Eight-mile Canyon, were hit hard by flood waters with about 18 inches of water in their home.

David Baker had two cars and a pickup partially buried in mud and Louis Halvorsen lost a truck from a field, which has not been found yet. He also lost three calves from their ranch south of Ione.

Citizens and male faculty members turned out to clean up the damage done to the high school and grounds after losing a battle to keep it out of the

building entirely. Farmers are working hard at repairing roads to their homes, some of whom were unable to get out at all. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Palmatoer and family walked from their home after a bridge had gone out. They were met by relatives and were driven to Heppner, where they spent the holidays.

Library Cleaning Appreciated
 Mrs. Roy W. Lindstrom, president of the Topic Club, would like to thank the following people who worked so hard after the waters receded, in cleaning the City Library: Linsay Kincaid, Mrs. Pete Cannon and Terry, Roy W. Lindstrom, Susan and Christina, Kathy Rea, Joe Halvorsen, Connie, Wendy and Neal Christopherson and Frank Wiley.

Mrs. Hershall Townsend had word this week of the death of her brother, Leslie Elmer (Buster) Bleakman on Tuesday night at Great Falls, Montana. Death was caused by a heart attack.

Julie Zinter was honored with a party on her eleventh birthday, December 19 at her home in the country. The party given by her mother, Mrs. Sid Zinter, featured a "pinata" fashioned like a Santa Claus, which the girls hit until the prizes were released. Guests were Shawna Bergstrom, Cathy Cannon, Cheri Carlson, Carol Hausler, Debra Winkelman, Brenda Holstein, Cindy Nedry, Ann and Mary McElligott, Wendy Christopherson, Kathy Crum, and Julie.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bare and family returned on Monday from Baker, where they spent several days visiting her father, Ernest Swider.

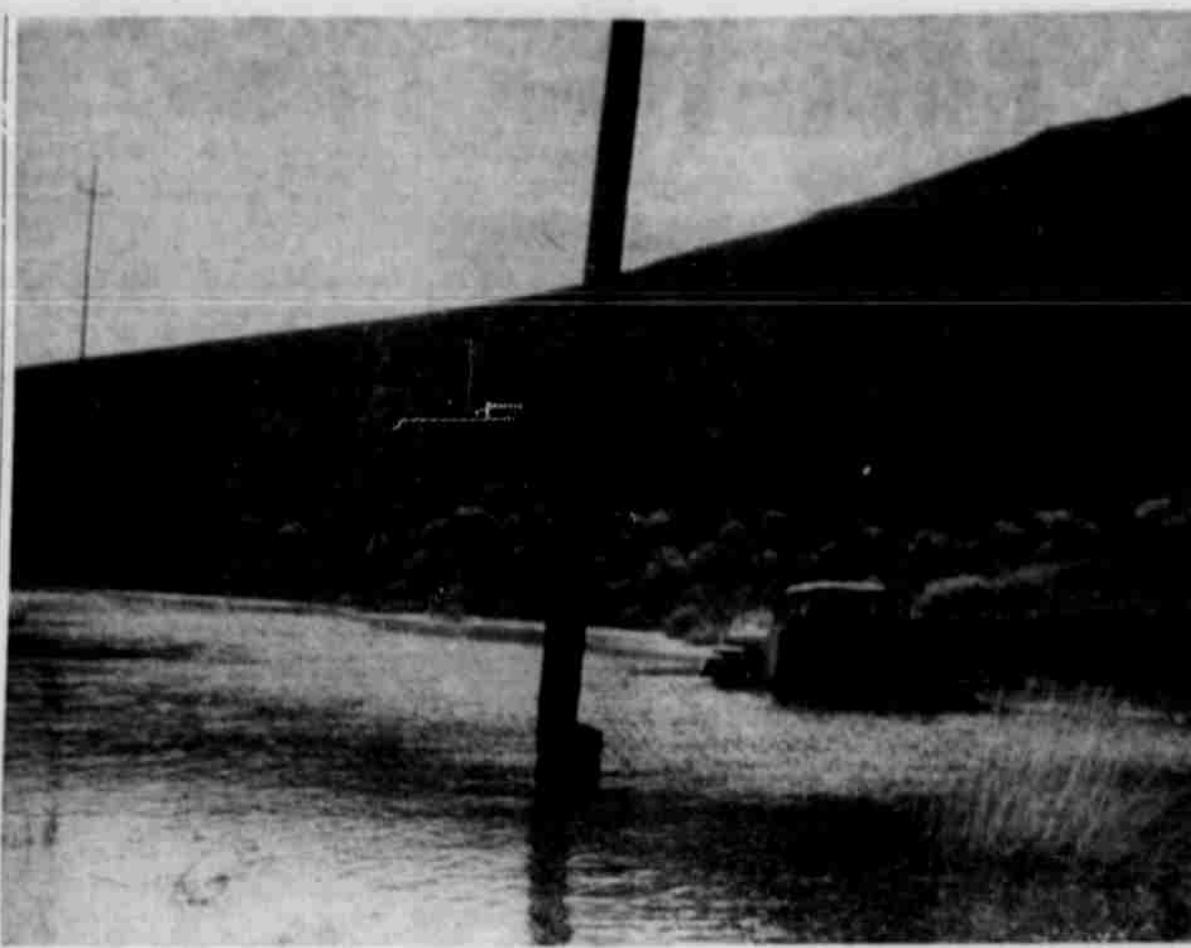
Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Kincaid and family spent the holidays in Nampa, Caldwell, Boise and Payette, Idaho, visiting friends and relatives.

United Church of Christ will have Holy Communion and reception of new members during services Sunday morning at the church.

Guests for three days over Christmas holidays at the Robert Jepsen home were Mrs. Jepsen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Lieualien; her brother and sister-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Lieualien and family, and her grandfather, Jack Hynd, Sr., all of Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Martin arrived at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Martin on Saturday evening. They made the trip from the Willamette Valley with Al Bazell, of Corvallis fiance of Miss Jean Martin. They had to cross the bridge at Biggs and come up the north side of the Columbia to Arlington, where they ferried back.

Mrs. Harriet Bolman of Seattle



READY TO BACK OUT is Wayne Ball in his Jeep after attempting to reach Ione through floodwaters last Wednesday. This was taken by the Jordan elevator. A deeper hole over the highway was at the Columbia Basin substation, a quarter-mile closer to Ione. (G-T Photo).

The Jim Bloodsworth home was the scene of a family dinner Christmas Day that included the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bloodsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bloodsworth and Billy, all of Hermiton, and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Campbell, Nancy, Debbie and David.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fossum, along with their daughter and son-in-law and family, the Wayne Harsins, spent Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Liebe, in Pilot Rock.

Tell the advertiser you saw it in the Gazette-Times.

Club and families are requested in spending the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. E. C. Heliker.

PTA Meeting Cancelled
 The PTA meeting planned for January 13 has been cancelled and there will be no January meeting. The next meeting will be February 10 with a Founder's Day program, arranged by Mrs. Wallace Matthews, a feature of the evening. Mothers of seventh and eighth grade students will serve refreshments.

Christmas Day guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hynd were their son Dick from Oregon State, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Pettyjohn and family of Heppner, Earl Pettyjohn and Mrs. Hynd's mother, Mrs. Fred Pettyjohn.

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Martin and daughter Jean of Oregon State, arrived home on Monday evening from Albany, where they had attended their son Melvin's wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Herrick and Chuck left on Wednesday for Lewiston, Idaho, to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Heimbigner, Linda and Tom, traveled to Odessa, Wash., to spend Christmas with relatives.

Twelfth Night services will be held January 8 on the Rietmann lot on Main street. This annual event is sponsored by the Garden

to leave their Christmas greens on the lot for the burning.

Frank Jepsen of Milton was a Christmas visitor at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Jepsen and family and other relatives.

Many college students are home for the holiday, but several were marooned in Portland and unable to come through until this week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Rietmann and Chris are visiting her father, George Mumford at Nampa, Idaho, during the holidays.

Director Appointed For Dimes Campaign
 Mrs. Len Ray Schwarz has been appointed Morrow county campaign director for the coming March of Dimes campaign, according to Mrs. Jack Loyd, local chapter chairman for the National Foundation.

Serving as treasurer for the county organization will be Larry Prock.

Promotion of March of Dimes activities will start the first of the year with the usual mailers to county residents, followed by special promotions for public participation.

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