

\$2 Million Loss From Flooding County Estimate

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Volunteers Help

A great deal of volunteer labor has helped considerably during the emergency. The judge said that residents put in a culvert on the road west of Bert Akers place, and that Fred and Norman Nelson replaced a culvert near their place. Don Turner and Gene Cutsforth in the rural Lexington area put in a culvert on the road near their places in order that they could get out, and Ken Peck worked on a wash-out on the upper Willow Creek road in order to permit traffic to proceed to the Arbuckle Mountain ski course. In many other places, residents pitched in to help.

County Agent Anderson said that some 25 farm ponds were washed away by the flooding around the county and 75 more were damaged, filled with silt, or otherwise affected.

It was confirmed that Lewis Halvorsen lost a truck in the flood, and latest advice Wednesday was that he had not yet located it. He had used it as a tanker with a gas tank on it while irrigating near Willow Creek.

The tank was deposited in the railroad track and parts of the truck bed were found in another spot, but the truck itself, an old one, had not been located at last report, having caught up in the rampaging waters of Willow Creek.

Livestock Lost

Some livestock were lost around the county. Halvorsen reported losing three calves and Herb Hynd told of losing a cow, which slipped on ice while crossing a bridge and dropped into raging Willow Creek, to be carried away and drowned.

At the lone school, the swimming pool was filled with heavy silt and flood water. Supt. Potter said that there was concern about how much damage was done to the filter system and pump. Water was pumped out over the side Tuesday. The football field and parking lot was covered with silt estimated to range in depth variously from two inches to 18 inches. Sewer at the school also was clogged. At height of the flood, 15 inches of water surrounded the high school. Most of it was kept out but some entered a hallway to cause some damage.

Mayor O'Connor's estimate of \$7500 damage to lone and its business buildings was in addition to that done to the school. This covered the loss from flooding of stores and public buildings.

Assistance Offered On Health Sanitation By County Dept.

William Culham, Oregon State Board of Health district sanitarian from Pendleton, visited Morrow county this week to help evaluate conditions of sanitation following the flood damage in various areas of the county.

People wishing information on need for typhoid immunization should check with their private physician or the county health officer, Dr. L. D. Tibbles.

Pamphlets relating to "Building Clean-up" and methods of cleaning and sterilizing of pumps following flooding can be obtained from the county health department office. Also available are water sample containers for submitting water samples for examination to the state board of health after the suggested procedure has been followed.

The public is again cautioned not to drink or wash in any water not known to be safe.

Joint PTA Meeting Postponed Until May

The joint meeting of Heppner and lone PTAs set for Wednesday evening, January 13, has been postponed until May, according to Forrest Burkenbine, Heppner, president.

Postponement was found necessary when the guest speaker, Mrs. Stephen Turel, president of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, Portland, sent word early this week that she would be unable to be present. Mr. Burkenbine has announced that the regular Heppner PTA meeting will, however, be held on the evening of January 13, at the high school multipurpose room. Several important matters of business will be discussed.

ings and from muck deposited in the buildings.

Trailers Swept Away
Several construction workers at the mouth of Willow Creek lost their house trailers in the flood, being swept out into the Columbia, and Herb Hynd said that one house, apparently unoccupied, also floated down the swollen creek to the Columbia.

A dramatic effort against the floodwaters saved another fine house trailer owned by a construction worker. It was located on the Stanley Magill place, and when the trailer was finally pulled to safety by a tractor, a man standing on the rear of the tractor was waist deep in water.

Jim Devine, who made a trip to the mouth of Willow Creek, brought in pictures to the Gazette-Times Wednesday, showing wreckage of a tractor owned by Norval Lane and extensive damage to the Union Pacific branch railroad in that area.

Kenny Lundell Found Dead In California

Oral Kenneth (Kenny) Lundell, 43, former resident of lone, was found dead in his room in Oakland, Calif., Tuesday. An autopsy performed by a medical examiner there Wednesday ruled that he had died of strangulation.

Lundell, son of Mrs. Mary Lundell of lone, had lived in the Oakland area for about 30 years, working as an electronics engineer for a San Leandro firm. He had attended several electronics schools, including one in Portland, and did trouble shooting on electronic computers all over the world. Recent trips had taken him to Holland, New York City, and Washington, D. C.

Jerry Sweeney of Sweeney's Mortuary, Heppner, conversed with the medical examiner in Oakland by telephone Wednesday and was told that the body was found in the room with death by strangulation. His clothing had been taken.

The body will be shipped here by train and is due to arrive in Arlington at 1 a.m. Sunday. Funeral services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at the lone United Church of Christ with the Rev. Walter B. Crowell officiating. Interment will be in Valby cemetery.

Oral Kenneth Lundell was born December 31, 1918, on the family ranch on lower Willow Creek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lundell. He attended both elementary and high schools in Arlington; and graduated from high school there in 1937. He lived on the ranch with his parents and brothers and later lived for a time in lone before going to California. He was never married.

His father, Oscar Lundell, died February 14, 1964.

Besides his mother, Mrs. Mary Lundell, he is survived by two brothers, Henry Dale Lundell of Picomont, Calif., Oscar Harland Lundell of Boise, Idaho; six nieces and nephews; and other relatives.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kenneth Lundell Memorial scholarship fund, and those who wish may take contributions to any branch of the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Arriving here early Christmas morning after a ten hour drive from their home in Portland were Mr. and Mrs. Don Hevener and their year old son, Brian. The Heveners returned to Portland on Sunday, after spending the holidays visiting friends and relatives here. They were house guests of Mrs. Hevener's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Saling.

Students Find Travel Difficult to Reach Homes for Holidays

Nearly every returning college student has been able to relate interesting experiences in regard to how, when and by what means he was able to get home to enjoy at least part of the holiday vacation with family and friends. Family Christmas dinners were delayed in many homes, waiting for student members to arrive. Detours and delays in modes of travel were found necessary, when car and bus transportation were found impossible.

Traveling from colleges in Arizona were Pam Wilkinson and Marcia Rands; Shan Applegate from Montana; Steve Peck from Idaho; Ann Jones, Bill Cox, Ginny Turner, Roger and Martha Doherty, Mike Smith, Bill Sherman, Ray Nichols, Ken Wright, Ken Daggett, Doug Dubaque, Dick and Ginger Springer, John Cleveland, Shannon Mahoney, Don Maleske, Bill Wagner, Bill Weatherford, Gail Hoskins, Phyllis Nelson, Laura Lee Sumner, among those from colleges in the valley. Finding travel easier from schools in eastern Oregon and Washington were Jennifer and Jacquie Brindle, Ginny Moore Larry Green, Archie and Diana Ball, Julie Pfeiffer, Larry Muehsig, Dick Struckmeyer, Dave George, LeRoy Gardner, John Cole, Ken Smith and Lyle Vance.

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Rocks and water came down a canyon back of the service station, washing gullies and causing water to flow down the main street. Water got to within an inch of the lobby of the post office before being channeled away from the building.

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Baby Born at Station

Mr. and Mrs. David L. Sittin became the parents of a daughter Tuesday evening, December 22 at the First Aid Station. Access to a hospital was impossible at the time. The little girl weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces and has been named Debra Michelle. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sittin and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bastian. Great grandparents are Mrs. Cora Burnside of Spray and Adolph Schaeffer, Sr., of Condon.

Oscel Inskeep Taken by Death

Oscel Tom Inskeep, 58, former resident of Morrow county, died in Ellensburg, Wn., Wednesday, December 30. He had undergone surgery for an illness and was about to be dismissed when he suffered a fatal heart attack.

He had been ranching at Othello, Wn., after leaving Morrow county 10 years ago.

Graveside funeral services will be at the Hardman IOOF cemetery Saturday at 2 p.m. with Albee Mortuary, Condon, in charge of arrangements.

He was born July 30, 1906, and spent all of his life here until going to Washington. Mr. Inskeep worked at lone on a ranch for years. He was a member of the IOOF lodge at Hardman. He was never married.

Surviving are four sisters, Mrs. Vern Dalzell, lone; Mrs. T. R. Wacken, Salem; Mrs. Robert Rogers and Mrs. Henry Graham, both of Sweet Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hill of Coos Bay, who usually spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harris, here, waited until the worst of the flooding was past before coming this year. They arrived Sunday and came via Goldendale, Wn., and the Umatilla bridge. Mr. Hill was formerly an electrician here and

Community Cut Off Main Travel

By VIRGINIA KESLO KINZUA—Christmas plans were drastically changed last Tuesday morning when high water and slides of rock and mud cut this community off from the main highways.

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Death in Montana Takes L. Bleakman; Services Saturday

Funeral services for Leslie Elmer Bleakman, 56, will be held Saturday, January 2, at 1:00 p.m. at the First Methodist church in Heppner. The Rev. Melvin Dixon will officiate, and interment will follow in the Hardman cemetery, with Sweeney Mortuary directing the services.

Mr. Bleakman died suddenly at his residence in Great Falls, Mont., from an apparent heart attack on Tuesday, December 22.

The son of pioneer Hardman residents, Ella (McDaniel) and Bernard Bleakman, he was born July 30, 1908, on the family ranch home. He was a 20-year member of the fraternal order of Eagles in Pendleton.

Surviving him are four sisters, Mrs. Elvira Irby, Heppner; Mrs. Pat Townsend, lone; Mrs. Zetta Jinkinson, Carson, Wn., and Mrs. Delsie Reid of Bend.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients admitted to Pioneer Memorial hospital for medical care during the past week, then dismissed, were the following: Kenneth Norris, Kinzua; Olga Nielson, Heppner, deceased; Nadine O'Brien, Heppner; Robert Reavis, Kinzua; Marlene Fetsch, Lexington; Dee Pettyjohn, Heppner.

Those admitted, and still receiving medical care, are the following: Margaret Jenkins, Spray; Emma Anderson, lone, and Tillie Rauch, Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mahoney are receiving congratulations on the birth of their first child, a daughter, born Wednesday, December 23. She weighed 8 lbs. at birth, and has been named Tara. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Shelton of Palm Springs, Calif., and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Mahoney of Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Marlatt of Heppner are parents of a first son, Wesley Virgil, Jr., born Wednesday, December 23. He weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. at birth, and joins two sisters, Rosanna and Melody at home. His maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bothwell of Heppner, and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Marlatt of Heppner.

Public Card Party Sat., January 2

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Groups Observe Christmas Season

By DELPHA JONES LEXINGTON—Christmas was observed as planned at the Lexington Christian church on Sunday morning, December 20. The program consisted of numbers by the 3rd and 4th graders, and "The Christmas Story" acted out in songs, solos and tableaux accompanying the reader's story. Treats were then given the children.

The evening program consisted of a play by the young people's class with Harley Sager as pianist. This was planned and directed by Carl Marquardt.

The Women's Fellowship Group met at the home of Mrs. C. C. Jones for its regular meeting and Christmas party last Tuesday evening. It was decided to adopt a child overseas, preferably one from a private home rather than an orphanage. Mrs. Soward was appointed to look into this matter for the group.

Following the meeting secret sister gifts were exchanged and names disclosed. Names for the 1965 secret sisters were then drawn. Those present were Mrs. Earl Soward, Mrs. Bill B. Marquardt, Mrs. Carl Marquardt, Mrs. Florence McMillan, Mrs. Alonza Henderson, Mrs. Floyd Smith, Mrs. William C. Van Winkle and the hostess.

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We know that the old year brought some disappointments, hardships and suffering. The recent flood has been a blow to many of our fine people. But we know that our Morrow County residents are resilient and strong. With this spirit and with a faith in the future we look forward to a better year in 1965. With this in mind our "Happy New Year!" takes a new and true sincerity.

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