

# Lone area hardest hit by flood waters

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torn culverts were abundant throughout the county. Morrow County officials called on the public to observe a 10 ton weight limit on county roads, and urged all motorists to stay off the roads completely unless travel is absolutely necessary. A complete inventory of damaged roads and bridges was not immediately available.

County officials, including Judge D.O. Nelson, County Agent Harold Kerr, ASCS Agent Judy Buschke and Roadmaster Doc Sherer, were touring high water areas Wednesday, preparing damage estimates for federal and state emergency relief agencies. The officials had not completed damage estimates, and indicated they would not likely do so until at least Friday. One reason for the delay was that flooding problems may not be over, with a 60 per cent chance of rain and more warm weather predicted for Thursday. A heavy snow-pack remains in the highland drainage areas for Willow,

Hinton and Rhea creeks, and a substantial amount of snow is still on the ground in shaded canyons and fields in the lower elevations.

ASCS Agent Buschke said that emergency funds will be available for farmers suffering certain damages from the high water, through a federal cost-share program, with the government paying up to 80 per cent of the damages. The amount of funding available to Morrow County, however, remains unknown. The cost-share program could include funds for replacing such items as washed out fences, ruined irrigation dams, dikes and diversions and silted ponds.

Most flooded farm land apparently escaped permanent damage, according to preliminary reports. There were few reports of livestock being lost in the flooding.

In Heppner, high water Tuesday forced the closing of the Morgan Street Bridge. Floodwaters rose high enough to reach the bottoms of

several other spans across Willow Creek, and spilled out of the banks of the stream to flood a quarter-mile section of Riverside Drive. Water was seen flowing beneath several mobile homes along Riverside Drive, but there were no reports of serious damage.

Floodwaters hampered efforts by city workmen to repair a main water line into the city, which left the city's drinking water supply discolored and unsafe to drink. The break occurred in the vicinity of the Dick Wilkinson ranch upstream from Heppner on Willow Creek, but its exact location had not been determined by Wednesday afternoon. Until the line is repaired, Heppner residents are urged to continue boiling their drinking water.

Pioneer Memorial Hospital was obtaining drinking water by filling milk cans from the Morrow County Creamery through Kinzua Corporation's water system. The sudden thaw also triggered a number of mud and

rock slides throughout the county, including one in Heppner Wednesday that smashed through a garage at the Etta Parker home on Center Street, partially covering a car.

Road travel to and from the Heppner area was slowed by high water at countless locations during the peak of flooding. Hwy. 74 between Ione and Arlington was closed to traffic above Cecil due to high water Wednesday, and the Heppner-Condon Highway was closed due to a reported bridge washout at the bottom of Rock Creek Canyon.

Heppner schools maintained normal schedules, although a number of students from outlying areas were unable to make bus connections due to high water.

The sudden warm spell may have caused headaches and property losses to many, but it did have a positive effect on Kinzua Corporation's Heppner mill. A layoff of 28 workers due to frozen, unmillable timber was called off earlier than expected.

# Corps says three dam concept not viable

In response to an article in Thursday's Heppner Gazette-Times concerning alternatives for Willow Creek Dam, Colonel C.J. Allaire, Walla Walla District Engineer, said that statements of Fred Swenson, leader of a Value Engineering (VE) team currently studying the project, were his personal opinions and do not reflect a position of the Corps of Engineers.

VE teams are charged with the responsibility to challenge all facts, assumptions and proposed designs of authorized projects in an effort to reduce costs while still retaining a project's authorized purpose.

Allaire said that the VE study, which is not yet finalized, appears to favor

modification to the embankment and related features of the Willow Creek Dam design. The alternative of three small dams mentioned by Swenson was only one of many alternatives reviewed in the VE process.

The Colonel also expressed concern over a personal opinion expressed by Swenson questioning the validity of the hydrology information which to the current flood plain delineation of Heppner. The hydrologic data was developed from a detailed analysis using the most widely accepted procedures, according to the Corps official.

The proposal outlined by Swenson would call for a new authorization by Congress, a process that has taken

decades in the case of the Willow Creek project. A Corps official told the Gazette-Times there was no way possible to

fund construction of the three dam-channel concept through existing Willow Creek Project authorization.

# Bids high for two new Morrow County Schools

Bids for the new Irrigon junior high school and for a new elementary school at Boardman came in higher than the Morrow County school board's budgeted allowances, it was learned last week.

R.A. Chambers and Associates of Eugene was low bidder on the junior high building project, submitting a proposal for \$2,066,000—well above the board's budgeted allowance of \$1,736,850. For the elementary school budget,

a low bid of \$2,083,100 was submitted by Timber Co. of Hermiston. The budgeted allowance for that structure was \$1,772,750.

The school board will meet at Riverside High School at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 13 to review the bids and go over plans for

the school with the board's architect, keeping an eye towards possibilities for trimming costs. "We will have to scale down somewhere," said Superintendent Matt Doherty.

# Teachers reject board pact by 2-1 margin

Morrow County teachers voted Friday by a near two-to-one margin against accepting a proposed new contract from the Morrow County School District.

Meetings have been held in days following the vote between school board and teachers' negotiators in an effort to hammer out differences between the two sides. Both parties expressed hope for a speedy settlement, so that a new contract can be ratified well in advance of the April 3 budget election.

# Doherty elected leader of state curriculum panel

Morrow County Schools Superintendent Matt Doherty was installed as president-elect of the Oregon Association for Supervision in Curriculum Development during a meeting last weekend in Lincoln City.

Doherty had served as a regional director of the statewide organization for the past three years. The organization, made up of teachers, administrators, professors and specialists from throughout Oregon, is concerned with improving instruction through curriculum. The organization is self-supported financially, through membership fees.

In coming months, the Oregon Association for Supervision in Curriculum Development will sponsor an Eastern Oregon conference in April, then hold a workshop in central Oregon.

Curriculum development has long had appeal to Doherty, who served as Morrow County's assistant superintendent in charge of curriculum prior to his appointment as District Superintendent.

# OBITUARIES

## Donalda Knighten Daisy Robinson

Mrs. Donalda H. Knighten, 78, a former Lexington teacher, of Moro, Ore., died Jan. 28 at the home of her daughter while visiting in Seattle. Funeral services were held Friday, February 2, at the Gateway Chapel of the Chimes in Portland followed by interment in Willamette National Cemetery. The family has suggested any remembrances to the Wily W. Knighten memorial scholarship fund in care of the First National Bank at Moro.

Mrs. Knighten was born in Hood River, Oregon, August 2, 1900. She was educated at Eastern Oregon College, Eastern Washington State University and Monmouth Normal School. She was active in Education in Eastern Oregon and taught at schools in Mitchell, Moro, Rufus, Grass Valley, Sherman County Rural Schools, Antelope, and retired in 1966 from schools in Lexington. Her late husband, Wily W. Knighten died in 1964.

She was a life member of Oregon Education Association; National Retired Teachers Association; Retired Educators Association and Delta Kappa Gamma Society.

She was a Past Department Chaplain for the American Legion Auxiliary; Past Unit President and Past District President, American Legion Auxiliary; Past Worthy High Priestess, White Shrine of Jerusalem, The Dalles, Oregon; Past Worthy Matron, Order of Eastern Star. She was also Past District President of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs. She held memberships in the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs, Scottish American Heritage, Inc., Columbia River Maritime Museum, Astoria; American Clan Gregor Society and Maryhill Museum Association.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Jean K. Miller, Seattle; a son, Wily W. Knighten, Mustang, Oklahoma; three grandchildren; brothers, John M. MacGregor, La Jolla, Calif., Alistar MacGregor, Bellvue, Wash., sisters Ruth J. MacGregor, Portland, and Helen B. Lee, San Francisco, Calif.

Daisy McMurray Robinson, 97, of Albany, died Jan. 26, at the Mennonite Home there.

She was a long-time resident of Ione, where her husband, Ray, operated a machine shop. They left Ione in the early 1940's.

Mrs. Robinson was preceded in death by her husband, Ray, and a son, Glenn Robinson. A niece, Miriam Hale Leavengood, Albany, also preceded her in death in 1977.

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## Sanchez daughter Benson baby

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Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Sanchez, Ione, and Mrs. Mary Sauve, Yakima, Wash.


Mr. and Mrs. James Clarence Benson, Heppner, are the parents of a daughter, Jessica Erin, 6 lbs., 13 oz., born Jan. 31, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital. She is their first child.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Benson, Hines, and Mrs. Laura Roy, Prineville.



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