

# Estimated \$250,000 Damage To Roads In County, Engineer Paul Rynning States

An estimated \$250,000 will be required to get Jackson county's road system repaired from flood damage, County Engineer Paul Rynning estimated Saturday after completing a survey of the roads and bridges.

No estimate was immediately available as to the cost of repairs to state highways in the area, but it was obvious the cost would be high.

Rynning said it will take weeks, perhaps months, to finish up repairs to flood-damaged roads and bridges. Several bridges were washed out completely, others are still standing but are without approaches, and roads have washed out in a number of places throughout the county.

The little community of Colestine, on the south side of the Siskiyou range, was isolated from vehicular traffic, Rynning said, with one bridge and the road washed out. He said about five or six families live in the area, but indicated there appears to be no emergency in the community. The could hike out if necessary, he said.

The county road between Butte Falls and Prospect is closed by two washouts near bridges in the Red Bluff area.

A bridge was washed out on Sugar Pine creek in the Elk creek area, and the creek was "all over the country" Saturday, he said. There were several other washouts in that section. Crews are concentrating on

completing rough repairs to get traffic moving again, Rynning stated, with more complete jobs to be done later. Many spots closed by flood waters have been reopened, he added.

Kirtland road, between Tolo and Camp White, is open to light traffic, although caution is necessary because of partial washouts. Friday, but a lot of work remains to be done on the approaches, which were badly washed.

It was hoped to reopen McKee bridge to traffic Saturday. Several posts were washed out from under the approaches. Traffic is moving on an old, narrow road on the other side of the river, Rynning said. Squaw

creek bridge is out, and only light traffic on detours is available to the Upper Applegate.

The road between Copper and the California state line was washed out, but traffic is now moving over the narrow and dangerous route, which loggers in the area are helping to repair for use by light traffic.

The Suncrest bridge across Bear creek at Talent was washed out. It is an old bridge, and was to have been replaced this year, but the job was upheld pending a decision on the route of the new state freeway. Rynning said temporary repairs will be made, but that it will be some time before these can be done.

The Valleyview and Oak street bridges in Ashland have been

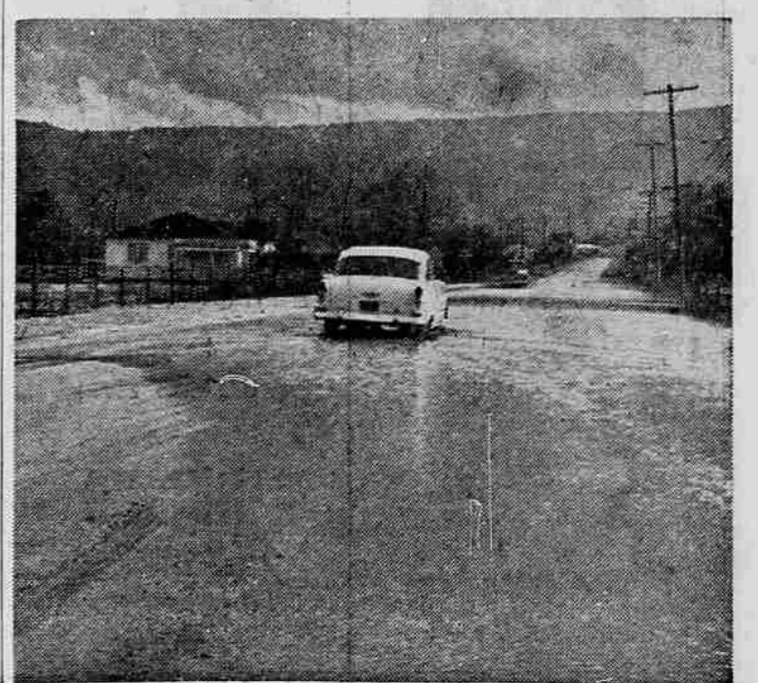
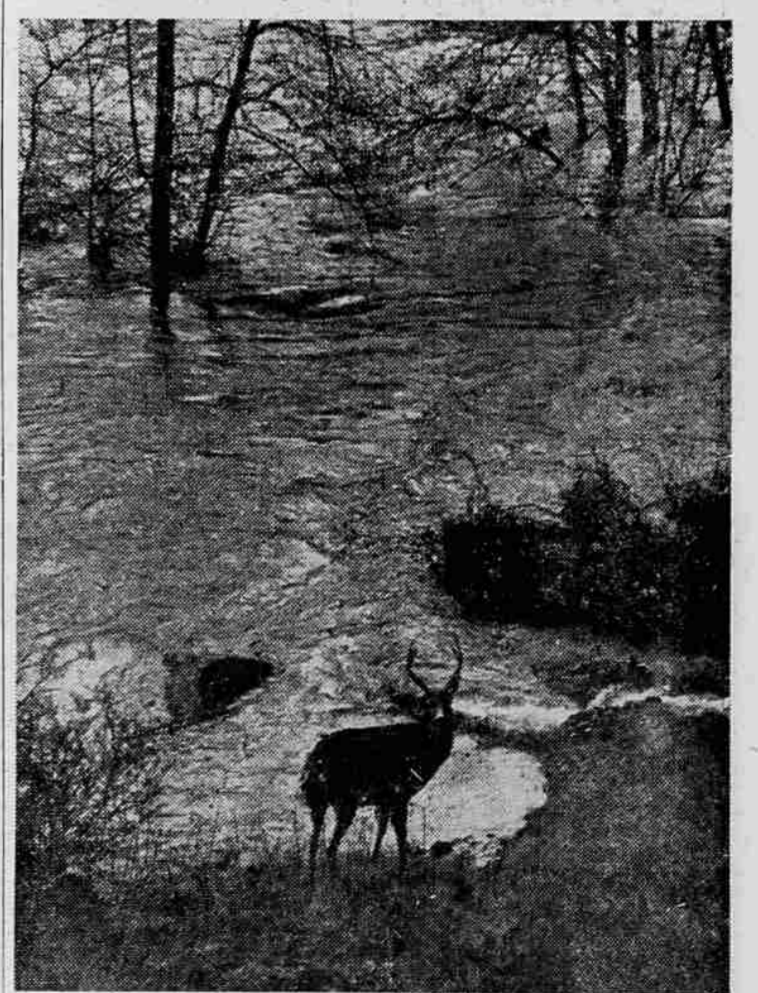
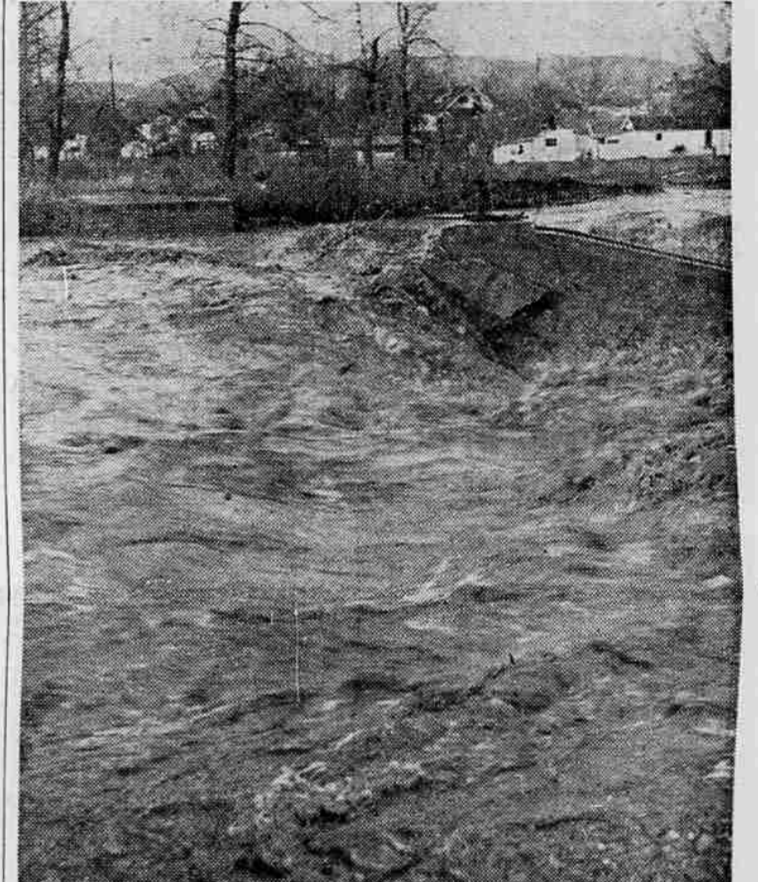
reopened. The bridge on Mountain ave. in Ashland, a city bridge, is out and will not be reopened for some time.

The road to Buckhorn Lodge was washed out, but reopened Friday. Roads in the Evans and Pleasant creek areas were damaged but have been reopened, Rynning reported.

The Dead Indian road was reopened. It was feared for a time it was washed out in a draw where the road climbs the mountain, but damage was confined to a huge pile of logging debris which washed onto the road on a sharp curve. The debris pile was 20 feet deep and more than a hundred feet long, and enough of it has been removed to allow traffic to pass.



**FLOOD VIEWS**—Shown above and at right are views of a few of the scenes throughout the Rogue valley during the flood conditions last week. At top, left and center, are two pictures of the rescue of Barney Governor, who was taken from his flood-surrounded home near Gold Hill. In the first picture he is shown on the roof of his house with Paul Fullmer, 213 Lincoln st., Medford, who crossed the torrent in the jury-rigged breeches-buoy to the roof of Governor's house and chopped a hole in the roof to free Governor. In the other picture Governor is shown swinging in toward the railroad bridge, where one end of the sky-line was attached to the superstructure. The rescue was accomplished about mid-afternoon Thursday. Some idea of the height reached by the Rogue can be gained from the background of the pictures, taken by Frank Jones, of Medford. Governor was rescued after a sky-line was devised by Ernie Cooper and Delos Walker, who operate garages in Gold Hill. The cable was attached to Cooper's wrecker, instead of a Walker wrecker, as reported previously.



## In The Day's News

**By FRANK JENKINS**

The week's big financial news: The Ford Foundation, through its attorneys, formally requested permission from the securities exchange commission to sell 10,200,000 shares of its Ford Motor Company stock to the general public.

These ten million 200 thousand shares represent only about ONE-FIFTH of the Foundation's Ford stock holdings. They are expected to sell on the open bid-and take market for somewhere in the neighborhood of three quarters of a billion dollars.

**WHY is that big news?**

Well, among other things, it will mean that more of the capital stock (which represents ownership) in one of the nation's

biggest business corporations will pass out of the hands of one big organization and into the hands of the general investing public.

That will mean spreading ownership of the huge Ford Motor company into just that many more hands.

**ONE** further thought: The Ford Motor Company was founded in 1903 with \$28,000 in cash. That original \$28,000 has grown in 52 years to an estimated value of some two and a half BILLION dollars.

That is a measure of the capacity of America's industrial economy to grow and expand. If we can keep on an even keel—and if we can avoid another world war—the next 30 years can see an even GREATER growth and expansion.

Opportunity in America isn't dead—as cynics fell into the habit of saying back in the grim, gloom days of the Great Depression.



**MONEY GIVEN BAND**—Funds raised for the Medford High school band's trip to San Francisco last week was turned over to I. A. Mirick, band director, at a Shrine club luncheon. The money was raised by contributions and donations from a large number of groups and individuals, and by the newly formed Band Boosters club, with the Shrine club acting as coordinating agency. Shown, left to right, are Leonard Mayfield, superintendent of schools; A. K. (Woody) Morse, presenting the money to Mirick; Glenn Linn, principal of McLoughlin Junior High school; Dr. L. S. Ellis, secretary-treasurer of the Shrine club, and Al Leighton.

## Nine Are Initiated Into Legion Post 15

Nine members were initiated into American Legion post 15 at a meeting Tuesday night at the Camp White theater building. They were Fred Winters, Daniel Eganklin, Russ Johnson, Benjamin C. Yates, George Schroeder, Darrell Wates, Carl P. Bjordahl, James Royalty and Lester G. Holliday.

Medford Police Chief Charles Champlin, principal speaker, told new members they were part of the "greatest organization in the world." He also discussed the Legion's care of sick and disabled veterans and its program against subversion.

A citation for meritorious service for the American Legion was presented to Linn Nesmith, Oregon Legionnaire correspondent from Camp White for several years. The award was presented by Gene Orr, district commander, and member of the national executive committee.

Entertainment was provided by Earl West, Dave Ashton, Keegan Townsend, Lee Ross and Russ Jamison.

**HERE'S** an interesting little tale culled from the teletype: A number of years ago the Pilot Rock Lumber Company gave to the Oregon highway commission (for possible state park purposes) the site of an old abandoned lumber camp on the north fork of the John Day river.

Now the same company wants to buy it back. Its spokesman, Lowell Stockman, of Pendleton, says his organization has a use for the tract it once gave away.

At the same time, he asked the commission to lower the roadbed under a railway crossing to give a clearance of 14 feet to accommodate wood chip trucks.

## High School Band Activities Support Throughout Year Aim

Plans for the support of extracurricular activities of the Medford High school band have been shaping up in recent weeks, according to those active in the enterprise.

The movement has come about because of the invitations which the band has received for several years in a row to appear at the Shrine East-West game, which this year will be played in Kezar stadium, San Francisco, on Dec. 31.

Each year the problem of raising funds to send the band has arisen, and the money-raising has been crowded into the brief period between the time the invitation was received and the game itself. It is hoped to put this on a regular self-sustaining basis, without the necessity of relying on a few relatively large donors.

The Shrine club has been active in coordinating the plans, but support has been given by members of a number of civic groups and individuals. This year for the first time a Band Boosters club has been organized, with memberships going for \$1 each, so that many people can participate.

This year the annual band concert raised about one-third of the \$3,000 or so needed for the trip, sale of the club memberships raised a most another third, and the balance was supplied by gifts from groups and individuals. The Shrine club underwrote the trip, and will make up any deficit.

It is hoped that the band booster plan, in years to come, will furnish most of the money needed for annual trips to San Francisco, or elsewhere if the Shrine game invitations do not continue. School authorities feel that the trips offer a considerable incentive for participation in musical activities, but have never felt that tax funds should be used.

The Medford club, headed by Mayor Earl Miller as honorary president, will use the money only for support of band activities.

## Boy Scouts Pack 10

Badges and awards for boys in Cub Scout Pack 10 were presented Monday, Dec. 19, in the Howard school gymnasium before 64 parents and guests.

The pack meeting was opened with a flag ceremony by Boy Scouts of Troop 10. "Bob" Church conducted a candlelight investiture at which 41 boys became Bobcats.

Denner bars were presented to David Hall, Richard Smets, Doug Bartholomew, George Hartwein, Rickie Traylor, and Gary Momberg; Dick Bredeen, William Kyker, Mike Black, Tommy Hooker and Greg Elliott received assistant denner bars. Bob Elliott received a den chief's cord.

Christmas presents were exchanged and refreshments were served following the meeting.

**THIS TV AGE**

South Bend, Ind. — (U.P.) — Asked by an out-of-town friend where he lived, two-year-old Park Carmon answered "South Bend, Channel 34."

**WHY** is that so interesting? This is the story: The Pilot Rock Lumber Company is now using JACKPINE, the new wonder wood, as a raw material for the manufacture of building board. In its expanded operation (based on the use of jackpine) it has found a need for the land it gave away years ago.

The same reason is back of its request for increased clearance in an undergrade crossing in order to handle wood chip trucks. The trucks are bringing jackpine chips to the company's new building board plant.

**ANOTHER** jackpine story: Up in the Spokane country there is a medium sized paper mill whose owners were planning several years ago to close it down because of exhaustion of available pulp wood supplies.

Then jackpine came along and was found to be wholly satisfactory as a raw material. So—instead of abandoning the paper mill—they are now planning to put several million dollars of new capital into expanding and modernizing it.

**WHY** call jackpine a "wonder wood"? Only a few years ago it was regarded as worse than worthless because there was no market for it and it cluttered up land that was more valuable for other uses.

Now its uses are increasing steadily.



**SAFETY TROPHY SHOWN** — The Howard Hughes Memorial Trophy, dedicated to aviation safety, is on display this week and next in the lobby of the U. S. National Bank here. The trophy, a replica of the monument to Orville and Wilbur Wright at Kitty Hawk, N. C., near where they made their first flight, was presented in 1953 by Howard Hughes to rotate each year between flying clubs with the best safety record for the year. Posing above with the trophy are, left to right, Roy Rushton, president of the Medford Flying club; Russ William, secretary-treasurer and R. L. Kagy and H. G. Lane, both Medford, safety agents for the Civil Aeronautics administration. The 269-pound, \$10,000 trophy, will be presented to the 1956 winner next summer at the first annual convention of flying clubs, to be held in Seattle, Wash., to the flying club, large or small, with the safest flying record based on a competitive point system. The Medford Flying club, a consolidation of the Crater and Table Rock Flying clubs, will be eligible to compete. It has a membership of 12 and two aircraft.—(Brainard photo.)

## MORE POWER

Frankfort, Ind. — (U.P.) — The Powers boys are going to be mighty powerful in Frankfort come Jan. 1. Kenneth Power was elected mayor. Brother Sam is county prosector. Brother Ray, a fire department veteran, is expected to be named fire chief.