

TABLE ROCK 40 Cattle Flood Victims

By R. E. NEALON

Table Rock — Reports coming from the Dodge Bridge district indicate that some 40 cattle, belonging to the Dodge ranch, were casualties of the recent flood. It seems that the cattle were being fed on high ground, out of danger of flood waters, but had gone to lower ground to feed on a field of clover, when they were surrounded by water coming down a depression.

Several head were driven out by the ranch employee, who made frantic efforts to rescue the herd only to have them stampede each time he got them to where they could have crossed by swimming a short distance. Twenty-three of those marooned on the small island survived the flood, although they stood in water belly deep for more than a day.

In a conversation with R. V. Beale, valley pioneer, about Rogue River floods, he said the flood of 1890 was the biggest he had seen, that the land on the north side of the river in this district seemed to be covered with water. We talked with one of the engineers working on the survey for plan A several years ago about the flood of 1890, which he claimed was the biggest Rogue river had ever put on.

In reply to a question as to how they arrived at this conclusion, he said by marks on trees and what they learned from old-timers. An old pioneer told us many years ago about what he called the flood of '60. He said a family that was living just a few rods north of the house now occupied by the Rominger family had to flee in the night to upper Table Rock, leaving their small house and barn, which were swept away by the flood waters.

At the annual election of officers for 1956 held Sunday, Jan. 1, at the Table Rock Sunday school, the following were elected: Bert Pierce, superintendent; Mrs. Ray Doran, assistant; Mrs. William Bishop, secretary; Linda Doran, assistant; Mrs. Bert Pierce, treasurer. The treasurer's report shows \$1140 in the building fund and \$644.65 received from collections during the past year, much of this being spent for supplies, including oil for heat and other donations to missionaries, ministers and Bible schools and other religious purposes.

Wilbur Wiprecht of Bend, Ore., state park supervisor, was here Thursday during the flood, on park inspection business, and got a first-hand view of what the park caretakers have to contend with in keeping the parks along Rogue river in repair when this

stream goes on a rampage. Mr. Timm, the caretaker here, reports that for several hours during the flood he was unable to get out, that some of the tables were under water, and the chic sales on the north side of the river went sailing toward the ocean, accompanied by a large galvanized tank belonging to John Morris, which had been left in the field, and 40 rods of wire fence, which Bill Bishop had taken down and rolled up, just in case the river came up, which it did.

V. C. Bishop of Ontario, Ore., was a recent visitor here with relatives at the Bill Bishop home. He said that potato growers there lost their shirts owing to the price slump, many growers ran the digger through the rows, then turned in stock to feed on the spuds.

The D. P. McDonald family, of Forest Acres, returned recently from a holiday vacation spent with relatives and friends in the Fresno, Calif. vicinity. According to Mrs. McDonald they saw many strange sights and encountered several kinds of weather, with rains and flood waters and dwellings afloat around Sacramento, and farmers around Bakersfield sprinkling their grain crops to get them up.

Several local farmers attended the John Deere meeting last Tuesday at the Hubbard-Wray plant in Medford, where they got a free lunch and a chance to mount and lean on the new tractors. It reminded us of a day meeting of the Pomona Grange. Most of those we saw there we have seen at the Grange meetings.

Among the Table Rock men presently off duty and reportedly on the sick list are Don Wheeler, John Morris, Bert Pierce and Willard Howsley. Robert Sage and three children, Penny, Peter and David, were in their usual places at last Sunday's session of the local S.S. Sunday school from Medford where the Sage family recently moved. The Sages, residents for the past several years of our community, were very active in its social life and Sunday school work, and will be greatly missed by their many friends here.

Mrs. F. R. Myers and Mrs. J. S. Richardson attended a meeting of the retired teachers at the home of Mrs. John Dever, in Medford, Monday.

Several local ladies attended the January meeting of the Table Rock Ladies club at the Brensholtz home on Arnold lane last Wednesday.

According to Harold Gebhard, chairman of the valley flood control committee, they have

Sweetland Raps Development Group

Pendleton — (U.P.) — State Sen. Monroe Sweetland of Milwaukie has charged that the Oregon State Development commission has become "nearly ineffective" through what he termed "strangulation by established industrial interests."

The Clackamas county Democrat, in a speech before the Umatilla County Democratic club, asserted that the commission had failed to accomplish its goal in developing industrial potentials, particularly in eastern Oregon. He said the commission had failed to investigate some industrial possibilities and accused it of being afraid it "might disturb somebody's present advantages."

three plans for regulating waters of the Rogue river, and the many creeks that do so much damage every few years. Gebhard says that sentiment as to flood control seems to have changed considerably since the recent high water. All of those sustaining damage to property and land, such as destruction of fences, erosion of top soil, washouts, boulders, sand and debris deposited on lands, are asked to make estimates in amounts done, such as rods of fence taken out, and acres of land damaged. These estimates should be taken as soon as possible to the office of Clem Ault, in the Federal building on North Riverside ave. in Medford.

A baby shower for Mrs. Speaks and Mrs. Robert Perry, arranged by Mrs. Milford Vanderpool and Mrs. Bert Pierce, was held Thursday at the Vanderpool home, and attended by the wives of Modoc employees.

Two large trucks are kept busy transporting manure from local feed yards to pear orchards in the Medford area. So it seems that cattle, down in price in the markets, have a value we haven't counted, as this fertilizer produces fine pears, and so far pears are bringing a good price.

It was with sorrow that we received the news of the passing of Fergie Ferguson, the warm hearted, understanding, managing editor of the Mail Tribune. Fergie was a man among men, in that he regarded his fellow man for what he was, religion, race, politics, titles or wealth did not enter into the picture. He would give as much of his time to a man in overalls as to the one in kingly robes. We, with many others, feel deeply the loss and it is our prayer that the good Lord will sustain and comfort the devoted wife and daughter, and be charitable in dealing with the soul of Fergie.

Oregon Covered Payrolls Highest In State History

Salem — (U.P.) — Oregon's covered payrolls may reach \$1,380,000,000 for the entire year of 1955, according to the State Unemployment Compensation commission.

That would be about \$160,000,000 higher than in 1954 and by far the greatest in the state's history. Previous high was \$1,298,380,028 in 1953. Last year's total is more than five times the best prewar figure of \$255,000,000 in 1940 and nearly double the top war-time payments in 1944 when shipbuilding was engaging about 100,000 persons.

Some 18,000 firms covered by the unemployment law paid about \$378,000,000 in wages during the fall quarter of 1955 compared with \$330,000,000 for the same period of 1954.

Employment gains also are being recorded. For the first nine months of 1955 the increase from the previous year averaged from two to six per cent and the pace was fairly well maintained in the final quarter, the commission believes.

Cold and wet weather cut lumber production during some weeks of November and December, however, and payroll reports may reflect this curtailment, the commission said.

Average non-agricultural employment for the entire year is expected to be close to the 465,

Ex-Convict Quizzed In Klamath Robberies

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — District Attorney Richard Beesley Friday questioned Robert Lee Williams, 21-year-old ex-convict, about two service station robberies in the Klamath Falls area earlier this week.

Williams was being held here on an armed robbery charge in connection with the Wednesday night holdup of Idella's Grocery here. He was arrested at a Klamath Falls hospital where he went for treatment of a shoulder wound suffered when he was shot by a service station attendant during a second holdup attempt.

Police said Williams had a record of armed robbery in San Diego but had been paroled.

Siskiyou Supervisors Apply for Repair Funds

Yreka, Calif. — (U.P.) — The Siskiyou county board of supervisors yesterday filed an application for \$925,000 repair and replacement funds for bridges and roads washed out during the Christmas week floods.

The application, expected to be revised upwards later, was filed with the state finance office for apportionment of federal disaster funds.

600 recorded for 1952 and 1953, comparing with 454,000 in 1954. A near-record half-million non-farm jobs was approached but not quite reached during the fall months of both 1953 and 1955.

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Dr. Messenger To Devote More Time To SOC Counseling

Ashland — Increased enrollment at Southern Oregon college has made it imperative that Dr. Loren Messenger, psychology department head, withdraw from non-college case work in order to make more time available for counseling with college students, Hal Cloer, director of guidance, has announced.

Messenger's experience in education and personal counseling fields, Cloer said, make him well-qualified to help students, as does his experience in applied psychology.

Messenger, a member of the American Psychological association, will continue as consulting psychologist to the social agencies of the county and to some public schools, but will no longer be available to private clients for counseling about marital, emotional, and other personal problems.

Common Problems

When asked about the type of problems most often encountered by college students, Dr. Messenger said the most common ones have to do with relationships with others and with self-concepts.

In announcing Dr. Messenger's new duty schedule, Cloer urged students to take advantage of increased counseling services.

Morse Asks Report On Glide Park Site

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) asked the interior department Thursday to report on the "suitability" of an 80-acre tract near Glide, Ore., for establishment of a national park.

The tract is 30 miles east of Roseburg and is in the federal Oregon and California grant

lands. Morse asked the department yesterday to take action to "assure that this land will be kept in its present natural state until such report can be made available and appropriate legislative action be taken."

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