

Flooding Causes Extensive Damage In Area

G. Pass, Roseburg Families Evacuate As Streams Rise

State of Emergency In Josephine County

By UNITED PRESS
Families were evacuated from their homes near Grants Pass and Roseburg today as heavy rains drenched western Oregon and sent streams out of their banks. Highway and rail traffic was disrupted by slides and high water.

A state of emergency was declared in Josephine county as the Rogue river rose under 3.5 inches of rain in a 12-hour period. Schools in the county were closed as were those at the town of Rogue River in Jackson county.

Families living near the stream were evacuated. The Rogue rose to 17.5 feet by 7 a.m. and the weather bureau in Medford said it would crest at Grants Pass about noon today at 18 or 19 feet, well over flood stage but below the crest in December when damage in the hundreds of thousands of dollars was caused.

Rail Line Blocked

Warming weather loosed three avalanches of snow, mud and ice onto Southern Pacific's main line and blocked all rail traffic at Willamette pass in the Cascades between Cruzette and Fields. Four passenger trains were held up by the slide.

All routes between Grants Pass and Medford were blocked by high water, washouts and slides. Water covered Highway 99 near Savage Rapids dam. The Redwood highway to Crescent City was open but traffic was moving with difficulty. A slide also blocked Highway 99 near Myrtle Creek in southern Douglas county.

Schools Close in Douglas

Surface water inundated a number of streets in Grants Pass.

Further north, at least four families evacuated their homes in the Deer Creek area of the North Umpqua drainage near Roseburg as a precaution. Douglas county reported widespread school closures, with schools not open at Dillard, Winston, Glide, Myrtle Creek, Tri-City, Umpqua and Green. Roseburg schools were opened but bus service to many parts of the district was cancelled.

The South Umpqua was nearing flood stage at Winston, about eight miles south of Roseburg. Residents said they were more concerned about warm temperatures because of the unusually heavy snow pack at low levels in the mountains.

Coquille River Watched

To the southwest, residents kept a wary eye on the Coquille river which is given to sudden flooding under heavy rain. A slide interrupted traffic on Highway 42 near Remote.

The Willamette river still was far below flood stage, but was rising rapidly. In the 24 hours ending at 8 a.m. the Willamette had come up 5.3 feet at Eugene, 4.8 feet at Salem and 3.7 feet at Corvallis. The forecast called for moderate to substantial rises in most streams during the next one to two days.

The weather outlook called for more rain, with heavy amounts at times. The five-day outlook called for up to five inches of rain in coastal regions and one to three inches in interior parts of western Oregon.

In the 24 hours ending at 4:30 a.m., Brookings on the southwest coast got 2.29 inches, Medford 2.14 inches and Salem 2.10 inches. Corvallis reported 2.25 inches, Albany 2.16 inches.

Courthouse Offices Closed Tomorrow

The post office, all federal, state and the courthouse offices will be closed tomorrow, George Washington's birthday.

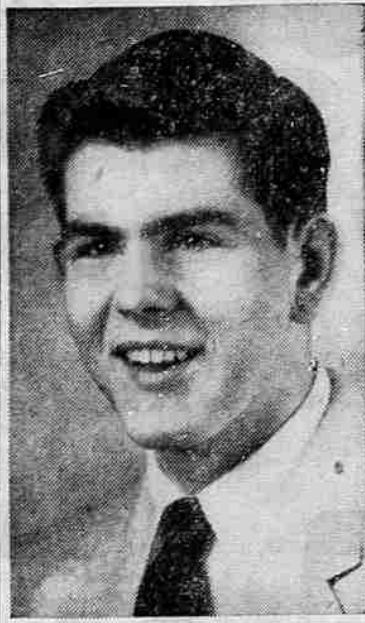
Retail stores, banks, and city hall offices will remain open. Oregon State Liquor commission retail stores and agencies will be closed, but licensees of the commission need not close unless they wish to do so.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York — (U.P.)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 476.93, up 0.47; 20 railroads 159.17, off 0.11; 15 utilities 65.24, up 0.31; and 65 stocks 168.67 up 0.19. Sales today were about 2,240,000 shares compared with 2,530,000 yesterday.

Weather

FORECAST: Intermittent rain through Wednesday. Low tonight 38; high tomorrow 42. Lowest this morning 39. Precip. to 4:30 a.m. today 2.14



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Crater, Medford High Students Win Award

Nathan Douthit, Crater High school student, and Nancy McKeown of Medford High school, have been chosen as local candidates for the Elks Foundation "Most Valuable Student" scholarship award.

Douthit is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Douthit, Central Point. Miss McKeown is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. McKeown, 109 South Orange st. Four other students received honorable mention.

The two first place winners will go to Klamath Falls next

Revised Armory Plans Approved

Revised plans for the new Medford armory have been approved by federal authorities, it was reported today.

Lt. Col. Paul Kliever, armories officer for the Oregon National Guard, said the plans and specifications have received approval of the National Guard bureau and of the bureau of the budget. It is hoped that bids can be called as soon as Friday of this week.

The building, to be constructed on a site at the fairgrounds for an estimated cost of \$348,000, will replace the old Medford armory which was largely destroyed by fire several years ago. State, federal, county and city funds will be used in construction.

Original plans for the new armory were revised and cut down after the first call for bids resulted in offers well above estimates.

Park Construction Funds OK'd by House

Washington — (U.P.)—The House voted today to almost triple the Interior Department's allowance for construction work in the national parks.

Members said conditions in some parks are a disgrace. Facilities for the public are inadequate and overcrowded.

The funds were included in a \$415,965,200 appropriation to run the Interior Department and related agencies during the next fiscal year starting July 1.

The measure, passed by voice vote and sent to the Senate for approval, provides \$15,000,000 for park construction. President Eisenhower asked for \$5,200,000 and \$5,400,000 is being spent this fiscal year.

The Park Service as a whole would get \$87,688,000, the largest sum ever given the agency.

Oregon Traffic Deaths Among Lowest in Nation

Salem — (U.P.)—Oregon was one of only 13 states to report fewer traffic deaths in 1955 than in the preceding year, Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry said today. Oregon had a 3 per cent reduction. California and Washington recorded increases, California with a 10 per cent increase and Washington with 12 per cent.

Nationally traffic deaths showed an 8 per cent increase with a total of 38,300. Oregon fatalities totaled 410 compared with 422 in 1954.

Douglas Couple Held On Child Mistreatment

Roseburg — (U.P.)—Daniel Stienon, 37, and his wife, Mary, 31, were in custody here today on charges of causing their four adopted children to become dependent in what Douglas county authorities termed a child mistreatment case.

The children were being cared for by the Douglas County Welfare department. They are Rodney Wesley, 6; Mary Elizabeth, 9; William Edward, 11; and Shirley Irene, 13.

Sunday, to compete with winners from Elks lodges in Bend, Roseburg, Grants Pass, Ashland, Lakeview and Klamath Falls for the Oregon South district award.

District winners will later compete in Portland for the state awards, which will be scholarships of \$1,200, for first place; \$600, second place, and \$400, third place.

Local students receiving honorable mention were James W. Korth, Phoenix High school, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Korth, route 1, box 330, Talent; David Gault, Medford High, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gault, 3426 Delta Waters rd.; Sandra Owens, Phoenix High school, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Owens, route 1, box 346, Talent, and Donna Dee Eskew, Crater High school, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Eskew, route 1, box 502, Gold Hill.

All six local winners will receive engraved wristwatches at a later presentation ceremony.

Winners were chosen on a basis of scholarship, extra curricular and out of school activities, personality and leadership, perseverance and resourcefulness, general worthiness, citizenship and need.

Young Douthit, first place winner in this contest, also was one of the two top contenders in the recent youth leadership contest, also sponsored by the BPOE.

Communism by Peace Plugged by Bulgani

Moscow — (U.P.)—Premier Nikolai Bulganin today proclaimed a policy of atomic age Communism designed to socialize the world without war.

He endorsed Soviet Communist party First Secretary Nikita S. Khrushchev's dictum that war between capitalism and Communism is not inevitable.

He also underscored the new concept previously laid down by the current meeting of Communist party leaders here that various countries can go through the transition to Communism by peaceful means, sometimes through parliamentary action.

He coupled his call for Communism through peace with a declaration that the Soviet Union is ahead of all countries in the world in developing atomic energy for peaceful uses.

"The lead must be kept in the future," he said, and underlined it as the bedrock of the new Communism by saying:

"The Communists must fully place the greatest discovery of the 20th century, atomic energy, at the service of building Communism."

White House Increasingly Irritated Over Pressure for President's Decision

Thomasville, Ga. — (U.P.)—The White House today evidenced increasing sensitivity and even irritation toward efforts to pry out the details of President Eisenhower's second term announcement.

On the basis of what the President has said in the past he will make known his intentions late this month or possibly early in March.

Hagerty Daily Target
Press Secretary James C. Hagerty is the daily target of many questions seeking to establish what the President will announce when he will say it, and where.

Today he warned reporters to stop "pressing" and asserted "the President will make his announcement at his time and nobody else's."

Secretary of Treasury George M. Humphrey, Mr. Eisenhower's Georgia host, was sure to be pressed for the big answer tomorrow when he flies to New

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Pilotless Bomber Gets Unveiling

Washington — (U.P.)—The public got a look today at the U. S. Air Force's long range pilotless bomber that can carry an atomic warhead some 5,000 miles.

It also got a chance to see a U. S. 60-foot rocket from which a 1,500-mile intermediate ballistic missile is being developed.

The pilotless bomber called the Snark can navigate itself by taking automatic sightings of the stars. But it's a long way from being the dread intercontinental ballistic missile which is now the center of considerable controversy.

Some congressmen, notably Sens Henry M. Jackson (D-

Wash.) and Stuart Symington (D-Mo.) have charged that Russia is ahead of the United States in the race for this so-called ultimate weapon. Administration leaders concede Russia may be ahead in some aspects of the race, but overall the United States has a lead.

The pilotless bomber limps along through the atmosphere at a mere 600 miles an hour, making it a relatively easy target for defenders.

The intercontinental ballistic missile would be hurled into the stratosphere, much like a giant artillery shell, and travel at supersonic speeds. It would be

aimed and fired like an artillery piece. It would not be guided by radio and radar while in the air, like the Snark.

The rocket—the Army's Redstone—is a ballistic missile designed to strike targets at 200 mile range. It travels at supersonic speed.

The Defense Department Monday released pictures of the Snark and the Redstone as controversy over how the U. S. missile program compares with Russia's continued unabated.

The Redstone, a derivative of the German World War II V-2 and developed at Redstone Arsenal Ala., by German scientists,

is considered the prototype for the forthcoming Army-Navy mid-range, or 1,500-mile, missile.

The Air Force also is working on a mid-range ballistic missile.

The pictures revealed that the Redstone is filled with its liquid-propellant and given service checks in a unique structure 100 feet tall.

The rocket is placed upright in the serving structure, which is located at the Missile Test Center at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla. During the delicate fueling operation, the structure can be rolled away from the missile if anything goes wrong.

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Zone Change Pleas Due Before Council

Two public hearings on requested zone changes will be held at a meeting of the city council at 7:30 p.m. today.

The changes requested are from multiple family to commercial for lots 10 and 11 in Morey's addition, located on the North side of West Main st. at Sixth st., and from single family to commercial for lots 1 through 5 and lots 20 to 24 in block one of the Laurelhurst addition and an area north of Stevens st. and east of Crater ave.

The council will also consider an amendment to the plumbing ordinance; bids for construction of the eastside fire station; leasing airport property to Medford Air Service for crop dusting operations; a connection charge in lieu of assessment for sanitary sewers; and an exchange of lands between the water commission and Medford Corporation on the Medford watershed.

City Manager Robert Duff will report on an assessment method for the Valley View-Capital ave. sanitary sewer system.

Willamette Slide Halts Rail Traffic

Eugene — (U.P.)—Warming weather last night loosened three avalanches of snow and ice onto Southern Pacific's main line and blocked all rail traffic at Willamette pass between Cruzette and Fields.

Hundreds of passengers in four trains were stalled on each side of the slide area.

A freight train was stalled in the slide area and snow and ice pushed against two cars standing on the lip of a canyon near the high Cascade town of Frazier. Southern Pacific officials

said no attempt would be made to move the cars until a mobile crane reached Frazier.

The slide blocked rail travel on the main route between Portland and San Francisco. The northbound Cascade was held at Crescent and the southbound Klamath was held at Oakridge. Departure of the southbound Shasta Daylight streamliner from Portland was cancelled until the extent of slide damage could be determined. The northbound Klamath was held at Klamath Falls. The Siskiyou route, normally used as an alternate, was closed at Myrtle Creek and Grants Pass.

A heavy snowfall smothered the Willamette pass highway route last night and a jam of stalled cars and trucks blocked the road just west of Salt Creek tunnel.

Southern Pacific officials said they hoped to have the slides cleared by about 1:30 p.m. today and they expected to restore full service on the line immediately afterward.

Clearing, Grading For Bridge Starts

Clearing and grading of recently acquired rights of way for the new McKee bridge on the Applegate began Saturday by county crews, according to County Engineer Paul Rynning.

The county court recently purchased right of way property from David Winningham, Ben Twiss and Arthur Hall.

The state highway commission last week awarded the R and M construction company of Central Point the contract for construction of the bridge, about one-half mile upstream from the present old covered bridge. The R and M bid was \$55,950 and includes construction of a 302-foot reinforced concrete deck girder bridge.

Rynning said construction is expected to begin soon.

William Healy Files Congress Candidacy

Salem — (U.P.)—William E. Healy, former assistant secretary of state, today filed his candidacy for Republican nomination for representative in Congress from the first Oregon congressional district. He had announced his candidacy earlier.

By UNITED PRESS
Leading securities and commodity markets throughout the United States will be closed tomorrow in observance of George Washington's birthday.

Families Evacuated From Low Sections Along Rogue River

Conditions Not As Bad As December's

The Jackson county court late this morning declared an emergency in the county as a result of local flooding conditions which caused extensive damage to highways and evacuation of several families.

At least seven families were evacuated from along Rogue river in the Rogue River-Gold Hill area by noon today. Two families were evacuated in Shady Cove and two in Central Point.

Civil Defense and Red Cross workers were organized on a standby basis to set up canteens and evacuate other families from lowlands if necessary.

More Rain Seen
During the past 36 hours, more than 3 inches of rain was recorded at the Medford weather bureau station, and intermittent rain is expected to continue through tomorrow. The five-day forecast calls for recurring rains in western Oregon with amounts ranging from one to three inches in the interior, bureau officials said.

Rains will keep creeks and rivers at moderately high levels today, bureau officials said, and local flooding from poor drainage conditions will continue.

However, Rogue river was expected to crest early this afternoon about two feet below flood stage at Dodge bridge, and between one and two feet above flood stage at Grants Pass.

Local Flooding
Most damage was caused from local flooding conditions. Surface water in many places in the Rogue River - Gold Hill area made muddy lakes at the base of hills.

County Engineer Paul Rynning said damage to county roads may be as high as the December flood.

Most roads leading into Grants Pass from Medford were closed, but state police said Highway 238 might open this afternoon after a slide between Provolt and Murphy was cleared. Highway 99 between Medford and Rogue River was covered with several inches of water in low areas, but was not closed to traffic.

Red Cross workers in Rogue River made arrangements for a canteen at the Riverdale restaurant and Live Oak Grange, if necessary, and furniture and storage space was provided in the Presbyterian church and the Gunar Wohlgren building. A plan for registration of persons needing help was underway by Red Cross.

Along the river, residents worked with shovels to find new drainage for standing water. Flooding from the river itself threatened homes on the lower banks.

Roads Closed
An incomplete list of county roads closed by high water, however, included Missouri Flats rd., some sections of the Applegate, the China Gulch rd., the Central Point-Jacksonville hwy., Grant rd. between Scenic ave. and Taylor rd., and East Evans Creek rd. between Rogue River and Wimer, which has been closed by snow and fallen trees.

The bridge on Taylor rd. over Griffin creek has been washed out.

In Medford, City Manager Robert Duff stated that flooding of streets was more extensive than during the December floods.

Wells have been flooded in a larger area than during the December floods, Bob Hart, county sanitarian said. He warned that flooded wells may be considered contaminated and that well drinking water should be boiled.

Griffin creek was "running wild" in the Central Point-Jacksonville highway area, which gave rise to unconfirmed reports that it had changed its course, running into Jackson creek instead of Rogue river.

Vern Taylor, ranger at the Star ranger station in Applegate, reported that 5.20 inches of rain fell there since Saturday. In the 24 hours ending at 8 a.m. today, there was 3.72 inches.

At the Medford weather bureau station, a total of 2.14 inches fell in the 24 hours ending at 4:30 a.m. today, and between midnight Sunday and 10 a.m. today, 3.01 inches fell. The total since Sept. 1, is 23.74 inches, 11.41 inches above normal.

Schools Closed
Schools at Elk-Trail, Oak Grove and Eagle Point High school were closed because of flooded basements. Ruch and Evans Valley schools were closed yesterday and today because of power failures and road conditions. Rogue River and Jacksonville schools were closed today because of road conditions.