

# December Flood Rehabilitation by Red Cross Totaled \$100,000

## Disaster Worker Reviews Work Done In Jackson County

Policies and procedures in Red Cross rehabilitation aid to 172 Jackson and Josephine county families have been reviewed in a final report on rehabilitation by Miss Josephine McNamara, disaster worker from the Red Cross area office, San Francisco.

She spent over six weeks in the area, along with several other professional Red Cross workers, processing applications from flood victims.

Total aid given in the county after the December disaster was over \$100,000.

**Meets Needs**

"Red Cross meets needs, not losses," Miss McNamara said, "and assistance must be disaster-related; through gifts, not loans; and as a supplement to a family's own resources."

Normal channels of trade are used, with each recipient allowed to choose his vendor. Red Cross often works with government agencies, such as federal housing administration, farm home administration, and small business administration.

Functions of the organization lean toward rehabilitation of families, rather than responsibilities for warning, reserve and evacuation.

Describing steps taken by persons needing Red Cross aid, she said families first register at disaster headquarters, after which a worker visits the damaged home, surveys the situation and discusses the help needed by the family. The application indicates what the family's resources are, the state of their liabilities, amount of damage to home, furnishings, clothing and other items.

**Verify Situation**

It is necessary to state what the family can do for themselves; what they cannot do; and what they wish Red Cross to consider. Organization workers verify the financial situation, ownership of property, and other related problems before developing with the family a rehabilitation plan.

Red Cross representatives make recommendations for aid to a local citizens' advisory committee and the family is soon advised that an award has been set up for necessary aid. Help might include repair of a home, or household furnishings or occupational supplies, such as farm equipment.

Although sometimes families are given cash, assistance usually is in the form of disbursing orders for food, clothing, or furnishings, or contracts for repair, with Red Cross paying the merchant or contractor of the family's choice.

**Return to Normal**

She said the end result should be a return to normal living for both the family and community.

Among "typical cases" receiving aid after December's flood was a family of five, wage earner aged 39, wife, 34, and three school-age children. At the time of the flood they were buying their home, Miss McNamara said, paying \$35 a month. Take-home pay was just sufficient to meet living expenses. Monthly payments included those for a car and essential household items.

With their home and lot both washed away, and only clothing and household furnishings saved, the family faced economical disaster, she declared. Red Cross assisted in paying off the mortgage on the damaged property and made the down-payment on a new home. Aid totaled \$2,500. A bank loan would not have been possible, for the family had no drawing power or collateral. Since the person holding the mortgage could not absorb a loss, either, Red Cross helped two families in such a case.

**'Small Farmer'**

Another case situation described by Miss McNamara involved a "small farmer" who received assistance to repair flood-damaged fences and feed his stock. Total award was \$1,622.

In another case, an elderly widow suffered a total destruction of her home and furnishings and was given an award equal to her equity to permit purchase of another home in the south. She received \$2,715.

A young student received \$1,063 from Red Cross to replace clothing and household furnishings lost by flooding, and without aid would have been forced to drop out of school, the report stated.

A somewhat unusual situation appeared on applications after a navy veteran and his wife and child lost their newly-purchased furniture, plus their car and trailer. They had only time to save themselves, according to the report, and later received aid in the amount of \$1,500 to re-



**SURVEY DAMAGE**— Miss Josephine McNamara, Red Cross disaster worker from San Francisco, and Seth Bullis, Jackson county Red Cross disaster chairman, are shown above surveying a section of the badly-flooded area along Jackson creek. Miss McNamara was in charge of rehabilitation work.

## Plans for Memorial Hospital Expected to Be Finished Soon

Plans and specifications for the Rogue Valley Memorial hospital are expected to be completed in the near future, a spokesman for the hospital board of directors has announced.

Sufficient funds to proceed with construction were subscribed during the recent fund raising campaign, and the date for first payments on subscription contracts has been set for June 1, the spokesman said. Many contracts, he said, specified first payment to be made on different dates.

The hospital, costing an estimated \$1,900,000, will be built at the corner of Barnett and Murphy roads in an area which recently was annexed to the city.

**Already Paid**

Some 499 subscribers already have paid \$184,700 on subscription contracts, according to campaign office officials. A total of \$975,486 was subscribed during the campaign which ended Feb. 6.

Otto J. Frohnmayer, general chairman of the campaign, said the business office at 28 South Bartlett street, Medford, will remain open to receive payments on contracts, and to receive contributions for memorials and memberships for the hospital.

Diamond Flynn will serve as supervisor of employees in the office, with an accountant and an attorney being available for necessary technical advice.

Hospital spokesmen said the memorial and membership subscription list will remain open for those who desire to subscribe in the current financing campaign. Several organizations and businesses recently have subscribed, officials said.

**Continue Campaign**

The special women's committee of the hospital financing campaign, and the Founders Service organization, will continue an active campaign to raise funds or additional furnishings and equipping the hospital.

Pieces of equipment range from \$40 to \$2,500, hospital officials said, and a list is available at campaign headquarters. A list of equipment and names of subscribers for equipment will be posted in the lobby of the hospital.

The Founders Service organization has adopted a financing plan which will provide for a continuous program to eliminate community hospital financing campaigns, hospital officials said. Directors will appoint three trustees for the foundation to invest funds to be used for increasing service, purchasing new equipment and build additions to meet growing needs.

**place clothing and furniture. Older Couple**

An older couple who had moved to the valley for health reasons received \$1,910 from the Red Cross to assist in repair to their inundated home and purchase or repair of clothing, fuel, furnishings and tools.

Small businesses often receive help from the small business administration, but several county firms were rehabilitated by Red Cross.

Needs ranged from \$2,000 to \$20,000 and aid ranged from \$2,000 to \$7,500. Many had sufficient resources to meet their losses, while others could meet only part of the requirements to return to normal business. Included in those assisted were a refrigeration repair, service station, barber, several motels, lodge and cafe.

Spokesmen said there will be continuous appeals to individuals, organizations, businesses and industries to make annual gifts to the foundation.

Foundation funds will be used for additions, and hospital officials said that within two years after the new hospital is open, an addition probably will be necessary to meet increased services, both at Rogue Valley Memorial and at Sacred Heart hospital. A continuous program to establish a foundation will make possible expansion without having community financing campaigns.

Periodically, names of subscribers to the foundation will be included in the memorial list in the hospital lobby along with names of organizations donating memorials funds.

**Organizations Subscribe**

Among organizations which have subscribed for memorials and memberships include the

Adult Bible class, First Christian church; American Legion auxiliary; Beta Sigma Phi; Central Point Camp of Royal Neighbors of America; Central Point Junior High school student body; Crater High school Future Farmers of America; crew 19 of the campaign workers; Church of the Brethren; Eagle Point Dairy club; Evans Valley Home Extension unit; First Presbyterian church; Grandmother club member 113; Griffin Creek Community school club; Home Economics club of Eagle Point Grange; Jackson County Shrine club; Medford Extension unit; Medford Junior Service league; Olive Rebekah lodge; Oregon State Nurses association, district 4; Camp 4713, Royal Neighbors of America and Mistletoe club; Women of the Moose, Medford; Zonta International of Medford; and Westminister Guild of the Presbyterian church.

## 'Blue Bucket Mine' Subject of Letter By Medford Resident

**Editor's note:** The following story by Lancaster Pollard, Oregon historian, appeared in The Oregonian, Sunday, Feb. 19, this year, and is reprinted here with the permission of the author, The Oregonian, and Earl E. Wallace, 832 Wabash ave., Medford. It concerns the "Blue Bucket Mine," its location and discoverer.

**By LANCASTER POLLARD Oregon Historian**

This story should, I think, conclude the discussion about the "Blue Bucket mine" and its discoverer or discoverers. It is based on a letter from Earl E. Wallace, who lives in Medford. Of the many communications I've received, it seems to cover the subject most impartially.

Especially is this so when you keep in mind that "Will Herren" was one of Wallace's own family, the brother of his grandmother, from whom he got his information.

Wallace points out that every family on the Stephen H. Meek "lost train" between the Snake river and The Dalles had its own buckets, painted in different colors. The Helm family buckets were painted blue, hence the name of the "mine." It seems safe to conclude that the Helm family did contribute the name.

**Wallace's account runs:**

**Yellow Pebbles Found**

"After passing Wagon Tire mountain and traveling north, the train came, in a few days, to a small creek with small 'pot holes,' in which there was some water and about which there were some willows and grass plots for their oxen.

"As they made camp, two men volunteered to go down this creek in search of more water. One of them was Helms. While they were gone, Will Herren walked to one of the pot holes. While there he picked up some yellow pebbles. Curious, he took them to his wagon and hammered them flat on the wagon tire. He then tossed them in his tool box.

**Party Launches Search**

"In the meantime, Helms and his partner returned to the wagon train. Will Herren showed him some of the gold Helms remarked that if that's gold, down where we were we could have filled that old blue bucket."

By all accounts it was after the discovery of gold in California before anyone again attempted to find the Blue Bucket mine. It is a matter of record that Herren once made an attempt to locate the site, as did Meek.

about 1852 "a party of men left Oregon City in search of the mine. They followed the old tire tracks and discovered the John Day diggings and also Canyon creek, which was very rich in nuggets. It's reasonable to believe that that was the "Blue Bucket," as miners did actually pick gold from the creek by hand.

Although this seems to be the most reasonable explanation, perhaps I ought to mention that among several correspondents one has a mining claim in the area—its location by his request is withheld—another, a college professor, has spent several summer holidays scientifically and hopefully prospecting the presumed area; several others maintain that they know where the mine is and who was its discoverer.

It has been fun to hunt for lost treasure from an armchair, but from now on the search for the "Blue Bucket mine" is surrendered to hardy men in jeeps.

## Two Sentenced In Circuit Court Here Friday; 7 Appear

Albert Lee Wilcox, 29, Grants Pass, was sentenced to two years in the Oregon penitentiary Friday in a circuit court appearance for probation violation. He had previously received a three-year suspended sentence on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses.

Francisco S. Morales, 24, Springfield, charged with non-support, received a six-month sentence, which was suspended on the condition he comply with payments for support and remain on good behavior.

**Five Continued**

Five other cases were continued awaiting reports from the federal bureau of investigation. They are D. J. Stoke, 34, 330 North Holly st., charged with obtaining money under false pretenses; Stephen W. Agee, 50, 1217 West Ninth st., obtaining money under false pretenses; Howard Leslie Osborne, 30, 728 Summit ave., making false statement in writing to secure benefit; Robert Lee Smith, obtaining money under false pretenses; and James Franklin Rogers, 18, Tacoma, charged with grand larceny.

Rogers was extradited by sheriff's deputies in connection with the theft of mechanics tools owned by Robert Little, Bullock rd.

## Six Injured In One-Car Accident

Six young people were hurt none seriously, in a one-car automobile accident late Friday night, according to state police. Officers reported that a convertible car driven by Paul Robert Knox, 23, of Wallers Old Inn, Rogue River, overturned at the intersection of South Stage rd. and Sunset dr. at about 11:45 p.m. The car skidded on slick pavement and rolled over into a field, the report said.

A physician driving by stopped to help the car's occupants, and aided in their hospitalization. All were treated for injuries termed not too serious.

They were the driver, minor facial cuts; Shirley Irene Smith, 21, of 3092½ Jacksonville highway, possible hip injuries; Betty Jean McNeill, 20, same address; Paul Garth Williams, 19, Grants Pass; Thomas Orville Martt, 22, Grants Pass, and Claudette Lea McKinney, 19, of 1112 East Main st., Medford. All were treated at Sacred Heart hospital except Miss McKinney, who was taken to Osteopathic hospital.

The car was badly damaged, and had to be towed away.

## 432 Service Firms Listed In Jackson County in '54

Receipts of 432 service establishments in Jackson county in the 1954 census of business amounted to about \$7,724,000, according to a preliminary report covering service trades published by the bureau of the census, U. S. department of commerce.

A total of 248 businesses in Medford reported \$4,364,000 receipts. The 55 Ashland businesses in the report had \$705,000 receipts.

The combined yearly payroll of the county's service establishments was \$1,726,000. There were employees, of whom 636 worked full time in the pay period ending nearest Nov. 15. Proprietors actively employed in the operation of unincorporated businesses numbered 489, the report showed.

**Personal Services**

Establishments providing personal services numbered 125 in the county with \$1,967,000 receipts; 75 in Medford with \$1,464,000 receipts; and 23 in Ashland with \$280,000 receipts.

Establishments primarily engaged in automotive repair,

parking and other automotive services numbered 64 in the county with \$1,224,000 receipts; 42 in Medford with \$882,000; and two in Ashland with receipts not reported.

Listed as "all other services" in the preliminary report were 243 establishments in the county with \$4,553,000 receipts. There were 131 listed in Medford with \$3,040,000; and 30 in Ashland.

"Personal services" group includes such businesses as barber and beauty shops, cleaning and dyeing plants, laundries and laundry services, garment alteration and repair, funeral services, photographic studios, and shoe repair shops, as well as other personal services.

"All other selected services" group includes business services, miscellaneous repair, amusement and recreation services, motion pictures, hotels, tourist courts, motels and camps.

**WEATHER** By United Press

Northern California: Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday with showers likely extreme north late Sunday.

## Appointments Open For Landscape Clinic

Hours are still open for appointments by county homeowners who wish to take part in the landscape clinic to be held in the courthouse auditorium March 8 and 9.

County Horticultural Agent C. B. Cordy said that half-hour appointments may be made by homeowners calling the office before the clinic date for consultation with one of four landscape architects taking part in the program.

A display of shrubs will be provided at the auditorium by Southern Oregon Nursery Center and the Garden Center nursery.

The clinic is for planning basic landscape plantings, either for those with new homes and no plantings, or for those with established yards who need help in rearrangement.

Cordy urged all owners of modest homes, who wish the service, to call the county agent's office.

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