

SAVAGE CREEK-ROGUE RIVER Severe Storm Damage Told; Correspondent Is Marooned

By CHRISTINA H. MARSHALL Thursday, February 23, 1956

Savage Creek-Rogue River—Residents throughout the Savage Creek area suffered severely last week from flood damage due to the rapid rising of run-off waters in Cold Spring and Savage creeks and other creeks running into them.

The damage was made far worse by the fact that so much debris, left by loggers on logged-off land, clogged drains and tore out bridges. Several culverts or small bridges are out along Savage Creek road, and around 600 feet of the road is washed out and severely damaged by the overflow. This correspondent lost two bridges giving access to property and is marooned, unable to use vehicles until some means of access is obtained. Having no machinery to facilitate the task, just hands and brute strength, the outlook is black indeed.

Owing to this already disastrous condition, snowfall during the night stacked up from 6 inches on the level to a couple of feet in drifts. The ground is like quicksand from so much moisture and what was once a road is now a mass of rocks, debris of all kinds, and ruts, plus the snow.

Upper Savage Creek is impassable to traffic, owing to downed trees and wash-outs.

What was just a midget sized stream, Cold Springs creek, in good weather, became a raging, muddy torrent, taking everything in its path. Neighbors, the Wilsons, lost a bridge and other neighbors, the Wages, lost the bridge adjoining this place. It was the only other means of ingress and egress. We hauled rocks to make a dam to protect our well and pump house. The Wages' pump house in the middle of the torrent, which washed out the heavy plank bridge and a length of water pipe which was connected to their well, leaving them without water. Both wells were full of red mud so that the water was unfit for use.

The Berrys, who have a place on Savage Creek road immediately below us, lost their pump-house and part of their garage and had to dig a ditch to divert the water from their house.

Where the Cold Springs creek crossed Savage Creek road and for several hundred feet on either side, is just a mass of torn-up oiled pavement, rocks, debris and washed out holes. It washed out on either side of the road until it left deep chasms all along the road. The drain culvert became clogged with the trees, rocks, mud and other debris, and water rushed across the road, making it impassable as it was so swift and deep. Phone service was out in scattered spots. We are off Highway 99 1 1/2 miles and the road continues on up for possibly three or four miles. This correspondent, who is also carrier for the Mail Tribune in this area, was driving through lakes of water in Grants Pass Monday night when making the last delivery possible. Since then residents along the highway south and in the city of Grants Pass have suffered flood damage from the run-off water. We drove through a lake of water around 14 inches deep for nearly two blocks on East D street, and the

drains in town were all flooded so that the down-town area was swimming in water.

The highway along the river from Savage Rapids dam south was under water. Water was still high in places Thursday morning when this correspondent hitch-hiked into Rogue River.

There were slides in the north-east Grants Pass area as well as along the highway just south of the dam, back of what is known as the Dam Yankee ranch. This is always a high-water spot in flood time, owing to the fact that the river is higher than the highway and water fills up before it can run off into the river. When the river is high it also backs up through drains.

Families along the highway south of Grants Pass were evacuated in the low spots. Water was waist high in some places. It was said that water was up to the eaves of some 20 houses in Maple lane area and some 30 others flooded. Grants Pass had nearly 8 inches of rain. There was also damage from water in the town of Rogue River, considerable water damage being done in Robinson's grocery from leaks and heavy rain. Old time residents say this is the worst they have ever seen it in all the years they have been located in this area.

Mrs. Marion Mitchell, wife of Clarence Mitchell of Upper Savage Creek and mother of Marilyn Mitchell, is very ill in Oregon City hospital. Her mother sent word a few days ago that she was very low and for her husband and daughter to hurry there.

Eugene Klein of the Darling Realty Co., Rogue River, who has been vacationing in the southland, is now home. He arrived just in time to greet the belated winter season.

Mrs. Robinson, wife of the owner of Robinson's Grocery of Rogue River, was taken to the hospital this morning in a serious condition. It is believed she is suffering from a stroke. She was taken to the hospital some time ago and then released, and has been at home until this morning.

Engineers Needed by CAA in Western States

Graduate civil and electronic engineers for installation of air navigation and communication facilities along federal airways are needed by the Civil Aeronautics administration, according to W. P. Plett, acting regional administrator, CAA office, Los Angeles.

Assignments are available in many areas throughout the 11 western states. Additional information is available at CAA regional headquarters, 5651 West Manchester ave., Los Angeles, 45, or from C. H. Lehr, CAA engineer at the Medford airport.

TABLE ROCK Mail Carrier Hurt in Crash

By R. E. NEALON

Table Rock—Lewis W. Kilbourn, our fast moving mail-carrier is off duty at the present time, owing to a head-on collision with a pick-up last Monday while coming down the Ramsey Canyon road, near Payne Gulch. Visibility was poor owing to low hanging fog, and Max Payne, driving the pickup, had just pushed down on the accelerator to make the grade on a curve, when both cars met head-on. Kilbourn suffered bruises, a cut on the head, a twisted spine, and stiff neck. Payne was not hurt, both cars were damaged extensively. Kilbourn's car, a station wagon purchased new last August, was damaged to the extent of \$500.

Fred Duel, of Medford, formerly with the department of justice where he spent considerable time during and after World War II in Honolulu and Guam, and now temporarily working with the U. S. Army corps of engineers, was in this section last week, appraising flood losses on farms along the rivers and larger creeks. This work, according to Duel, is being done to get as nearly as possible the amount of damage done to property along the rivers and creeks during flood stages and just how much could be saved by some sort of flood control.

During the past week of snow and stormy weather, birds of many kinds, such as black birds, doves, quail, pheasants, robins, meadow lark and hundreds of small birds, are swarming around feed yards here, trying to pick up enough to keep alive. Seeing all these birds feeding with stock reminds us of the big sign the Oregon State Grange displays at its annual conventions, "The farmer feeds them all."

Dale Young of Butte Falls, recently purchased a quantity of hay from E. E. Robinson, which he is trucking to dairymen in the Myrtle Point area. With a large truck and trailer, he hauls 500 wire tied bales, which makes a load in weight of from 20 to 25 tons and empties a storage barn in a few loads.

Mrs. C. L. Goodwin is attending classes at Southern Oregon college in Ashland, driving back and forth from her home here.

Mrs. William Paul has been spending some time at Palm Springs, Calif., at the home of her mother, who is seriously ill. Mr. and Mrs. James Cornutt of Kanes crew were business visitors here Wednesday. They were delivering some feeder calves to J. S. Richardson.

Farmers trying to salvage wire fences taken out by flood waters find them in an awful mess, with the meshes filled solid with grass, weeds, vines, and debris of all kinds, ranging from trailer beds to a child's training chair.

One damage to alfalfa fields that would be hard to estimate at this time, is the heavy deposit of weed seeds, including star thistle seed, brought down from land covered with this pest in the Military Bridge area.

A flock of red hens owned by Mrs. D. P. McDonald of Forest Acres, were laying the usual amount of reddish brown eggs, then all of a sudden they switched to white eggs, and have now gone back to producing red. Some think these changes may be caused by the feed they eat,

but Mrs. McDonald insists that they have been having the same feed which she gets from a Medford firm. We suggested that maybe the hens are trying to show their patriotism, and if some blue eggs should show up she may be convinced. If other poultry raisers should be interested in having their hens switch egg colors for special customers or occasions, they should contact Mrs. McDonald as to where she gets her egg making feed.

C. P. Nelson and John Terry, of the Upper Meadows District, were business visitors here Wednesday, and reported two feet of snow in their locality. Nelson was purchasing hay for his dairy herd.

Walter Timm returned Wednesday from Vallejo, Calif., where he went last Saturday to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, Denny Eastham, an inspector for a Chicago contractor. Mr. Eastham was killed instantly while inspecting welding on newly made storage tanks.

A recent radio talk by Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson gave the impression that cattle prices would be better during 1956, but the last estimate from the U. S. agriculture department at Portland forecasts lower cattle prices in '56 owing to the increased number of cattle in Oregon and throughout the nation.

Someone told Sanford Richardson about a new farm tractor called the Benson, but when he investigated he was told it had no seat, and was for farmers who had lost their pants.

Among the many new lambs appearing in the community are two black twins, Booker T. and Lucy, born Saturday to Jenny, the Bishop bumper sheep.

The ditch cleaning machine tried out last week by the local ditch company has not so far come up to expectations according to Everett Brown, ditch boss.

Marion Young and Mrs. Hogle of Willow Springs were recent visitors at the J. S. Richardson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Halfhill returned Saturday from Savannah, Mo., where Abe was a patient for 12 days of a sanitarium. Mrs. Halfhill believes the treatments were successful and feels it is a wonderful place to go for treatments of this kind, as they are efficiently equipped for the work and very reasonable in price. The Halfhills made the trip by motor car going the northern route where they encountered snow until they reached Memphis, Tenn. Coming back by the southern route the roads were much better.

Several from here attended the Henry Maury funeral services in Medford Feb. 17. Mr. Maury was of pioneer stock, coming to Jackson county with his parents in 1875. According to Miss Clair Hanley of Jacksonville, Henry's father, Col. Reuben Maury, with a man named Davis, a close relative of Jeff Davis, president of the Confederacy, operated one of the first general stores in Jacksonville, in a building now used as the City Hall. Later going into the U. S. armed services, and Davis going south to join the Confederate Army.

Henry while a young man took up farming on a tract of land now the Elliot dairy farm in the West Side district, where he spent the greater part of his 90 years, and developed by thrift and hard work one of the best and highest producing farms in the valley. He was known as a good neighbor, a great lover of the out of doors, and was always a welcome companion on fishing and hunting trips. Several years ago, he sold his farm and moved with his sister Mary to a home in Central Point, where his sister passed away in 1950, her place being taken by another sister, Sally Cowgill, who was with him until the time of his death.

The population of the United States grew by 9,000,000 between 1930 and 1940, by 19,000,000 between 1940 and 1950 and is expected to grow another 25,000,000 by the time the current decade ends in 1960.

One out of every seven persons employed in manufacturing in Michigan owes his job to foreign trade.

JACKSONVILLE Storm Stages Repeat Visit

By MRS. C. S. HOSKINS

Jacksonville — Last week heavy rainfall and snow storms resulted in a repeat performance of the December flooding conditions, with quite a lot of home damage due to flooded basements and soaked floors in the lower end of town.

The Adelaide Shannon home at the corner of Third and Pine streets was surrounded by water which overflowed from nearby Daisy creek, making it necessary to close the end of South Third St. to traffic. Water was running over the top of the small bridge there. Legg's service station was flooded out of business for two days at Fifth and California Sts.

Many other residents report home damage and washed out roads and sidewalks. Jacksonville schools were closed for two days due to road conditions and buses being unable to run. The new grade school on Huener's lane was surrounded with several inches of water. A detour for two days was necessary at Bybee corner where Jackson creek undermined the highway. Jacksonville children enjoyed the unexpected school holiday and the opportunity to participate in snow sports usually not possible in this area.

The Women's Missionary council of the Assembly of God church in Jacksonville spent several days last week decorating and making drapes for the new parsonage, which is almost completed, next to the church. The Royal Neighbors met Tuesday evening and enjoyed a potluck dinner and social get-together with nine visiting Royal Neighbors from Central Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Russel McIntire and children moved last Sunday into their new three-bedroom home on the corner of Fir and Fifth Sts.

A recent California visitor at the W. A. Clemmer home in Jacksonville was Mrs. Walter Hass, the former Jane Misner and formerly a resident. Also a recent guest at the Clemmers' was Mrs. Elsie Elrod of Medford.

Visiting last week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Rock, were T. Sgt. Rock, his wife Vicky, and three children, Michael, Sandy and Robin of Lincoln, Neb. Sergeant Rock recently returned from England and is on a 15-day leave from the U. S. Air Force. They also visited relatives in Central Point and at the home of Rock's sister, Mrs. John R. Hamaker in Jacksonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hardy returned this week from a two weeks vacation. They visited Reno, Nev., and spent some time with relatives in Las Vegas, also visiting relatives in Los Angeles. On the return trip they stopped at the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Rolie, Corning, Cal. The Rolies plan to visit at the Hardy residence this week end in Jacksonville.

Sunday, Feb. 19, Mike Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Young, celebrated his ninth birthday at a dinner party given at his home. Guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Young and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Smith of Medford, Mr. and Mrs. James Wingham of Ruch, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Fisher, Mike's grandmother, Mrs. Pearl Whitney, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Whitney and children, Martha and Clinton, Susan Young, his sister, and several others. After the dinner party everybody helped paint and redecorate at Pearl Whitney's home, working till late at night.

Attending IOOF lodge at Central Point Monday evening from Jacksonville IOOF were Albert Hackert, Charles Hawkins, Jack McDaniels and Carl Hoskins. After the regular meeting refreshments were served and a contest for the Central Point pitch trophy was played. Lodges participating for the trophy were Grants Pass and Jacksonville. Jacksonville eliminated Grants Pass and was in turn defeated by Central Point.

A few friends of Mrs. Ted (Bea) Gettling gathered Thursday afternoon to wish her a happy birthday at the home of Mrs. Ted Hewlett. Besides Mrs. Hewlett, Mrs. Jesse Groves, Mrs. Jim Noble and Mrs. Milton James were present.

EAGLE POINT Otto Nagel Enters Hospital

By PEARL L. HENDERSON

Eagle Point — Mr. and Mrs. Otto Nagel, Eagle Point, went to Eugene Wednesday where he entered the Sacred Heart hospital to undergo surgery. Mrs. Nagel will remain with her husband until he is able to return home, which friends are hoping will be soon.

Howard Short of the Long mountain district, is recuperating from a recent heart attack in a Medford hospital.

George Putnam, Eagle Point, was honor guest at a dinner party at his home Feb. 19 which celebrated his 84th birthday. Forty guests were present to make the occasion a most enjoyable one. Mr. Putnam has been active with his son Ed, in the cold storage and feed business in the old Snowy Butte flour mill building here since 1940. He and his family moved to Eagle Point from Medford in 1932. His wife died in December 1937. Since then his eldest daughter, Christina, has kept house for him.

Knut Berg, who bought the old Eagle Point bank building last fall, is remodeling the upstairs, making it into two modern apartments.

Billy Lewis returned to his home here Monday, February 20, from a week's visit in San Diego, Calif., with relatives there.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Knudsen, who recently bought the 'Eagle Market' business here, took possession Feb. 7. Until moving to Eagle Point they lived at Prospect, where he was manager of the Prospect store. They have two sons, the eldest, Neil, lives in California; the younger one, Larry, will attend the local school.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinson Vaughan, Eagle Point, left the first of this week for Los Angeles, Calif., where they will visit Vinson's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Chamberlain, Eagle Point, returned Feb. 20 from an 11-day vacation trip into California. They visited relatives in Redding, Modesto, San Francisco, and Fortuna.

Mrs. Gertrude Stanley and Mrs. Agusta Perry, Eagle Point, called on Mrs. Luella Kline of Ross lane, Thursday afternoon, finding her somewhat improved in health from several month's illness.

Word was received in Eagle

Point last week from Mrs. John Clarke, Long Beach, Calif., that she will enter a hospital for surgery Tuesday. The Clarks are former residents of Eagle Point, and their son Jim and family have many friends here. It is said "bad luck comes in threes" which seems to be true with the Clarke family. Her son-in-law is convalescing from recent brain surgery; her daughter became suddenly ill and had to undergo surgery; and then Mrs. Clarke became ill.

Civil Service Jobs Open in Northwest

Examinations for three federal civil service commission positions have been announced. They are for office appliance repairman, in various federal agencies in the Washington, D.C. area; engineer aid to fill positions on job locations in Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho; and student trainee in optional field of engineering for filling vacancies in various federal agencies in the four states, available from Chester W. Silliman at the Medford post office building.

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