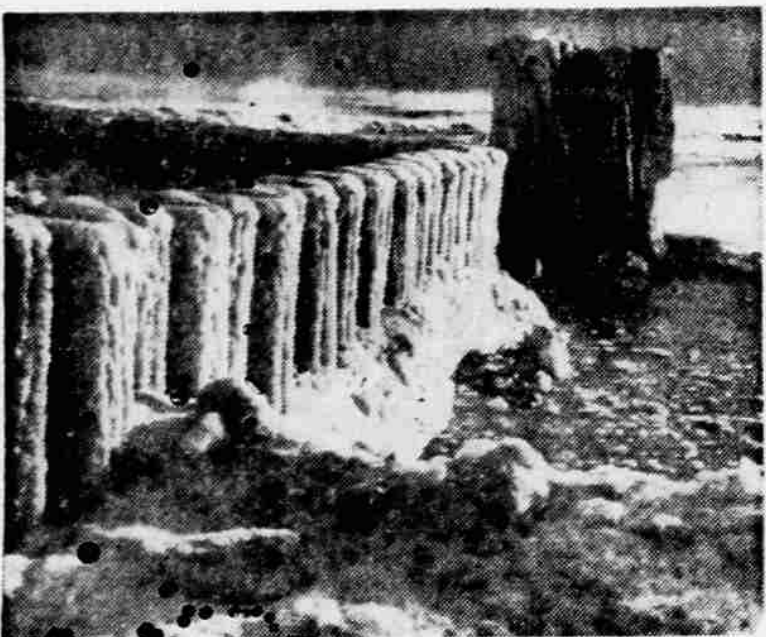




ICY COLD—Frozen spray from Lake Michigan coats pilings and the beach as steam rises in background from the lake's warmer water. The first freezing weather of the season dropped the temperature to two degrees above zero in Chicago.

Evans Creek Survey Being Undertaken

Grants Pass—Lee McAllister, area planning engineer for the bureau of reclamation, said Thursday the bureau is undertaking a multiple purpose survey of the Evans valley, looking to flood control and additional irrigation water storage.

He was the last person to be heard by the state water resources board at a hearing in the Josephine county courthouse. The hearing adjourned at noon, and another was scheduled in Gold Beach Friday.

Evans creek contributed materially to the 1955 flood which inundated areas near Grants Pass, McAllister said. The valley has been mentioned on several occasions as a logical dam site that would impound winter run-

off and release it during the summer irrigation months.

He said "we are fearful that all water resources development funds will be seriously curtailed in the 1958-59 fiscal year budget," because of large appropriations apparently needed for spending sums to match Russia in missile development.

Calvin Smith, Medford forester, said that modern pulpwood installations use smaller amounts of water than previously, and that pulp or chipboard plants in this area would afford a tremendous boost to Rogue valley economy. Smith noted that in the past there has been some silting and erosion as a result of logging.

The industry has made vast strides in improving its practices, he said, and stream damage has been cut down substantially.

He said there is an increasing amount of over-ripe and defective timber in areas now being logged; timber that is well suited for use in pulp chipboard operations, but not fitted for lumber.

Others appearing before the board included Dan Fry, operator of a mint farm near here, and Clyde Melvin, representing the Illinois Valley, who discussed plans for the Sucker Creek irrigation project.

Ex-Medford Woman Dies of Burns

Grants Pass — Mrs. Ruth Litwiler, 45, who was critically burned last Sunday when propane gas exploded in her home at 506 Lewis ave., here, died about 11:35 a.m. Friday in Josephine General hospital here.

Mrs. Litwiler moved to Grants Pass about a month ago from Medford and has been living with her brother.

She suffered second and third degree burns over 60 per cent of her body when gas, which police said escaped from an uncapped stove line, filled the house and exploded as she was lighting a floor furnace.

Mrs. Litwiler was the widow of Harold (Bud) Litwiler, operator of a meat market in the Piggly Wiggly store until he was drowned while fishing near Boertson bridge in 1952.

She is survived by a son, Bob Litwiler, of Salem, and several brothers and sisters. Her brother in Grants Pass is Lynn Owen of Hardbeck rd.

Daily's U-Drive
Medford Airport

Singmaster Named To Association Post

Ed H. Singmaster, Ashland, has been appointed an assistant secretary of the Jackson County Federal Savings and Loan association, it was announced Saturday.

The association's board of directors named Singmaster to the post at a meeting last week, to handle business of the association in the Ashland area, including the promotion of good will, handling loan applications, and other duties. Singmaster will

work out of the Ashland agency of the association, located in his insurance office.

The board also voted to declare a regular 3 1/2 per cent per annum dividend, and an extra dividend at the rate of one half of one per cent per annum.

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Heart Association to Have Weight Classes

The Oregon Heart association announced Saturday that weight reduction classes will be organized again soon. Persons interested should contact their family physician, the association said.

Classes in the past have been successful with an average of 65 persons participating each year, the group said. A weight loss of about 700 pounds is realized by the group, according to the association. There is no charge for the class, since it is a public service of the Oregon Heart association.

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