

SACRED HEART TO REMAIN OPEN

Freak Wave Batters Houses at Rockaway

Several Knocked Off Foundations; Logs on Roadway

Southern Part of Town Hardest Hit

Rockaway, Ore. — (UPI)—Several houses were knocked off their foundations and three were moved an estimated 50 feet today when a huge freak wave rolled in from the Pacific during the pre-dawn darkness.

The big wave, second to hit this coastal community in less than a month, also spilled logs and debris on Highway 101, knocked in the door of a service station damaged at least two cars and moved a tool shack along the edge of the highway. At least seven houses were reported damaged, mostly summer homes.

Moved Across Tracks
No injuries were reported, although three of the houses were occupied. Police said three houses were moved an estimated 50 feet from their foundations across railroad tracks.

The area hit hardest is in the southern part of the town where the houses are located close to the shoreline. One of the homes damaged today was owned by a woman who moved out after the high wave about three weeks ago.

Other Damage Reported
Another home was reported damaged in the north part of town, and logs and debris were washed on the highway about 10 miles to the north.

The big wave struck about 2:45 a.m. Another smaller wave had struck about 1:30 a.m., bringing logs and debris onto Highway 101 at Salt Air Creek near the south end of town.

Men sent to clear the debris had to flee on foot when the second wave hit.

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ON THE BEAM?—Jackson school second grader Gary Ray, above, seemed to be "flying on instruments" as he pedaled home from school the other day with his vision hampered more than somewhat by a sagging visor. Perhaps he was "zeroed in" on the smell of a peanut butter sandwich that mom had prepared as an after-school snack. All Jackson county school children were excused today for the four-day Thanksgiving day week end, giving them one day to feast and three days to recover. Classes will resume Monday.

Action on Zoning In Sams Valley Area Is Postponed

Approximately 60 people from the Sams Valley area generally agreed last night to postpone any further discussion of the proposal to zone Sams Valley into suburban, commercial, industrial and agricultural areas. They asked to study the proposal further.

Some of the group which filled the courthouse auditorium said the area proposed for zoning should be reduced. It takes in too much territory, they stated.

Planning Commission President Clifford Lovejoy, Old Military rd., said interim zoning requires an area of at least two square miles.

Many of last night's arguments against the interim proposal were on whether or not variances would be granted existing structures.

Misunderstanding
The most outspoken opponents seem to have a misunderstanding of how variances are granted and seemed to confuse interim zoning with a building code, Lovejoy noted. A planning commission sub-

Court, Republican Chairman Meet on Recommendation

Executive Board To Discuss Meeting

County Republican Central Committee Chairman Joe Walsh told the county court this morning that he would call a meeting of the committee's executive board to further consider the problem of the recommendation for state senator.

Walsh said it will be up to the executive board to call a general meeting of the central committee. Then the full committee could further consider the county court's request for three suggestions regarding the person to fill the position to be vacated in the state senate by Congressman-elect Dr. Edwin Durno, Republican.

County Judge Earl Miller asked Walsh to notify the county court "in due time" of the executive board's decision. He said the county court has yet to receive official notice of Dr. Durno's resignation as state senator.

Apologizes for Statement
Walsh apologized for his statement to the Central committee Monday night regarding the Mail Tribune's quotation of Judge Miller's statement asking for three recommendations.

"I have done my best to maintain a strictly neutral position in this matter and now have been placed in the position of being critical of both the county court and the central committee," Walsh said.

"It was my honest opinion and understanding that Judge Miller was merely expressing a wish and not making an official county court request."

Replying to Judge Miller's remark that the county court did not want a "cloud" over the person going to the state senate, Walsh said he asked that the central committee's recommendation of Mrs. Evelyn Nye not be jeopardized.

The committee's sum of that there would be no restrictions on any other groups or persons suggesting an appointment, he said. He indicated that the Republican committee thought of its recommendation as only one of many coming to the county court.

Walsh added that he is preparing minutes of Monday's central committee meeting which will be released to the press and the county court.

Thinking Coordinated
Keeping a tight rein on his temper, Miller explained to Walsh he had called him in to "get thinking coordinated on replacement of Dr. Durno. It is the responsibility of the county court to make the appointment. We discussed it two weeks ago. We are not bound to consider the Republican central committee's recommendation and did so only out of courtesy."

Judge Miller stated flatly that he had made the request for three recommendations to Walsh in front of a Mail Tribune reporter and County Commissioner Chester Wendt.

"We feel our wishes were just disregarded," Wendt commented. "If the same request had come from the governor he would have gotten three recommendations."

Judge Miller said, "I'm not fighting the central committee. I have the highest regard for the people in it. I just hope now they understand my position more clearly."

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Oregon 'Lifer' Given Release by Acting Governor

Case Considered For More Than Year

Salem — (UPI)—Chester Lincoln Fitzwater, 47, convicted of shooting his wife in 1953, was to walk from the state prison today a free man.

Acting Gov. Walter J. Pearson said Tuesday he had commuted the life sentence of Fitzwater after "considering the case for more than a year." Pearson, state Senate president, is acting governor while Gov. Mark Hatfield is in South America.

Fitzwater was charged with shooting his wife during an argument in 1953. He pleaded guilty to second degree murder and was given a life term from Linn county.

Pearson said it was his own action and that he had not discussed the Fitzwater case with Hatfield.

Pearson criticized the Oregon Parole Board and indicated one reason he commuted the sentence was because he was "not satisfied" with the board's handling of the case.

Action Delayed
In September, the board voted to delay action on a parole for Fitzwater for two years. Pearson said he read the transcript of the case, did not feel the board gave it "proper consideration," and asked the board to meet Monday and reconsider this action. Pearson said he was informed the board "could not meet" Monday because two of its members, one from Portland and the other from Salem, could not attend.

It was then he decided on commutation.

Planned Consideration
In Portland, L. W. Mallett, chairman of the Oregon Parole Board, said the board had planned to consider Fitzwater's case Nov. 28 at Pearson's request.

Pearson said in his opinion if Fitzwater had had a jury trial, he would have gotten off with manslaughter. The warden agrees that Fitzwater has been rehabilitated, Pearson said.

Fitzwater has indicated he will go to his father's farm in Lebanon and help work the farm.

Fitzwater is the son of State Rep. Roy Fitzwater (D-Lebanon).

Santa To Arrive In Ashland Friday

Ashland — Santa Claus will arrive in Ashland Friday at 7 p.m. aboard the shiny new Ashland city fire truck.

Santa's arrival initiates the Christmas season for Ashland citizens and merchants. Stores will remain open until 8:30 p.m. each Friday until Christmas. Stores will be open every night until 8:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 19, through Friday, Dec. 23, according to the Ashland Chamber of Commerce.

Santa's arrival will be preceded by a Christmas concert by the Ashland High school band in front of the Mark Anthony hotel starting at 8:30 p.m.

Following his arrival, Santa will greet Ashland children in the lobby of the hotel.

Christmas Trees Sold in Klamath

Yreka — The sale of an estimated 13,000 lineal feet of red fir Christmas trees on the Seiad district of the Klamath National forest has been made as the initial step in changing the species composition in a diseased timber stand in that area.

Klamath forest rangers said the change in species has been made necessary by a severe mistletoe infection in the present stand of red fir.

The disease causes abnormal growth and excessive wind breakage in sawtimber trees, rangers noted. Sawtimber will be logged next spring in the second step in combating the mistletoe spread.

Rangers said once the saleable products have been removed, Jeffrey pine, which is not susceptible to the particular strain of mistletoe, will be planted.

Election Scheduled In Water District
Two commissioners will be elected in the Elk City Water district at an election Monday, Dec. 5, at the home of Thomas Eaton, 987 Beal lane, Medford. Hours of the election are 2 to 8 p.m.

Candidate for a three-year term is B. Sam Taylor, and candidate for a two-year term is George Flanagan.

Election judges will be Loraine F. Eaton, Helen L. Bartley and Billie Mae Colley.

Tiros Satellite Goes Into Orbit

"The White House, You'll Find, Has Plenty Of Closet Space!"



Ashland Council Votes Down Alley Paving 2nd Time

Ashland — For the second time in two meetings, the Ashland city council last night voted down requests from landowners to pave an alley running between Mountain and Palm ayes.

Last night's was the third public hearing on the project in as many council meetings. The first came at the Oct. 17 meeting. At that time councilmen could reach no decision and scheduled a second hearing Nov. 1. The project was voted down at the Nov. 1 meeting, but councilmen agreed the hearing should be continued.

The controversy revolves around two petitions submitted to the council. One is signed by over 75 per cent of landowners along the alley, who also control more than 50 per cent of the property. The other is signed by a minority of land owners, who control less than 50 per cent of alley property.

Advocates of the project said they will circulate new petitions and present them at a council meeting in the near future.

In other action, the council voted to pay bills due totaling \$48,398.49. The city paid Graff and James, Ashland contractors, \$22,491.99 for work done on the sewage treatment plant. F. R. (Scotty) Fairweather, Medford contractor, was paid \$25,906.50 for work done thus far on the new hospital.

Request For Tree
The Ashland Chamber of Commerce requested that a Christmas tree be erected and decorated on the south side of the city, near the fire hall in that part of town. The council moved to erect the tree and share part of the maintenance cost with the chamber.

The chamber proposal also called for placement of Christmas trees along business district sidewalks.

Renaming of Jackson st. to Lakeview dr. was referred to the city planning commission. It was recommended that purchase of additional property for the city cemetery be negotiated. Assessment of the property the city proposed to purchase was lower than the price quotation by the current property owner.

The council agreed to study a request from hospital officials that an automatic telephone switchboard be installed in the new hospital.

Seven Injured In Ashland Accident
Ashland — State police are investigating a car and truck collision which injured seven people about 9:40 o'clock this morning on Highway 99 near the southern city limits of Ashland.

Six members of a Portland family were among the injured. All were taken to Ashland General hospital where their condition was listed as good. In addition, the wife of Eugene truck driver was hospitalized with minor injuries.

Police said a truck driven by Carl Albert Krueger, 43, of 1044 Monroe st., Eugene, was traveling north. A dog ran in front of the truck, causing Krueger to swerve to avoid hitting the animal. When the vehicle swerved, it struck a truck and trailer parked on the opposite shoulder of the highway. This caused the Krueger truck to careen along the road, where it struck an oncoming car driven by Elmer Lee Atkinson, 43, of Portland, police said.

Five members of Atkinson's family were occupants in the car. They are Mrs. Mary Atkinson, 39, and three children, Larry, 17; Darrell, 14, and Kathy, 11. A grandmother, Mrs. Pearl Fix, 75, was also in the car.

Krueger, the truck driver, escaped injuries. His wife, Vandra, 58, received minor injuries.

Washington — (UPI)—The Rural Electrification has approved a loan of \$206,000 to the Sunnyside Telephone Co., Sunnyside, Ore., the office of Sen. Maurice Neuberger, (D-Ore.), reported.

Decision Is Made After Re-Study of Matter by Board

Operation Depends On Some Changes

Sacred Heart hospital will remain open.

This announcement was made this morning by the Sisters of Charity of Providence, following a re-study of the situation which caused an earlier announcement that the hospital would have to close its doors, after nearly 50 years of service to southern Oregon.

The continued operation of the hospital, it was pointed out, will be contingent upon changes in its operation, and on continuing support from the medical profession and the community.

It also is contemplated that, given successful operation, additional construction will be done in the future to broaden the functions of the institution.

Follows Meeting
The announcement, made by Mother Judith, provincial superior of the order, Mt. St. Vincent, Seattle, followed a meeting last night attended by Sister Luke of the Savior, administrator of the hospital, representative of the order, hospital board members, and the executive committee of the Jackson County Medical Society.

The full support of the Society was promised to the hospital, in its continuing operation, a spokesman said.

The re-study of the hospital's situation and potential was made by the order following numerous requests from the Medford community. Mother Judith's statement indicated. It also said:

"Our decision to close Sacred Heart hospital was made with great regret. It was based upon:

Report of Survey
(a) the report of the Hamilton Associates survey showing the limited number of beds needed in Medford;

(b) the unacceptability of the Hamilton Associates survey recommendations regarding the relationship of the new Sacred Heart facilities with Rogue Valley hospital;

(c) the announced addition to the Rogue Valley hospital already planned and financed which should supply all the hospital beds in Medford according to the statistics of the survey;

(d) the need for replacement of Sacred Heart's present facilities.

"Following this decision, we have received numerous requests that Sacred Heart hospital remain in operation. We have restudied the situation and with new information available we believe the following will point the way to the continued operation of Sacred Heart hospital:

More Economical
"1. The closing of fourth floor and the maternity department provides a more economical operation of the hospital.

"2. A foundation fund, already set up, should become more active in receiving donations for a new facility within five years.

"3. A definite schedule should be adhered to in regard to obtaining funds for the replacement of the present buildings.

"4. These goals will be checked periodically; they will determine the future of Sacred Heart hospital in Medford.

"With concrete support from the local community, Hill-Burton funds, or other sources, we will continue to operate Sacred Heart hospital with confidence that the legitimate desires of the community, as expressed to us, will be fulfilled."

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Wet Thanksgiving Forecast in Area

A wet Thanksgiving is in store for southern Oregon residents tomorrow.

The Medford station of the weather bureau forecast a "showery and blustery" day in this area. The same was forecast for throughout western Oregon. Snow level probably will be about 4,000 feet.

All federal, state, county and municipal offices will be closed, as well as most retail outlets in the valley. All schools in Jackson county will be closed tomorrow and Friday.

The Mail Tribune will publish and early edition, as it does on most holidays.

Friday, Nov. 25, the observance of Christmas will get into full swing in this area with the arrival of Santa Claus.

He will arrive in Medford about 3 p.m. aboard a special Southern Pacific passenger car. He will distribute treats and talk with children who greet him at the depot on North Front st.

Santa Claus' arrival will officially open the Medford Retail Merchants association's annual Christmas shopping promotion program. Many downtown retail outlets will remain open Monday evenings during the Christmas shopping season.

Yamhill Youths Caught At Redding After Spree

Redding, Calif. — (UPI)—Five runaway Yamhill County, Ore., teen-agers were held here today after a robbery spree that ended with an exchange of bullets with one of their victims.

Sheriff's deputies said the five ran away from their homes Monday night and hopped a freight train which brought them to the Pollard Flats area 40 miles north of here early Tuesday.

Took Rifles, \$1
Shasta county deputies gave this account of their activities:

—At 1 p.m. they robbed Paul R. Smith in his home and escaped with two rifles and \$1.

—Minutes later they broke into an unoccupied home and

took another rifle and a .357 magnum pistol.

—At 6 p.m. while Sheriff's deputies were investigating these two incidents, the boys entered the home of C. W. DePue. They took DePue's rifle clip and told him to stay inside his house while they tried to start his car by "hot-wiring" it.

Boys Returned Fire
DePue said he grabbed another gun and fired three shots over their heads and the boys returned eight shots.

Sheriff's deputies arrived at the scene and captured three of the boys outright. Another youth gave himself up and the fifth was found hiding in nearby bushes.

All five were being held at juvenile hall in Redding.

Caster Named ASC Office Head

M. B. Caster, Central Point, has been appointed office manager of the Jackson County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee, according to County Extension Agent Gene Winters.

He replaces Harry Martin who has been promoted to office manager of the Dallas, Ore., ASC office.

Caster last summer was in charge of the Jackson county agricultural census and worked with the ASC program a number of years ago.

Caster was born in Central Point and attended schools there. He was graduated from Oregon State college as an agricultural engineer. He operates a 35-acre farm in Central Point area.