

Western Oregon Reels Under Downpour of Rain



THE RAINS CAME—Thanksgiving day at Shady Dell, Ore., left residents very little to be thankful about as muddy waters from the Molalla river rose suddenly, flooding 27

homes and leaving bridges and roads inaccessible. Rescue workers are shown assisting families evacuating the area. (UPI Telephoto)

Roads Blocked; Many Families Forced To Flee

Clackamas County Disaster Area

Portland — (UPI) — Western Oregon reeled today under the impact of a Thanksgiving Day downpour that sent streams over flood stage, blocked highways and forced many families to flee their homes.

Some locations had more than four inches of rain in a 24-hour period. The rain had eased up today but so much water fell that the weather man said many streams would continue to rise.

Evacuation of homes was carried out along the Molalla and Clackamas rivers and along Johnson creek, which skirts the southeast edge of the city.

Families Leave Home

From 25 to 30 families left their homes in the Shady Dell area on the Molalla river, 25 miles to the southeast. An estimated eight families were taken from their homes at Paradise Park, on the Clackamas river. From 15 to 20 families were evacuated along Johnson creek.

State Civil Defense officials estimated 150 homes temporarily vacated because of high water in Clackamas county. Some residents also left their homes in the Marion county town of Turner Thursday. Highways near Lebanon were covered with water, temporarily isolating the city Thursday.

Roads Closed

State police reported several roads were closed by high water and slides and that snow had slowed traffic on some mountain routes.

The storm, one of the worst deluges in years, dumped 4.48 inches of rain on Eugene in the 24 hours ending at 4 p.m. Thursday. During the same period Newport had 4.46, North Bend 4.39, Salem 2.38, Astoria 2.26, and Roseburg 2.2 inches. And Valsec, located in the Coast Range southwest of Portland, had a whopping 6.41 inches.

Rescuers used rowboats in many cases to move families from their homes. Log trucks used winches and cables to pull boats through swirling floodwaters in Clackamas county.

Clackamas county was declared a disaster area by the Red Cross which set up canteens for workers and temporary quarters for evacuated families.

An alert was sounded Thursday at Willamette City near Oakridge, Ore., because of high water but no evacuations were reported. Mill creek shot over its bank at Turner 10 miles south of Salem and police said a number of residents in the south part of town left their homes.

Rail as well as highway transportation was hit. The main line of the Union Pacific Railroad was blocked Thursday morning when a 60-foot section of roadbed washed out at Dodson and trains were rerouted for a time over Spokane, Portland and Seattle tracks on the Washington side of the stream.

Canby Area Hit

High water forced closure of Highway 99E for a time late Thursday near the Molalla river bridge approaches just south of Canby.

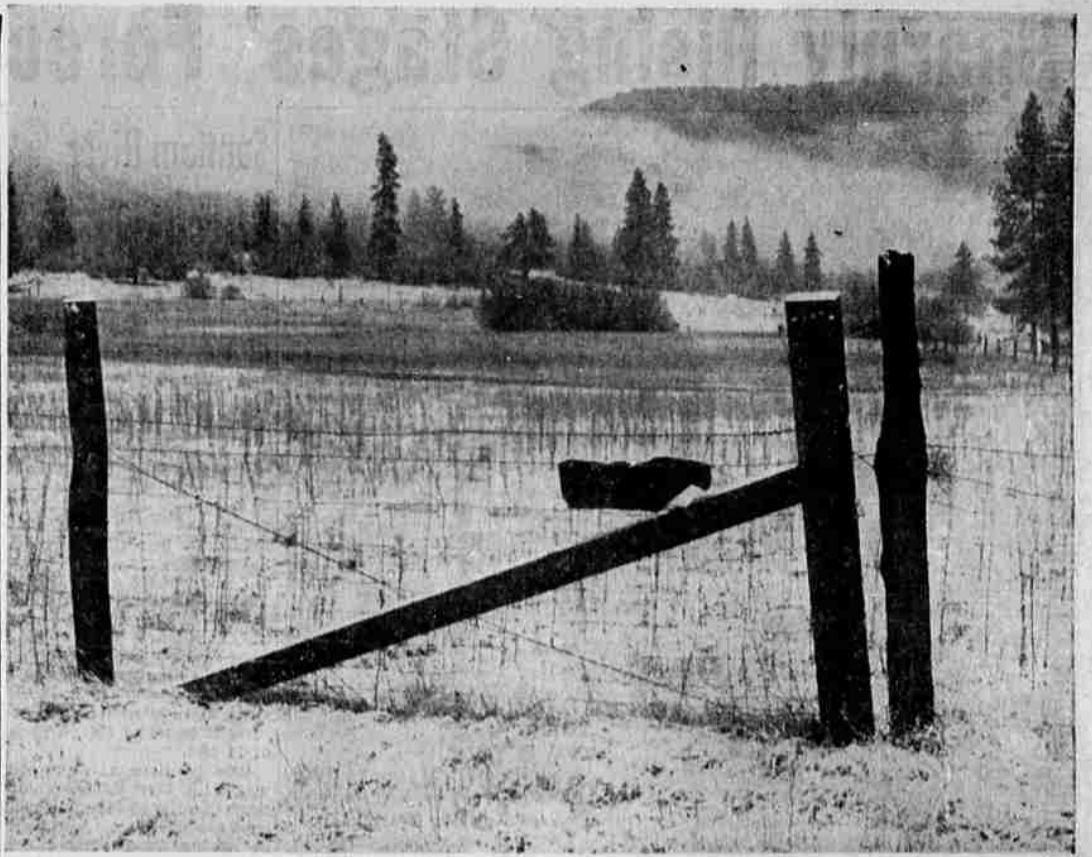
Elsewhere there were widespread reports of interrupted highway travel. The South Santiam Highway was closed by slides. High water forced closure of Highway 26 at Warm Springs and of the Lebanon-Corvallis route. A bridge was reported washed out by heavy rain near Warm Springs.

Highway 22 in the Mehama area southeast of Salem was blocked by a slide. On the coast, Highway 101 was blocked by slides in the Florence-Newport area. The Coos Bay-Roseburg highway was closed by high water between Coquille and Myrtle Point.

The town of Waterloo southeast of Lebanon had 8 to 10 inches of water in the streets Thursday.

The McKenzie river reached flood stage at Coburg, north of Eugene. Today rain had virtually stopped, at least for the time being, in Northwest Oregon, although snow and rain were falling in Southern and Eastern Oregon.

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FRESH SNOW—A blanket of fresh snow, which fell silently in the pre-dawn hours this morning, gave a "Christmasy" appearance to southern Oregon landscape. The picture

above, taken on Jacksonville hill summit, shows a pine-fringed field covered with white as a heavy wet cloud lurks against the distant hill.

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Burglary Charge Results in OCI 2 1/2-Year Term

Riley Filmore Jones, 21, of Tulsa, Okla., was sentenced to two years and five months in the Oregon correctional institute, Salem, when he appeared in Jackson County circuit court Wednesday. He had previously pleaded guilty to charges of burglary not in a dwelling.

Jones and his brother, Guthrie Edwin Jones, 25, also of Tulsa, were apprehended by Medford police and sheriff's deputies Aug. 21 in the act of burglarizing Dunham's Inc., 1951 North Pacific highway.

The two men also are wanted by Pikesville, Md., police for escape from the Hagerstown jail, and by Tulsa, Okla., authorities for a burglary there.

Has Job Offers

Jones' attorney, Robert Heffernan, Medford, asked that the youth be sent to Oklahoma to serve a sentence there if convicted of burglary charges, then be allowed to start fresh. He said Jones told him he had job offers from the Tulsa area and a relative there.

However, Circuit Judge Edward C. Kelly noted that the youth possessed a .22 caliber firearm when arrested, is charged with a "whole series of burglaries in Maryland, Oklahoma and Oregon" and possessed burglary tools.

Judge Kelly said he did not show the same cooperation with authorities as his brother who is now serving a term in OCI.

District Attorney Thomas J. Reeder said "turning him back to Oklahoma would be irresponsible."

Corvallis — Merchandise

valued at more than \$850 was stolen from the Corvallis County Club early today, according to the Benton county sheriff's office.

"Dealer Wins And Winner Deals"



Jacqueline Kennedy Gives Birth To Boy; Both Doing 'Fine'

Washington — (UPI) — President-elect John F. Kennedy today became the delighted father of a "fine, healthy" boy whose premature arrival happily climaxed a hectic series of pre-delivery deliveries.

Canvass of Votes In County Ends

The completed general election canvass shows 85 per cent of the registered voters in Jackson county cast ballots in the Nov. 8 election and the unofficial tally corresponds closely to the official count in most cases.

President-elect John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson, vice president-elect, picked up five votes in the official tally. The Nixon-Lodge ticket received the same number of votes in both cases.

Republican senate candidate Elmo Smith picked up 88 votes in the official canvass. However, Mrs. Neuberger as senator-elect, held a lead of 586 votes in Jackson county over her opponent in the race for the U.S. senate term dating from Jan. 3, 1961.

Congressman-elect Dr. Edwin Durno held a final majority of 282 votes over his Democratic opponent Charles Porter. Porter picked up one vote.

Mrs. Stephen G. (Eve) Nye, one of two Republican candidates for state representative, picked up 260 votes in the final canvass, but her final tally of 14,909 is still behind John R. Dellenback's total of 16,055. Democrat Robert B. Duncan was reelected as state representative with a final tally of 18,662, picking up 153 votes in the final tally. John L. Gregory (Democrat) stayed with his 10,761 vote total.

After the plane touched down here at 4:02 a.m. he sped to the hospital in 14 minutes. The president-elect visited the drowsy Jacqueline for eight or nine minutes, took a loving peck at his first son through a glass nursery window and then jubilantly proclaimed that both were "fine."

Snider Leaves for New York Meeting

Mayor John W. Snider left Medford today by plane for New York city where he will attend the annual congress of American Municipal Association officials.

Mayor Snider will represent both city of Medford and the League of Oregon cities at the five-day congress. Mayor Snider is president of the league. He will return to Medford Wednesday.

Before his departure, the mayor said this year's congress will be devoted to discussion of the financial problems of cities. Each year the congress takes up a different problem, he said, discusses it, then adopts resolutions on how it might best be solved.

An estimated 1,000 persons are expected to attend the congress, including Governor Nelson Rockefeller of New York who is scheduled to deliver an address at a general session of the group.

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GOP Executive Board To Meet At Noon Monday

The Jackson County Republican Central committee's executive board will meet at noon Monday in the Medford hotel to further consider a recommendation for the state senate appointment, Committee Chairman Joe Walsh said this morning.

The board will then decide whether to call a general committee meeting to consider making three recommendations for the office to be vacated by Dr. Edwin Durno, Jackson county Republican and congressman-elect. County Commissioner Chester Wendt said the county court has not yet received official notice of resignation from Dr. Durno.

Monday night, the central committee recommended to the county court that Mrs. Stephen G. (Eve) Nye be appointed to fill the state senate position following her election by 108 GOP precinct committeemen and committee women, who were the only ones eligible to vote. Earlier during the week the central committee had voted down a suggestion of three recommendations.

If the executive board agrees to call a general committee meeting and the committee agrees to make three recommendations this would again make Mrs. Nye, Don Stathos, L. W. (Lynn) Newberry, Al Littrell and Ed Branchfield candidates for the state senate appointment. Mrs. Nye was defeated in her bid for state representative during the general election Nov. 8.

County Candidates Report Expenses

Salem — (UPI) — Campaign expenses for the Nov. 8 general election were listed today by three Jackson county candidates.

Mrs. Evelyn Nye reported expenses of \$698 and John Gregory expenses of \$51.28. Both were unsuccessful candidates for the Oregon House of Representatives.

Gerald Scannell, unsuccessful candidate for district attorney, reported expenses of \$952, according to the state elections division. No report has yet been received from Alan Holmes, successful district attorney candidate, the division said.

Road Conditions

Traffic was moving along Highway 99 over the Siskiyou without chains as of 1 p.m. today, state police reported. Last report from the Green Springs on Highway 66 was that snow was falling hard and chains were required. Conditions were thought to be improving.

Sexton mountain on Highway 99 north of Grants Pass was reported clear of snow. Highway 199 from Oregon mountain to Crescent City, Calif., was open but snow was falling and chains were required.

Highway 62 was open this morning as far as Crater Lake National Park headquarters and chains were necessary, park officials said. The road was closed beyond headquarters.

Rain, Snow, Outages Features of Weather

Heavy precipitation, the first snow of the season on the valley floor, gusty winds and a record maximum temperature have been the features of stormy weather in this area for the past two days.

The storm caused four power outages in Jackson county early this morning when snow loading lines or tree limbs touching lines shorted power lines, California Oregon Power company officials said.

Medford station of the U.S. weather bureau measured 1.17 inches of precipitation yesterday and .32 of an inch from midnight up to 10 a.m. today. In the 24-hour period up to 10 a.m. the precipitation total was 2.02.

Valley residents awoke to a white mantle of snow this morning and it stayed until rain mixed with the falling snow. Winds with gusts up to 40 miles per hour and with 20 to 25 miles per hour sustained intensity whipped

through the Rogue area yesterday.

Yesterday's temperature reading of 69 degrees was the highest on record at the Medford weather station for Nov. 24. Previous high for the date was 68 in 1949.

Distribution lines were trouble caused power outages were along Highway 99 south of Ashland to the Siskiyou summit, from Prospect to the Red Blanket mill area, and West Evans Creek towards Wimer. Trouble in a transmission line between Prospect and Gold Rey caused an outage to customers in White City and Eagle Point.

Copco officials stated the snow loading the power wires or tree limbs touching the line could cause the trouble. About 30 repairmen were reported working this morning in an attempt to locate the trouble.

Heaviest precipitation in the Rogue valley reported up to 8 a.m. today was at Grants Pass, where 2.76 inches fell

in a 24-hour span. There was one-half inch of snow on the ground. Prospect had 2.13 inches from 5 p.m. yesterday until 8 a.m. today and that community had four inches of snow this morning.

Howard Prairie Rain

Howard Prairie had 2.38 inches of precipitation and snow was seven inches deep. At Butte Falls the precipitation total was 1.90 with two inches of snow. Water content in the Crater lake snowfall in the 24 hours up to 8 a.m. today was 1.75 inches. It was 2.47 for the day before.

Rain in Oregon showed a let-up in the six-hour prior to 10 a.m. today, the weather bureau said. The let-up was considerable over the northern half of the state and the main part of the storm was "more down in northern California."

No new storm seemed immediately in prospect although further surges from the present storm with a few periods of heavy showers are possible. There is a storm front off the Aleutian islands, however, which might contribute to the rain.

Streams on Way Down

Streams appeared to be generally on their way down in Oregon because of the reduction in precipitation and lowering of the freezing level, according to a weather bureau report.

As of midnight the November precipitation for Medford vicinity was 3.39 inches, 1.31 more than normal. The 3.95 amount for the season, since Sept. 1, was .69 less than the norm.

State police said nine inches of snow had fallen on Highway 99 on the Siskiyou up to 8 o'clock this morning, and eight inches were reported on the Green Springs. It was snowing hard this morning at both locations.

Sixteen inches of new snow was reported at Crater Lake National park, bringing the total on the ground to 48 inches, compared to 14 inches at this time last year. Chains were required on Highway 62 through the park, and the road to the rim was closed.

Santa Claus Will Arrive in City, Ashland Today

In a Christmas-like, snowy atmosphere, Santa Claus was scheduled to visit both Medford and Ashland today to open the annual shopping program in southern Oregon.

This afternoon a special Southern Pacific passenger car was prepared to bring Santa into Medford. At the railway depot he was to distribute treats and talk with children.

At 7 o'clock this evening St. Nick will arrive in Ashland aboard the new city fire truck. Prior to his arrival, members of the Ashland High school band will present a concert at 8:30 o'clock.

Following his appearance, he will greet Ashland children in the lobby of the Mark

Antony hotel, center of the festivities.

Ashland Chamber of Commerce officials said today that Boy Scouts were selling small evergreen Christmas trees to downtown merchants to add to the holiday appearance. In addition, the "traditional, large" Christmas tree is to be decorated in the plaza.

The arrival of Santa Claus in both cities opens the holiday shopping promotion with most stores remaining open on certain nights. In Ashland, stores will remain open until 8:30 p.m. each Friday, and also until 8:30 p.m. each Monday beginning Dec. 19.

The Medford Retail Merchants association and the Ashland Chamber of Commerce are sponsors of the seasonal events.

Bids Called on Highway 62 Work

Salem — Oregon highway commission officials will open bids Dec. 9 for work on the Elk Creek-Robbers Roost section of Highway 62 east of Tral.

The project will involve widening the highway and eliminating sharp curves. The contract will involve an estimated 2.88 miles of grade widening and 8,000 pounds of explosives. Also to be considered are equipment rental hours.

Swans Start Arriving Along Rogue River

The first of the swans which winter over along the Rogue river have arrived, according to a valley resident.

Eight swans arrived early this week, he reported. Two of them have already been killed, one of which was left where it was killed. He reported the incident to state police and Oregon state game commission officials. He said about 50 swans wintered over along the Rogue river last year.

New Bridge Opened To Traffic This Morning

Mayor John W. Snider cut a blue ribbon stretched across the west entrance of the city's new 10th st. bridge this morning, opening the four-lane structure to traffic.

Only a handful of people showed up to witness the bridge opening ceremonies, held in a downpour of mixed rain and snow. But, while the spectators were few, the cars were many, and shortly after the opening a steady stream of traffic was crossing the new bridge.

Mayor Snider's car was the first vehicle to cross the bridge, followed by another car carrying City Manager Robert Duff and other city and county officials.

The new bridge crosses Bear creek, connecting 10th street on the west side of the city with 10th st. on the east side. The bridge was six months in the building and cost an estimated \$95,000. The contractor was the Inter-City Construction company of Eugene.

One traffic problem developed immediately after the bridge was opened. Public Works Director Vernon Thorpe said that cars were not obeying the stop signs that have been placed on Cottage st., where it crosses 10th st., just east of the new bridge.

To check a potential traffic hazard at this location, Thorpe ordered city crews to install stop signs on 10th st. at the intersection, making the intersection a four-way stop.

Thorpe said the 10th st. stop signs will be only temporary. They will be taken down as soon as the Cottage st. traffic gets used to stopping, he said.

Some temporary stop signs also have been placed on 10th st. at the west end of the bridge, Thorpe said. These will be taken down as soon as the state has installed traffic signals at the Riverside and Central ave. intersections with 10th st.