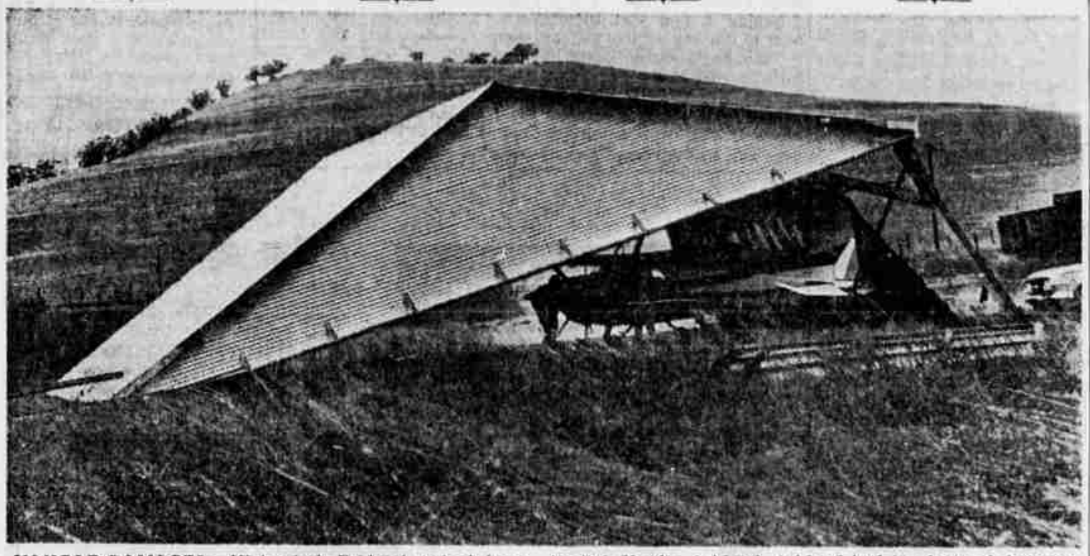
Crews Cleaning Roads for Stranded Hunters



HANGAR DAMAGED—High winds Friday knocked down the aluminum hangar building at Ashland airport, but one side stayed up enough to keep the plane inside from being seriously damaged. The airplane, a Cessna 182, is owned by Bob Hardy, Ashland. Ashland had its share of damage from falling trees and limbs during the storm and one store window was reported to have been blown out.

Rogue River National forest crews continued efforts late Saturday and today to clear mountain roads of fallen trees to free stranded hunters.

Forest service officials said they knew of at least two parties in the Prospect area stranded because of Friday afternoon's strong wind and rain storm. How many more hunters may be stranded in the mountains is not known, officials said.

Friday's storm was the most serious storm experienced in Rogue River National forest in many years, according to Robert Torheim, staff officer.

Considerable damage resulted from trees being blown down, and all telephone lines in the forest were knocked out. Union Creek had no power or telephone lines, Torheim said. Some buildings were damaged and a trailer at Union Creek was destroyed by falling trees.

Some summer homes in the Union Creek area were damaged, he said.

The forest service said crews working in the Ashland watershed in an effort to prevent excessive water runoff on roads, and other places.

All roads in the Fish lake area were closed by blown trees, and there is a considerable amount of blown down timber in the Applegate district, Torheim said.

Forest service crews are working 24 hours a day in an effort to restore communications in the forest and clear roads, he added.

Recognizance flights are planned over the forest early this week, Torheim said, to survey damage from the storm. Salvage operations will start immediately, he added, to remove downed and damaged timber as quickly as possible to help prevent disease and insect infestations.

CAR DAMAGED — A new Oldsmobile belonging to Sharon Sakraida, Phoenix, was hit dead center by a large oak tree that fell during Friday's wind storm. City crews were in the process of "extricating" the car from the tree when the picture above was taken. Miss Sakraida had parked the car on Ivy st. just south of Eighth st. when she went to her job at Pacific Power and Light company Friday morning.

PP&L Expected to 'Mop Up' Failures By Late Saturday

Pacific Power and Light company officials in Medford expected to have everything "mopped up" by 6 p.m. Saturday.

Only lines still expected to be out were the upper section of Elk Creek and a length of line about five miles beyond Butte Falls.

"We feel quite lucky we got off with the damage we did sustain. Because of the type of storm it was, we could have had double the damage," a PP&L official said.

Power company officials possibly got the first effects of the storm about noon Friday when service went out along lines between Crescent City, Calif., and Grants Pass. A redwood tree about six feet in diameter fell across lines along that route, but did not break the lines.

PP&L officials estimated about 100 customers throughout the county were out of service about 8 a.m., Saturday. Crews were out all night Friday, and some were still out Saturday afternoon.

Following the storm between 1 and 3 p.m. Friday, power went out for about 3 thousand customers throughout the valley.

"The tree problem was our big problem," a power company official said. "We didn't have a lot of broken wires on our main distribution circuits. A few poles were down. Outages varied in different locations."

Wind, Rain Cause Severe Crop Damage Throughout Valley

Local pear growers reported the wind and rain storms have caused severe crop losses throughout the Rogue valley.

Last Wednesday, local orchardists estimated a half million boxes of pears remained to be picked. This included Mosc, Comice, Nellis and P. Barry varieties. One grower estimated Friday it would take 9,000 man days of picking effort to get the rest of the crop off the trees.

Some orchardists have equipped their pickers with rain outfits. One grower reported a crew picked 200 boxes working part of the day Friday.

"The wind whipping the pears around is bound to do some damage even if the fruit hangs on the trees," one orchardist said. "This is particularly true of Comice and Bosc. Winter Nellis is a short stubby fruit and might not suffer from bruises and punctures as much," he explained.

Local growers have wired Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) to have the federal school lunch program as proposed for bears broadened. The present governmental offer to buy on a bid basis U.S. No. 1 minimum grade with 165's set as the minimum size would not help the local Bartlett surplus, it was explained.

Morse has been asked to contact Under Secretary of Agriculture Charles Murphy to request 180's and larger and fancy grades be included. A delegation of Pacific Coast fruit shippers and representatives had met with Murphy earlier to request the federal assistance.

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Water Released By Irrig. District

Talent Irrigation district Saturday released water from Emigrant lake following the storm Friday, according to Walter Hoffbuhr, Talent Irrigation district manager.

"We need a cushion for the usual stormy period after January," Hoffbuhr said. "We have to pro-rate the inflow starting in October and running through April when the irrigation season starts."

Hoffbuhr noted that Emigrant has 6,000 more acre feet of water now than it should have under the monthly pro-rated schedule. It had 30,000 acre feet late Friday, and the reservoir capacity is 39,000 acre feet.

Some open ditches have come close to running over, but lulls in the storms during the week helped prevent this, Hoffbuhr said. He noted a little problem at Howard Prairie lake where trees were blown over and trash collected on the grates of collection canals. All streams are running about the same as at the peak of the runoff period last winter, he said.

Jack Hoffbuhr, Medford Irrigation district manager, reported by radio to his office on Barnett rd. that trees were falling or had fallen around Fish lake. He returned from the Fish lake area by cutting fallen trees with a power saw.

Locals

Flue Fires – Medford firemen were called to a flue fire Friday afternoon and then to another one Saturday morning. The Friday fire was at 2:50 p.m. at the Clara J. Cormany residence, 720 South Peach st. Some paint was blistered by the fire. On Saturday at 9:24 a.m., firemen were called to the residence of Donald R. Edwards, 2130 Stewart ave. There was no damage.

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Jackson Toastmasters – Bob Sage and Dale Prentice will speak at a meeting of the Jackson Toastmasters at 6:30 a.m. Monday. Toastmaster will be Glen Harrison.

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Landlords To Meet–A meeting will be held in the basement of the Ashland public library at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, for Ashland property owners having rental units. Purpose is to discuss mutual problems of landlords and to help them serve the community. All interested persons are invited.

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Sale Planned – Roxy Ann Grange will hold a rummage sale Monday, Oct. 15, in the Fehl building, 108 North Ivy st., Medford. Hours will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Roundtable Speaker – Jimmy Dunlevy, Medford city councilman, will address the Medford Chamber of Commerce Roundtable Monday noon on behalf of his candidacy for mayor. The Roundtable meets at North's Chuck Wagon.

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Patients — Convalescing at Crater Osteopathic hospital following surgery is Mrs. Donald Greaves, 716 West 13th st. Medical patients there include Mrs. Donald Spence and Mrs. Adolph Larson, both Shady Cove, and Roy C. Spegall, 714 Dakota ave.

Senate Passes Bill On Alien Status

Washington – (UPI) – The Senate Saturday gave final Congressional approval to compromise legislation that would provide some 7,000 skilled aliens with immigrant status looking toward U.S. citizenship.

The bill, approved by the House Friday, was worked out by a House-Senate conference committee. It also would permit the non-quota entry of up to 16,000 close relatives of U.S. citizens if they applied for immigration before March 31, 1954.

Police Receive 61 Calls of Damage

Medford police received 61 reports of storm damage Friday afternoon. Power lines and trees were reported down in several locations.

Traffic problems were caused by a tree blocking Sunrise ave., a half block north of Jackson st., a traffic signal out at Ashland and Main sts., a telephone wire down on Mace rd. near Howard school, traffic signal out at Eighth st. and Oakdale ave.

Some cars were crushed by trees falling on them. The Public Library of Medford and Jackson County was in total darkness from 2:30 p.m., Friday, until library officials decided to close about 5:20 p.m. Librarians were using flashlights to do their work.

Retail merchants reported the storm did not affect their trade at all, except to boost it. Sales were reported increased on rain coats, hats, rubber boots and other rain gear during the past three days.

Since telephone lines were out, the Jackson county sheriff's office Friday afternoon was running a regular shuttle service between the courthouse and the PP&L service department as incoming calls told of power lines down in outlying areas.

RESUMES PUBLICATION

New York – (UPI) – The Brooklyn Eagle, defunct since 1955 except for five Sunday issues, will resume publication on Monday as a six-times-a-week morning newspaper, it was announced Friday.

STORM LOSSES

Portland (UPI) Bonneville Power Administration Saturday estimated its storm losses at between one and two million dollars.

A couple vacationing by car can tour the United States at an average cost of $29 a day, the American Automobile association estimates.

Nixon Hits Brown For Rescue Brigade

Costa Mesa, Calif. – (UPI) – Richard M. Nixon Saturday said his opponent had called on the "greatest rescue brigade in the history of American politics" by inviting Washington dignitaries to California.

Nixon told a rally at the Orange County Fairgrounds that Gov. Edmund G. Brown "now sees that his campaign cannot get off the ground. His crowds are small and there is no enthusiasm in his camp."

The former vice president, attempting to unseat the Democratic incumbent, said the 7 out of 10 U.S. Cabinet members invited to California were "welcome to our fair climate . . . but they are not going to be able to stay around and run the State of California."

Nixon also accused Brown of backing down on the issues.

"It is time for him to fight his own battle like a man rather than to leave the fighting to his mercenaries . . . it is time for him to debate the issues of California," said Nixon.

Weather

FORECASTS

Medford and vicinity: Partly cloudy this afternoon. Increasing cloudiness tonight with a chance of rain by midnight. High today 55 to 60. Low tonight 40 to 45. High Monday 55 to 60.

Western Oregon: Showers and brief sunny periods today. Increasing cloudiness with rain late tonight and Monday. A little cooler most sections today. High both days 57 to 63. Low tonight 46 to 53.

Northern California: Scattered showers today. Fair tonight and Monday morning. Cooler today.

LOCAL DATA

TEMPERATURE: Mean yesterday 55; below normal 1.

Record high this date 85 in 1952.

Record low this date 27 in 1930.

PRECIPITATION: 24 hours to midnight trace.

Total this month 6.24 in., 5.62 in. above normal.

Total since Sept. 1 7.00 in., 5.73 in. above normal.

HUMIDITY: Lowest yesterday 49%.

CITY	High Yesterday	4:00 a.m. Low	24-hr. Prec.
Grants Pass	64	41	1.23
Howard Prairie	52	33	1.27
Klamath Falls	43	34	—
MEDFORD	59	38	Tr.
Portland	66	48	.16
Seattle	61	46	.12
Spokane	53	45	.19
Yakima	62	45	.16
Eureka	64	33	.15
Sacramento	62	58	5.33
San Francisco	59	55	2.88
Los Angeles	75	59	
Phoenix	92	54	
Denver	85	41	
Chicago	68	58	
Miami Beach	86	79	
New York	66	52	.62

Sunset today 5:32 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow 6:24 a.m.

Moonrise tonight 6:30 p.m.

Jupiter, the largest planet, is due south tonight at 9:00 p.m. Its distance from the Earth is now a little under 400 million miles.

Estimated $100,000 Damage In Josephine County Area

Grants Pass — As much as $100,000 in property damage was inflicted by Friday's wind and rain storm in the Josephine county area.

So many trees fell that no one had time to count them, although a Pacific Power and Light company spokesman said between 150 to 200 trees had fallen into power lines.

Of the county's 13,000 electricity customers, some 6,000 were without power at the worst stage of the storm.

There were no reports of injuries, but one PP&L crew foreman had a narrow escape. He was hit in the head and knocked unconscious while working in the Illinois Valley area. When he regained consciousness, however, he went back to his job and worked through the night, apparently having been spared injury by his hard hat.

Wind Velocity

Officially the wind velocity was recorded up to 50 miles per hour at the Grants Pass city filtration plant, but unofficial reports placed wind velocity at up to 70 miles per hour.

The wind tore a plane loose from its mooring at the Josephine County airport and smashed it into a second plane, wrecking both.

The screen at the Redwood Drive-in theatre blew down, and a drying shed at a lumber company collapsed.

The falling trees did some damage to buildings, but none fell squarely on any structures.

Large trees fell over in rows along the Rogue river as if they had been uprooted. A woman was stranded in a car in the Lower River rd. area when wires fell across it. She remained in the car, however, until freed by PP&L crews.

OBITUARIES

GUS JOHNSON

Gus Johnson, 68, former resident of Upper Applegate, died in Wrangell, Alaska, recently. Burial was in Alaska.

Mr. Johnson was born in Sweden, and spent 40 years in Alaska, where he owned a machine shop and repaired fishing boats. He also had lived in Washington.

He is survived by his wife, Esther; a brother in Washington and two brothers and a sister in Sweden. The couple lived at the Lee Myers residence while in this community.

MARIE ELIZABETH HARDY

Mrs. Marie Elizabeth Hardy of Seal Beach, Calif., died in a local hospital Saturday afternoon. Local funeral arrangements will be announced by Conger-Morris Funeral directors.

ELDA M. HALL

Rogue River — Funeral services for Mrs. Elda Magdalene Hall, 71, of Rogue River, who died Oct. 11 in Grants Pass, will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, at the Hope Presbyterian church, Rogue River. The Rev. Robert Maxson will officiate. Interment will follow in Siskiyou Memorial cemetery, Medford.

WILLIAM E. KOCH

Funeral services for William E. Koch, 83, a resident of the VA Damiciliary, who died Oct. 10, will be held at the VA Chapel at 9:30 a.m. Monday. Chaplain John Frazee will officiate. Interment will be in the VA cemetery. Perl Funeral home is in charge of the arrangements.

Mr. Koch was born in Iowa Oct. 1, 1879, and lived at Cottage Grove before moving to the Domiciliary.

He was a veteran of World War I, entering the service May 17, 1918. He was discharged June 18, 1919. He was a farmer.

He is survived by a sister, Mrs. N. T. Lutes, Dubuque, Iowa.

WILLIAM F. CARSON

Funeral services for William Fred Carson, 70, of 4762 Table Rock rd., who died Wednesday, will be held at 4 p.m. Monday at Conger - Morris downtown chapel. Maj. William Ricken of the Salvation Army will officiate. Committal will be in Hillcrest Memorial park.

Mr. Carson was born May 21, 1892, in St. Charles, Ill., and was a veteran of World War I. He was married April 30, 1921, in Kansas City, Mo., to Hazel M. Jones, who survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Melvin L. Carson and William S. Carson, at home; a daughter, Mrs. Mary Catherine Welch, Modesto, Calif., and six grandchildren.

Highway Commission Adds New Project

Salem – (UPI) – The Oregon Highway Commission has added another project to its Oct. 30 bid opening here, bringing the number of projects to 26.

It involves .32 of a mile grading and oiling on the pointer frontage road section of the Sunset highway about two miles west of Portland, in Washington County.

Travel Restricted On Some Highways

State police reported Saturday that travel was somewhat restricted along valley and coastal highway.

Many trees were down on Crater Lake highway north of Prospect and one-way traffic had been established with difficulty. It was reported snowing on Diamond lake highway with chains required.

There was one-way traffic on the Green Springs highway out of Ashland. Highway 99 south was open and travel was normal on Highway 99 north with the area south of Eugene open.

All coastal areas were reported without communications Saturday morning. Highway 101 was closed south of Bandon and north of Florence. One-way traffic was established on Highway 101 from Coquille to Yahats. Highway 38 was open to one-way traffic from Reedsport to Scottsburg with several slides along the highway.

One-way travel was possible on Highway 199 to Crescent City at the driver's risk, state police said. Several slides blocked sections of the highway, and trees were blown across the highway in some locations.

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