

Report on December Flood Given at Red Cross Board of Directors Meeting

Reports of the Dec. 2 flood and a review of how the Red Cross goes into action during a natural disaster were presented at a meeting of the Red Cross board of directors here last week.

Reuel Rians Jr., disaster chairman, pointed out that a disaster exists any time five or more families are involved.

The disaster relief program of the Red Cross is designed to mitigate and alleviate suffering caused by disaster immediately upon its occurrence by providing food, clothing, shelter, and medical and nursing or hospital care on the basis of evident need.

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ELECTED PRESIDENT—Dr. M. Donald McGeary was recently elected president of the medical staff of the Rogue Valley hospital for 1963. Dr. McGeary joined the staff in 1954 and conducts an office practice in Phoenix. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota medical school and is a member of the American Medical Association and the American Academy of General Practice. Other officers elected are Dr. John Weisel, president; Dr. Robert Riechers, secretary; and Dr. Ralph Hibbs, liaison committee to the board of directors.

The objective of disaster rehabilitation is to assist an individual or a family in re-establishing its capacity to provide those basic needs required to reach and maintain its predisaster standard of living, Rians noted.

The Red Cross is primarily concerned with the adequacy or inadequacy of a family's resources to meet disaster-caused problems.

Promptness is the key to successful assistance. Authority vested in the Red Cross by Congress makes unnecessary the issuance of special permission or license by state or local government for the Red Cross to activate and carry out its disaster relief program. It has both a legal and a moral obligation to provide assistance, Rians said.

Rians reported that between 350 and 400 individuals have received help of some kind as a result of the Dec. 2 flood. Sixty-nine families made formal application for assistance and have been taken care of, with a total monthly outlay of funds in the amount of \$13,826.

A few requests for assistance are still coming into the office so this is not a final figure, Rians noted.

A special guest at the meeting was Mrs. Evelyn Connor, disaster representative from the Pacific Area office, San Francisco.

Claims Checked On Public Lands

Portland—The bureau of land management has released results of the survey of the utilization of mining claims located on public lands in Josephine and Malheur counties.

In Josephine county, according to Russell E. Getty, the bureau sampled about one third of the claims under its jurisdiction on which assessment work had been done in the past year.

The sampling contained 156 unpatented mining claims of which 11 are producing ore, 56 are undergoing exploration or development, and 11 are being used for other than mining purposes.

The bureau checked 31 patented mining claims formally passed from public to private ownership under the U. S. mining laws of which one is presently producing; nine are undergoing exploration or development and one is being used for other than mining purposes.

In Malheur county the BLM survey revealed a total of 197 unpatented mining claims of which seven are presently producing ore.

Getty said county records in Oregon estimate that there have been 120,000 mining claims located on public lands in the state since 1872 when the mining laws were enacted. About 430 have been patented since that time.

Girl Slightly Hurt In Medford Mishap

Pamela Ann Lane, 6, of 215 Cottage st., was slightly injured about 2:45 p.m. Thursday when she was struck by a car at East Main st. and Crater Lake ave., according to Medford police.

Driver of the car was Tinger Tackmar Ahlstrom, 72, of Rogue Valley Manor. No citations were issued.

Officers said the mishap occurred as the girl was attempting to cross East Main st. Reports noted that the traffic signal favored the Ahlstrom vehicle, but that Pamela Lane had started to walk the intersection on a "Walk" signal.

civil defense, reported that two radio antennas had been installed on the building to better facilitate future operations.

Mrs. O. A. Eden, chairman of volunteers, discussed the balance of financial need within the chapter and proposed plans to meet this need.

Dr. Elmo Stevenson, chairman of the Jackson county chapter, concluded the meeting after acknowledging the work of the more than 200 volunteers, both Red Cross and civil defense, who had participated in operations during the disaster and expressed the appreciation of the board.

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