

Snow Ends 1 1/2-Month Drouth In Area's Higher Elevations

Snow fell at Union Creek resort Monday afternoon, ending a drouth of 1 1/2 months. And it may have brought a temporary shutdown to one of the most unusual logging operations in southern Oregon history, for area loggers had been logging far during the preceding 45 days when they did during the summer months, Carroll Brown, supervisor of Rogue River National forest, reported.

There were 96 truck loads of logs checked at the Prospect scaling station between Prospect and Union Creek Jan. 23, and 14 additional truck loads noted at the same day, bringing the total to 110. The average number moving through the two stations during the summer was 85 truck loads each day.

Other influence

The weather exerted its influence upon the intense logging in other ways. It was the windstorm of Oct. 12 that blew down the timber the loggers are concentrating on moving this winter.

The blow down timber was submitted to bids by the forest service with the understanding that the timber would be moved as rapidly as possible. The loggers have been able, with an assist from the weather to carry out this request.

"We just couldn't do the forest management job that we do without the cooperation of the logging industry," Brown summarized the situation. "As of Dec. 21 we had sold 13 miles of seven million board feet of blow down timber. At this time, 1.2 million board feet had been logged and almost 75 million board feet of timber remained to be sold."

Areas Logged Out

The Natural Bridge, Farewell Bend and Storm Creek areas, where the storm hit with a vengeance, are all logged out, according to District Ranger Emil Sabol, who was down from Union Creek Monday.

The blow down timber on the south side of Union Creek in the campground and summer homes areas has been sold and the timber on the North side and in the Baptist Recreation camp is ready for logging.

The last snowfall, prior to Monday, was shortly before Christmas, Sabol said, when there was only a trace at Union Creek.

The ground has been dry and frozen to a depth of 14 to 15 inches, creating another plumbing problem for the forest service and Union Creek resort. Many pipes were broken when trees were uprooted in the October storm. Many were frozen last week. Crews who started cleaning up the Union Creek ski run in anticipation of snow found they couldn't even nick the ground, Sabol said, so deeply and so completely was it frozen.

"The strangest year I have ever known," is the description given of 1962-63 by Lowell Ash, fire control officer for the Rogue River National forest, stationed at Union Creek for the past 30 years.

The storm which threatened to stop work also will stop play for many people, who have been ice skating on Diamond Lake, Lake of the Woods, and other mountain lakes and ponds.

On Jan. 15, 1962, there was a snow cover of 23 inches at Lake of the Woods. Last weekend there was no snow and ice skating was enjoyed by a number of valley people.

The road to Diamond lake was officially closed but the highway was dry Sunday and ice skaters were enjoying their favorite sport there.

Where was there snow last week end? Only at Stevens Pass in Washington, Bachelor Butte and Mt. Ashland in Oregon, and Mt. Shasta in California, skiers learned.

Anticipate Early Opening

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SCHOOL NEWS

Sams Valley School

Students who have had perfect attendance record through Jan. 22 at Sams Valley Elementary school are Susie Burreson, Mike Perry, and Trudy Walker, first grade; Debby Vukich, Teresa Straus, Frank Miller, Billy Duncan, Charles Hilkey, David Morefield, Jerry Fox, and Larry Fox, third grade; Linda Dunston and Bobbie Patton, fourth grade; Norma Burreson, Candace Dunston, Billy Eckerman, John Hunt, and William Miller, sixth grade.

New pupils enrolled at Sams Valley school are Chlois Crane and Kelvin Carol of Salt Lake City, Utah. Carol Gill, a third grader, moved here from Washington school in Medford.

Sams Valley played Gold Hill's Hanby sixth grade team in basketball here recently. Central Point sixth grade came to Sams Valley later for a game.

First and second graders are studying thermometers and clocks.

Charles Meyer, superintendent of District 6, spoke on team teaching and his experiences on the recent trip that he took to the East coast at the last meeting of Sams Valley P.T.A.

The fourth grade won the room count and continue to keep the prize plaque.

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Locals

Appeared - Christine Ruth Teeling, 866 Pittview rd., Central Point, was placed on 12 months probation recently in district court for petty larceny. Mrs. Teeling pleaded guilty to taking a girl's dress from Penney's store in Medford on Jan. 24.

Appointed - Arthur E. Tropic has been appointed an agent with the Medford office of the Prudential Insurance company, Dewie N. Turner, staff manager has announced. A native of Seattle, he attended Renton, Wash., schools before moving to southern Oregon.

Medical Patient - George A. Loftin, route 2, box 578C, Central Point, was listed today as a medical patient at Sacred Heart hospital.

Flue Fires - Medford firemen reported two flue fires yesterday afternoon, one at 5:09 p.m. at the Lee E. Van-Ausdell home, 338 Fairmount st., the other at 6:44 p.m. at the residence of Walter Marquette, 889 Morrison ave. There was no apparent damage in either case.

Motorcycle Damaged - A motorcycle operated by Dan G. Dixon, 109 Windsor Way, Central Point, was damaged by fire this morning. The fire started in the carburetor as the scooter arrived at Medford High school at 7:32 a.m., firemen said.

Dryer Fire - Fire was reported at 1:11 p.m. Monday in an electric clothes dryer at the home of Gordon Gwain, 392 O'Garra st., Medford. Damage was minor, firemen reported.

Telephone Damaged - A public telephone located at a drive-in restaurant in Central Point last night was found torn off the wall to which it had been attached. Central Point police reported. The damage was noticed at 11 p.m. at the Golden West Chicken restaurant on Highway 99.

Aerial Taken - Frank Wald, 624 Hazel st., Central Point, reported to police Monday that someone broke the radio aerial off his car and took it some time Sunday night while the car was parked in his driveway.

Permits Issued - The Medford building department issued permits Monday to Trowbridge and Flynn to complete some remodeling at 29 West Main st., at an estimated cost of \$2,200; to H. D. Barnes to make an addition to a residence at 408 Windsor dr. at an approximate cost of \$4,800; and to Stan Ferns to remodel a residence at 928 Jasper st. at an estimated cost of \$1,500.

CUB SCOUT NEWS

Pack 41 - "Freedom Festival" was the theme of the Griffin Creek Cub Scout Pack 41 meeting at the Griffin Creek Grange hall recently.

Webelos den depicted the flag raising as Iwo Jima during the opening ceremony while the audience sang "The Star Spangled Banner".

Each member of Den 1 gave a historical account of the struggle for freedom and displayed the "Liberty Bells" made by their den.

Den 3 presented "Paul Revere's Ride".

Awards presented were: wolf badges to Gary Peffley and Craig Brewitt; lion badge to Tom Schmitt; silver arrow on wolf badge to Robert Gemahllich; gold arrow on wolf badge to James Kendle; danner stripes to Garry Peffley, Art Mentzer and Curtis Bradley; assistant denner stripes to Craig Prewitt, David MacDougall and Andy Margler.

Billy Overturf received his Webelos badge and was inducted into Scout Troop 41 by Scoutmaster Larry G. Youmans and two members of the troop.

The next pack meeting will be the blue and gold banquet held at the Grange hall Feb. 25.

Portland Livestock

Portland (UPI) - USDA - Cattle 75, High good low choice steers 26.25, heifers 14-15, canner-cut cows 10-12.75. Calves 23, Good weaners 26-30, standard 24. No early test. Sheep 160. No early test.

Man and Space

NASA Puts Curtain Around Vociferous Astronaut Cooper

By ALVIN B. WEBB JR. Cape Canaveral - (UPI) - LeRoy Gordon Cooper, like teammate Walter M. Schirra, is candid proof that astronauts really are quite human. This apparently causes concern to the federal space agency.

The result is that you probably will see and hear less of Cooper than any of his five space-going U.S. predecessors.

Gordon Cooper is expected to make America's most ambitious manned rocket orbit into space, 22 or more orbits around earth, in the first week of April. But on the day he blasts off he may still be what he is today—the nation's least-known astronaut.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has a curtain around Cooper, its latest and potentially most volatile "man of the hour."

It's a matter of "image," it seems.

Popular Concept - "Image," in this sense, refers to the popular concept of the U.S. astronaut—that is, sort of a cross between a grandiose Eagle Scout and Jack Armstrong, with Frank Merriwell and perhaps a dash of a Horatio Alger character thrown in for good measure, a man who endures all sorts of agonies smilingly and unquestioningly.

Thus there was much horror and delight—depending on which side of the fence you were sitting—when Wally Schirra stepped free of the "image" once and rapped the Mercury program's "show biz" atmosphere and some of its "boo-boos." He went on to make a perfect six-orbit flight.

Schirra knocked some of the comic-book glamour off the Mercury program and demonstrated he was indeed a man, not a robot uttering the old clichés of "A-O-K." and "everything is go" at every turn.

Of Same Breed - Gordon Cooper is of the same breed—an individualist who tends to say what he thinks and not what someone thinks he should think. If anything, he leans more in this direction than Schirra.

For instance, Cooper doesn't share astronaut John Glenn's delight in two-mile conditioning runs. One report held that the slender, 35-year-old Air Force captain "believes astronauts should be pilots and not decathlon champions."

And Cooper shares the views of millions of other Americans about physical examinations, the really thorough ones—"extremely unpleasant."

This doesn't fit the NASA "image"—but it doesn't make Cooper any less an astronaut.

On the contrary, he is perhaps the most fierce competitive spirit among the astronauts. Unlike the others, his drive for a flight into space borders at times on seeming desperation.

Outwardly Mild - Outwardly, Gordon Cooper is mild, almost shy. Inside NASA's tight ranks, he is a vehement, vociferous argument-maker and a bit of a kiddier.

In fact, had it come down to a "popularity contest," Cooper would never have been selected for the next spaceflight. As it was, he barely got the nod over fellow astronaut Alan B. Shepard Jr., who made the nation's first manned sub-orbital flight May 5, 1961.

The slender Oklahoman got a major push for the role for Wally Schirra. Gordon Cooper has spent three years of waiting for the chance—and he has the technical ability and know-how to back it up.

But there were still a number within NASA that would have preferred to have seen Cooper grounded for good. And NASA itself is determined to see that he doesn't get any opportunity to do much talking beyond the "party line."

Cooper still comes and goes here-but newsmen cannot officially talk to him. NASA says all of Cooper's talking will be done at the NASA headquarters in Houston—under supervision.

Kennedy Eulogizes Poet Robert Frost

Washington (UPI) - President Kennedy today said the death of Robert Frost "leaves a vacancy in the American spirit."

Eulogizing the poet as "the great American poet of our time," Kennedy said in a statement issued by the White House:

"His art and his life summed up the essential qualities of the New England he loved so much; the fresh delight in nature, the plainness in speech, the canny wisdom, and the deep, underlying insight into the human soul.

"His death impoverishes us all; but he has bequeathed his nation a body of imperishable verse from which Americans will forever gain joy and understanding. He had promised to keep, and miles to go, and now he sleeps."

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