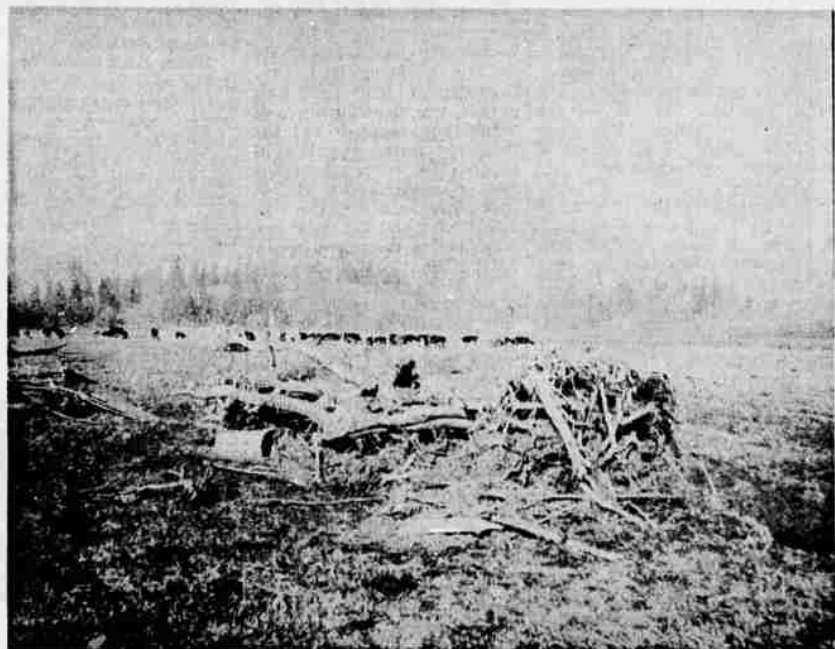


# Residents in December Flood Area Clear Debris



**DEBRIS NEAR HOUSE**—An Eagle Point area resident points to concrete steps which were washed away from the door, now boarded up at the front of the house. The steps were lodged against a tree. The house had been lived in about three weeks before the Dec. flood, and a once landscaped yard became littered with debris from Little Butte creek.



**FIELD NEAR CREEK**—This is the middle of a field several hundred yards from Little Butte creek near Eagle Point. Trees washed down by the Dec. 2 flood were cut, stacked and burned.

By DOTTIE HARRISON  
Mail Tribune Correspondent

Eagle Point — With the recent better weather, up until late last week, residents in flood stricken areas doubled their efforts to restore their places back to their normal conditions and in many cases, improving them.

Many home owners started work on cleaning up debris the following morning.

Trees and brush washed and piled against fences and left in yards and pastures are being cleaned up. It is either used for firewood or burned near the site. Youngsters help pick up rocks and remove gravel from lawns and flower beds.

Farmers have been removing rocks and gravel from fields and in some cases machinery has been used to scrape the fields. Walls of rocks have been made along

Eagle Point—Articles of organization for a group interested in studying the Little Butte creek watershed were accepted at a recent meeting here.

The group hopes to develop a plan for protecting the area from possible future floods. The organization will be financed through voluntary contributions.

The business affairs of the association will be conducted by a five-man board of directors. Elected to the board were Donald Bieberstedt, John Ousterhout, Wallace Ragsdale, LeRoy Register and George McDonald.

Chairman Bill Jesse cautioned the members not to expect immediate results. It may take as much as 10 years, he said, before the group can accomplish its purpose.

Membership in the organization is open to any resident or landowner in the area of Little Butte creek.

the edge of some fields. Fields have been reported where necessary, and while farmers feed their cattle in the field, they pile debris and burn it.

The state highway department has reopened drainage ditches along the highway. Trees, branches and brush lodged under bridges was removed with machinery, sawed into pieces and burned.

Home owners are refinishing warped floors, and applying a new coat of paint. One home owner whose

home was one of the worst hit along Little Butte creek has estimated damage about \$6 to \$7 thousand. Besides regular flood waters, a 12-foot high dam was created a short distance from the house by trees and logs lodging between standing trees. The raging waters battered a large tree against one side of their home, taking out all of the large windows and a door, and removing about 12 inches of their lawn.

A contractor was called the next morning, and work was started to replace a wall, refinish hardwood floors, and repair other damage.

Water filled the house four feet deep. Concrete steps to the front porch were picked up and carried several feet, lodging against a tree. Farm equipment owned by the family was removed from brush and debris.

The land owner remarked that he could not have gotten his property into shape if it had not been for neighbors who offered help.

On the brighter side, many fields and yards had some piled up brush and trash removed, and in some cases top soil was left.

Other residents lost a considerable amount of soil from their yards. Bridges of steel and heavy logs are replacing wooden bridges which were washed out.

For the first time in several years, it is possible to see the creek and across the creek in many areas where thick-

grown blackberry and wild grape vines collected debris over a period of time, shutting off the view.

Residents along the creek are considering ways of straightening the creek, where small sections of land and trees form a curve. The creek, although its channel has been considerably widened, needs a considerable amount of general cleaning.

According to Eagle Point City Administrator Orin Chastain, the city is planning a week end cleanup in the near future. The clean up will be under the direction of David Hannaford. Residents will be asked to help clean up the creek area within the city limits.

Further action on flood control work along the creek is pending receipt of a report from an area committee appointed to survey and determine what can be done.

Some area residents were given aid through the American Red Cross and others obtained disaster loans. The biggest improvement probably will be noted in cleaning up individual residences to make the Eagle Point area a residential area of which the people will be proud.

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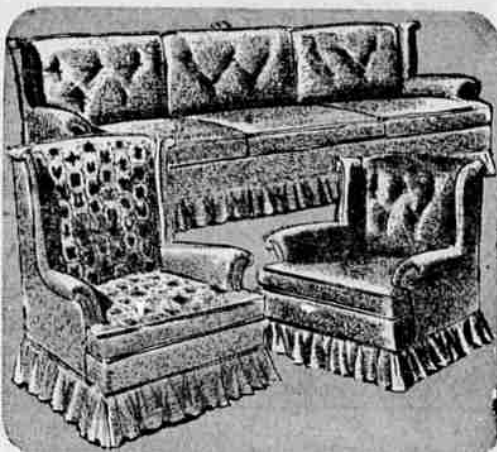


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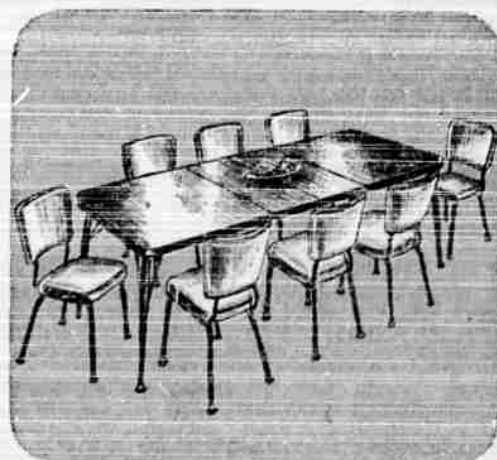
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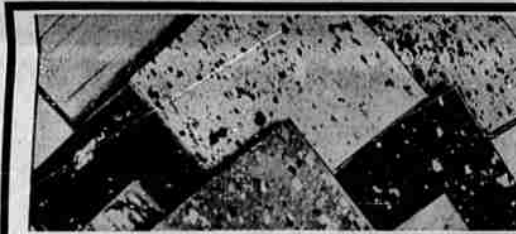
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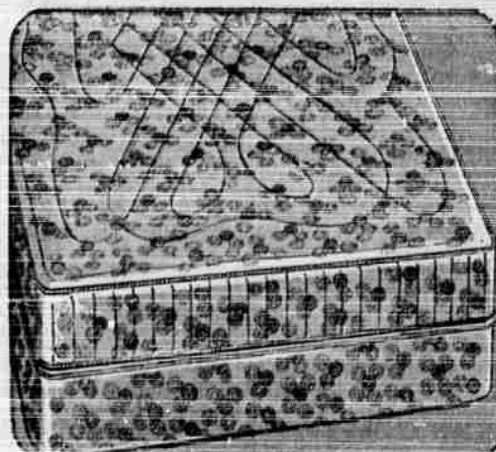
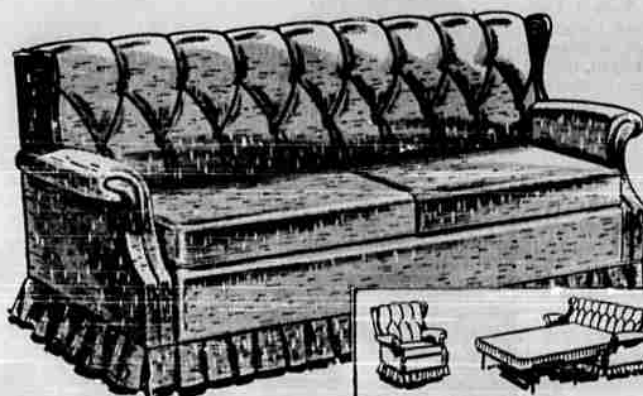
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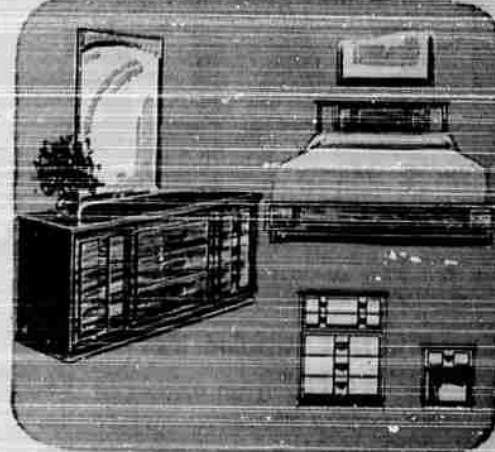
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