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Storm Damage Being Cleared.

One of the most disastrous public damages was to the bridge about one and a half miles south of Vernonia across the river to the mink farm. A falling tree went across the steel structure, breaking and twisting it.

Officials of Crown Zellerbach, after a survey of damages to company land, estimate that at least 25 million feet of timber was downed by the storm.

The barn on the Frank Reed place below Vernonia, formerly the Mat King place, was blown across the road and at one point Friday evening, debris from it along with utility wires felled by the wind and flying debris, blocked the road at that point.

Planes Damaged

At the Vernonia airport, a hangar went down on the plane owned by Mrs. Frank Hays, breaking the windshield and damaging wings and undercarriage. Total amount of damage has not been learned. Other planes kept there were those of Wally Grosche and Frank Hays and their damage is understood to be minor. Four other fliers from the valley had planes at Scappoose. L. E. Atkins estimates from \$1000 to \$1200 damage to his plane and Dave Seibel and Kenny Smejkal are understood to have suffered wing damage. Fred Busch of Mist came out with little damage to his plane. It also is understood that a former resident, Bill Olinger of Hillsboro, lost his hangar and suffered major plane damage.

One of the outstanding results of the storm was the demonstration of the resourcefulness of people in the valley who were devising means of cooking without electricity and getting by in the emergency. Also, the helpful spirit was very evident with those who had heat and means of cooking sharing with those less fortunate.

Public Utilities Missed

Loss of public utilities was the thing felt by everyone and created the most problems. All power from Bonneville was out and it was returned to the Vernonia area about 4:00 p.m. Saturday, almost 24 hours after the storm struck and plunged everything into darkness. By Wednesday noon, all of the main stem of the Nehalem valley had been restored. However, it will still be some time before res are restored. Lines at some points were broken in so many places and so many poles were down that it is a major project to restore them. West Oregon Electric reports that they have at work all available equipment and are seeking to secure more to do the job more rapidly.

West Coast Telephone company reports that it has committed a work force of 400 to the herculean task of restoring storm-wrecked service for nearly one-third of its Oregon customers.

Pacific gales knocked out 25,000 of the approximately 90,000 West Coast telephones in northwestern, southwestern and northeastern Oregon and Lake and Klamath counties. There were 400 phones out in the Vernonia area.

Crews Augmented

Oregon District Manager Lyle E. Cross reported that more than 13,000 of the 25,000 had been returned to service as of mid-afternoon Tuesday.

The company's normal construction and installation operations have been suspended, Cross said, and all West Coast installers and repairmen have been diverted to the service-restoration assignment. With their supporting personnel and the acquisition of some 20 crews not regularly employed by the company, about 400 workers in all are occupied repairing storm

The company expressed appreciation for the courtesy and understanding of customers during this trying period and assured them that all service would be restored as rapidly as possible.

The storm will continue to be a topic of conversation for many a day to come and everyone agrees that once was enough for a storm like that. And, as more reports are received from other places, residents here will continue to agree that this was the best place to be when such a storm did occur. Everyone in the valley should be able to count many reasons for





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Chandler Rites Read Wednesday

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Christ Episcopal church in St. Helens for Mrs. Stanley (Florence) Chandler of Keasey route, Vernonia, who had passed away Saturday at Good Samaritan hospital following heart surgery a few days previously. Services were conducted by Father Orlo Hoye and the Atkins Sunset Chapel at Warren was in charge of arrangements. Burial was in the Columbia Memorial Gardens at Warren.

Mrs. Chandler was born July 22, 1924 at Denver, Colorado. Prior to moving to Vernonia about a year ago, the family lived at Rainier.

Survivors include her husband, Stanley; a son Frank who is stationed at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky; and three daughter, Patricia, Carole and Joyce, all at home here with their father; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Winn of College Place, Washington; two sisters, and three brothers.

Fund at Half Mark

Mrs. T. M. Hobart, United Fund co-chairman for the Nehalem Valley, stated Wednesday that the drive had reached the half-way mark here.

All contributors, both firms, organizations and individuals, are asked to get contributions in as soon as possible. For the past two years, this area has been the first in the county to reach its goal and the observance of Thanksgiving it would be most gratifying to do it for the third time.

At the regular meeting of the Vernonia city council held at the city hall October 15, officials present were Mayor Geo. Johnson, Councilmen L. E. Stiff, R. Curl, F. Serafin and C. E. Miller and Attorney Don Kalberer.

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Bill Horn introduced Joe Walker, county sanitarian who also acts as building inspector under the county building code, who was present to answer questions on the operation of the code which might also apply to a similar code which is under consideration by the Vernonia Planning Commission. Most questions pertained to repair and reconstruction of existing buildings as there is a general opinion that should major additions or repairs be made, the entire building would have to be made to comply with minimum

Walker's answer was that the county inspector's concern is to see that new work complies with the code without reference to the building which is being repaired or added to unless the original building is patently unsafe or unsuitable for occupancy.

protect the property owner.

The council authorized the drawing of an ordinance implementing the planning commission's recommendations which will be submitted for public hearing before action is taken for passage.

Horn thanked Walker for taking the time to appear here at the request of the planning commission to which was added the thanks of Mayor Johnson on behalf of the city.

Wally Grosche, speaking for plane owners who fly from the city airport, asked for permission to use salvageable material from the storm-wrecked hangars in contemplated rebuilding operations for which permission was granted.

Guy Thomas, West Oregon manager, asked for a ten year renewal of the easement for radio transmitter installations on city property. Term of the present permit expires December 31, 1962. The document was submitted to the city attorney for study before action is taken.

The mayor and council took advantage of Mr. Thomas' presence to express the city's appreciation for the unbelieveably prompt restoration by the co-operative employees of storm interrupted electric service.

B. R. Pilger, local bank manager, brought the information that the probability of leaks in the bank building roof is delaying intended redecorating of the bank's interior. He asked that the council consider repair of the roof and added that

if deteriorated woodwork on the exterior of the building is replaced, that will be repainted also. The council agreed to have an estimate made of the amount of work necessary to put the building in good condition.

Approval of the sewage lagoon work change order was received from the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Sanction was given for city employees and equipment to remove storm caused debris if gathered up and placed conveniently at curb-

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standards set forth in the code.

Walker also recommended that any code the city might adopt should include a contractor's license and bonding requirement to

R. C. Lindsay, chairman of the planning commission, presented point by point, the commission's recommendations in relation to the uniform building code and the Columbia county ordinance.