



Downtown Reedsport Main Street The 10-Day Noah's Flood



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Steady rains began Friday, Dec. 18, 1964 in the Lower Umpqua area and did not subside until Sunday, Dec. 27. During these ten days 13.20 inches of rain fell. In addition to this, unusually high temperatures in the mountains caused a heavy run-off from the winter snowpack. Further aggravating this situation were extremely



high tides and strong westerly winds which prevented run-off of high waters.

It is believed that this flood exceeded all others recorded since 1861, at which time the entire community of Scottsburg was wiped out.

In downtown Reedsport the flood waters remained for three days, finally subsiding the evening of Christmas Eve. At the main intersection of Fourth Street and Fir Avenue, the waters reached a depth of eight feet on Wednesday, December 23.

About 325 homes and 50 businesses and other establishments were flooded for the three day period just before Christmas. All three drugstores were flooded out and all but one small restaurant. The Post Office was forced into emergency quarters on the flat, to take care of the Christmas rush mail.

No one could believe that this flood would be so much higher than the many previous floods they have been through, so consequently, by the time the realization hit home, it was too late to put up goods or evacuate anything but the people themselves. We were extremely lucky to have only one death which was attributed directly to the flood.



The Umpqua River On The Rise

Last Ditch Effort

To Save City





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Reedsport Police Station

DOYLE SHOE MART
JOHN DIEHL AGENCY



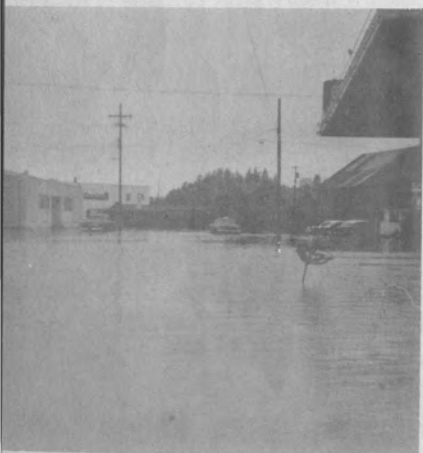
OLD COURIER BUILDING
Greenwood Avenue

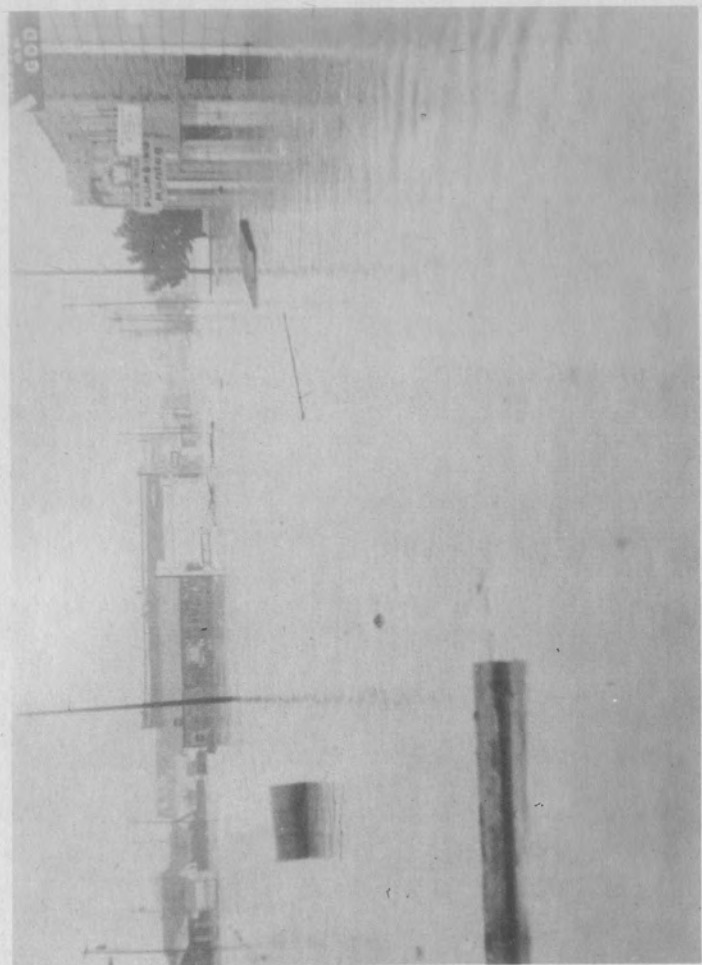
MELVILLE PLUMBING





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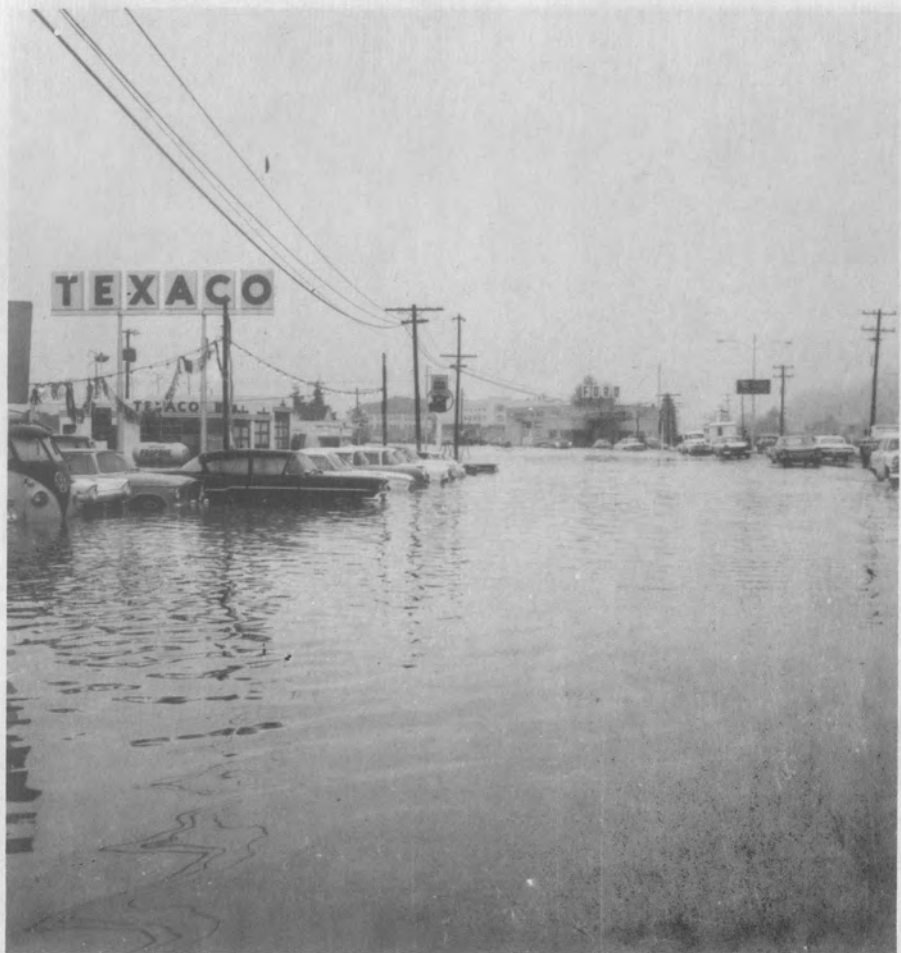




Downtown Greenwood Avenue



Skylark Cafe at Laurel Avenue



TEXACO SERVICE STATION



Schofield River and

Shopping Center Area





DIEHL

ADDITION





10th Avenue

SKYLARK CAFE
Highway 101



MOBIL SERVICE STATION
Highway 101





Fir Avenue





Myrtle Avenue (Note Car In Pictures)





BEFORE AND AFTER
742 Mill Avenue





BEFORE AND AFTER
737 Mill Avenue





BEFORE AND AFTER
The Courier Building





905 Laurel Avenue

Note Water Mark on Curtains



831 Myrtle Avenue



Hawthorne Avenue



Back View of Mill Avenue

Movie

Anyone?





Reedreporters Evacuating





Downtown Reedsport Cleans Up





Reedsport Begins Cleaning Up





Rex Longfellow Pointing To High Water Mark On His 1925 Model 'T' Ford





Dr. Courtney Showing High Water Mark At His Office

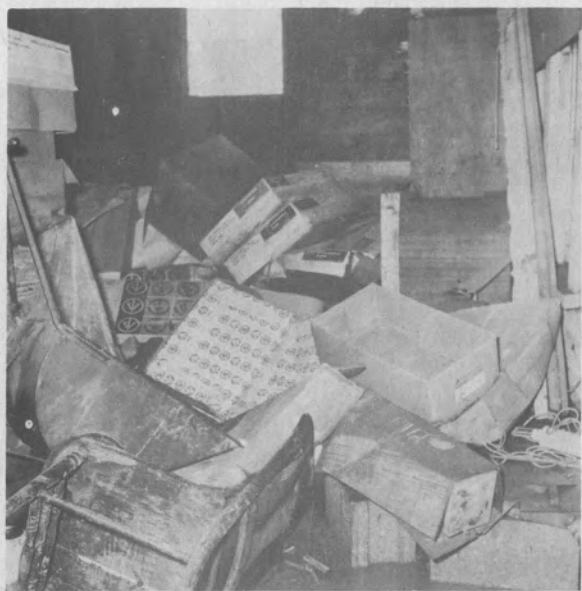


Interior of
Dr. Courtney's
Office



Inside and Outside of Trailer









Onlookers at Schofield Bridge



North 10th Street and Highway Avenue

The Reedsport Jay-C-Ettes have put this book together and are making them available as a public service. We have received many pictures and helpful suggestions from the people of this area and wish to thank and acknowledge all those who have been so generous with their time and valuable photographs.

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