

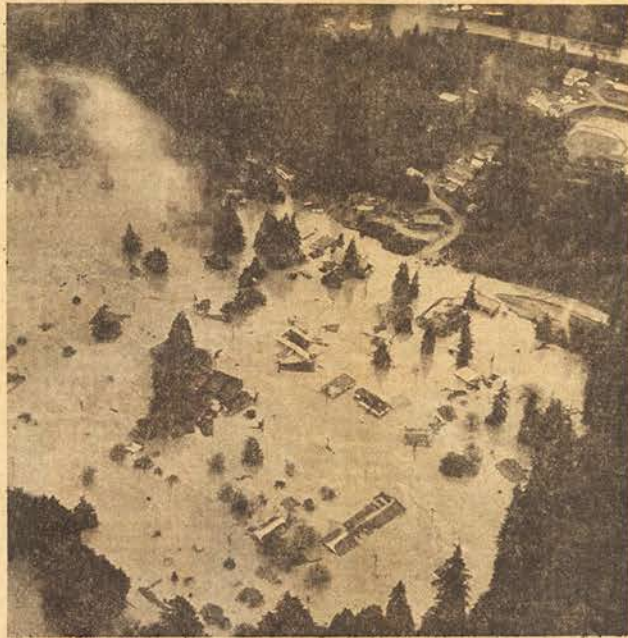
# Southern Humboldt Devastated!



Home of Mrs. Agnes Johnson climbed atop motel unit as the rampaging flood waters did weird things to the residences and businesses.



Flood water heights are graphically illustrated by this street barrier which hangs suspended on a telephone line in the devastated town of Weott. Similar scenes were to be found throughout the southern Humboldt village.



Weott was a dead town of houses submerged to the roof tops, floating debris and utter desolation when this aerial photograph was taken the morning of December 23.



Time on this clock (upper left) stood still at 3 a.m. when flood waters in Myers Flat reached their highest level on December 23. The time-piece was found in debris near the Walter Morrison home.

Seeing is believing, but Bob Hale, photographer for the Army Corps of Engineers, still can't figure out how a table cloth could wind up 20 feet above ground in a tree. The cloth illustrates the heights of the flood waters at one time in Myers Flat. The house in the background is owned by Al Meyer.



Swiftly flowing flood waters flipped the Weott post office over on its side during the disaster. Ankle-high water remained on the downtown street for several days afterward.



With a scene of utter destruction as a backdrop, this tractor operator undertakes the gargantuan task of clean-up in the battered town of Weott.

Tall, rugged stands of trees mark the once thriving little town of Holmes in southern Humboldt County on the morning of December 23. Everything at lower levels fell before the onslaught of the waters.

Flood-devastated Myers Flat has water everywhere as this aerial photo of December 23 depicts. Residents were forced to flee for their lives leaving homes and personal possessions to the wrath of the rain-swollen Eel River. Morrison-Jackson Lumber Co. at right center was hard hit.

