

# Tiller's Rock And Roll Mo



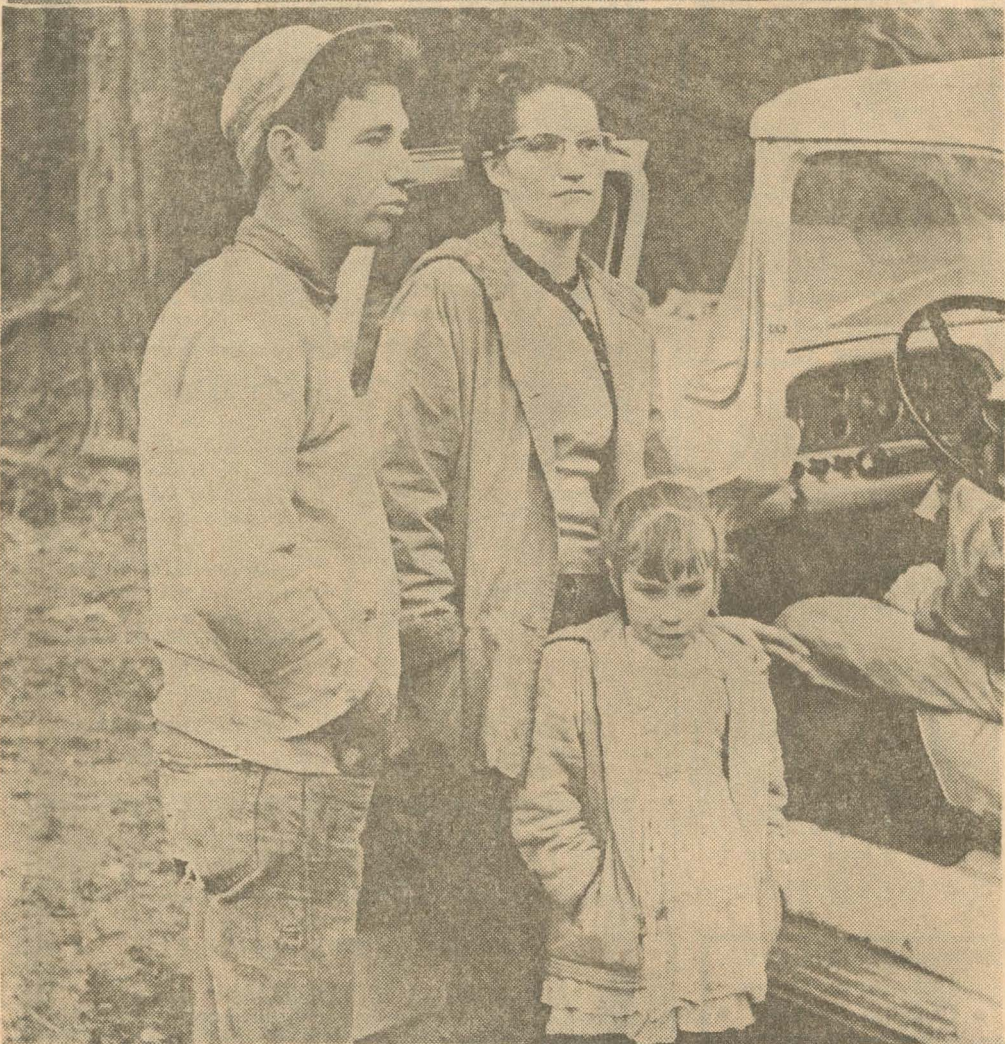
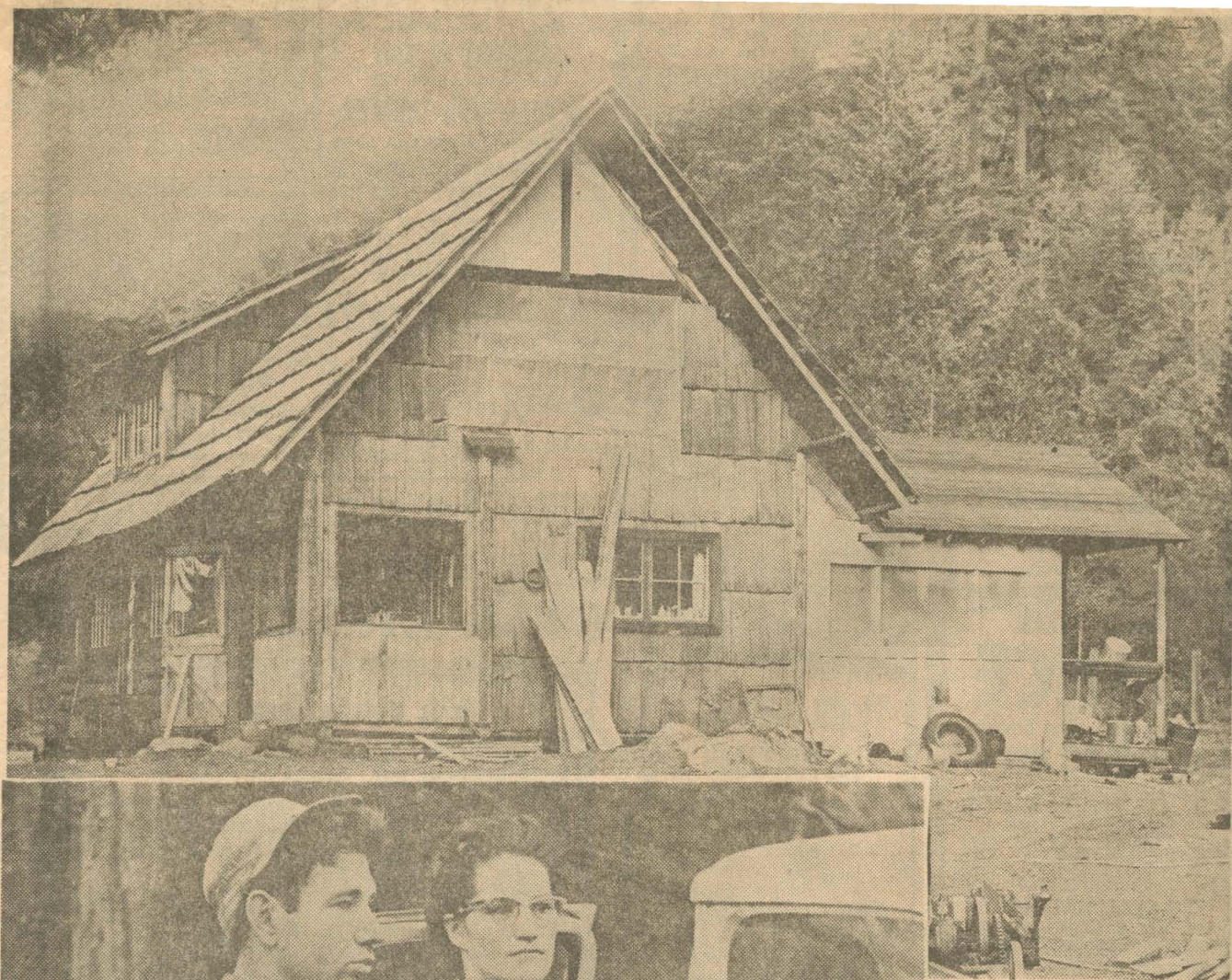
**HEAVING OF HILLSIDE** has toppled mature fir trees in almost-impenetrable jumble of splintered trunks, inter-

mingled with huge boulders also tilted and displaced. This is at foot of slide. Area near top is worse.



# Mountain Still Waltzing Away





MORRIS farm home, above, stands on knoll about 1,000 feet from edge of slide. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Morris and daughter Jean, 10, haven't moved—yet.

HOME of Mrs. J. V. Lewis, above, was evacuated Tuesday when slide was moving rapidly down hill. Mrs. Lewis, (right) is staying with Mrs. W. R. (Bill) Godwin, (left) until danger from slide appears ended.

# Mountain Continues Its Downward Slide

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The giant landslide at Tiller is still moving.

That today was the advice of Len Ramp, Grants Pass, field geologist with the state Department of Geology and Mineral Industries.

Ramp last week investigated the slide and Wednesday with Herbert G. Schlicker, Portland geologist with the same department, probed the area.

While the slide is moving, he noted, "it apparently has slowed down somewhat."

## Slide Movement Checked

Ramp said he was checking the slide to see if there was a possibility of its continuing down to the South Umpqua Rd. and the South Umpqua River.

"It is still a possibility, but how long it would take no one could accurately judge," he said. He qualified this by stating he hasn't had enough time to thoroughly investigate the earth movement.

"But it's rate of travel is not great. It possibly might reach a stable position.

"It is a very old slide and its recent movement is spectacular," he said.

Ramp said aerial photos of the area in 1954 show the slide to be apparent at that time. Hart Lake, tilted by the slide as it lies in Dompier Creek Canyon "is a landslide feature caused by an earlier slide."

The foot of the slide is now a third of a mile from the South

Umpqua Rd. and is working its way down Dompier Creek, he said.

## Will Absorb Water

He said residents of the area have reason to be concerned. With the area exposed and cracked, it could absorb any rain which might fall. The slide, with its clayey base, would become heavy and more fluid and might continue sliding, he said.

"Heavy rains would be of concern to the people living below," he said.

When asked for a reason for the new slide, he said "it's hard to tell what triggered it to start again. It could have been rain.

"There is nothing that can be done to stop it," Ramp said. "The only thing to do is prepare for it and get out of its way."

# Tiller Slide Still Sliding

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# Tiller Slide Spurs Alert

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Residents have been warned to keep a close watch on the slide, since heavy rains might speed its movement.

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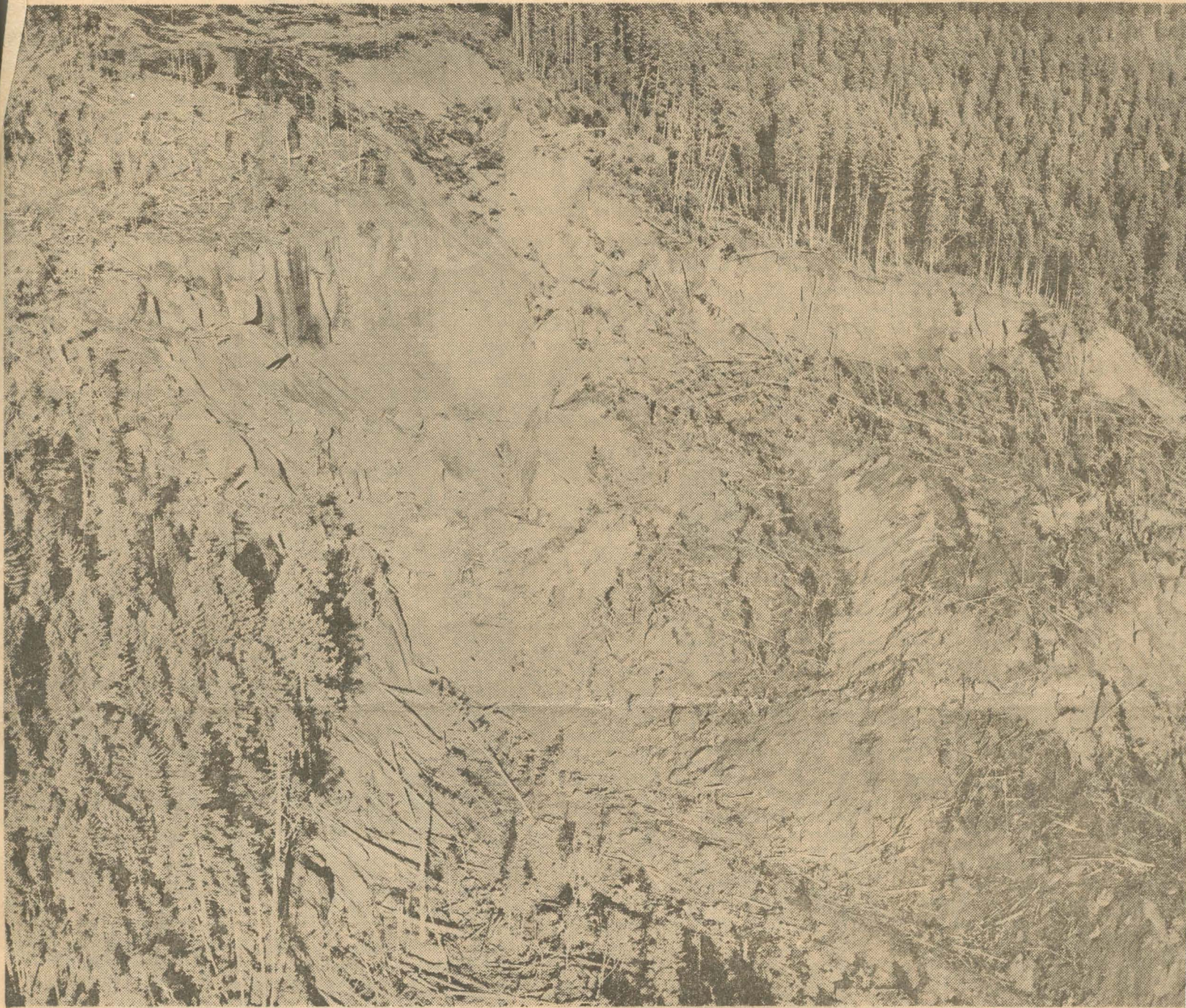
# Slide Moving Slowly Toward Town of Tiller

ROSEBURG (AP) — Residents along the South Umpqua River at the community of Tiller are keeping a close eye on a giant earth slide which is moving slowly toward them.

Len Ramp, field geologist for the state Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, said the foot of the slide is about a third of a mile from the river. He said aerial photographs reveal the slide existed in 1954.

"It is hard to tell what triggered the slide again," he said. "It could have been rain seeping into the clay base of the slide area."

Heavy rains might speed up movement of the giant slide, he said.



**ROCK AND ROLL MOUNTAIN** near Tiller was still on a big tear Thursday, as shown in this Oregonian aerial photograph taken by Pete Corvallis from a Cessna Skylane flown by Leverett Richards, aviation editor. Only from the air can the full extent of the devastation be grasped. Aerial above

shows only 300-foot rock cliffs at top of slide where mountainside has about 500 feet downhill. Another slide of similar proportions lies behind trees at top of photo. Slide involves more than 300 acres, is still spreading slowly. Has not damaged any farms yet.