

Powerful Storm Shatters Calm Of Northwest; 1 Man Dead, At Least 7 Injured

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A powerful storm shattered the calm of the Pacific Northwest's extremely mild winter Wednesday, leaving in its wake one man dead, at least seven persons injured and untold property damage.

The rain-soaked storm, moving swiftly in from the ocean at midday, raked coastal areas with winds up to 135 miles an hour and inland areas with gusts to 69 m.p.h. and higher. There was a 110 m.p.h. gust at Mount Hobo, Ore.

The death blamed on the storm was that of Randolph W. Myrick, 61, Tacoma, a lineman for Tacoma City Light.

Myrick and Graydon Bailey, 35, were on a utility pole trying to repair power lines blown down when both touched a hot wire. Myrick was electrocuted. Bailey suffered burns and shock.

Seven Cut By Glass

In Seattle, seven persons were cut by flying glass as the gusty wind took out a number of store front windows. A broken power line draped itself over a car, trapping Donald Luke, 32, of Seattle, until Seattle City Light crews freed him.

The 55-foot fishing vessel Cross Sound, with three men aboard, radioed the Coast Guard at the height of the storm she was foundering in Grays Harbor. Winds up to 81 miles per hour whipped the ocean.

Later the Cross Sound reported she was all right and with two Coast Guard cutters dogging her wake, the vessel headed out to deep water to ride out the storm.

The Weather Bureau at Seattle said the storm extended roughly from northwestern Oregon to the Canadian border. By nightfall it was losing its punch and Thursday it was expected to have left the area.

Swamped With Calls

Seattle City Light was swamped with trouble calls within minutes after the storm struck. Hundreds of calls reported downed wires and utility poles.

The Washington State Ferries canceled the Edmonds-Kingston and Makilo-Columbia Beach ferries shortly after nightfall. Service was resumed Friday.

The storm also disrupted phone service at a number of Western Washington cities, including Seattle, Aberdeen, Tacoma, Shelton and Bremerton.

The Northern Pacific Railway's communications from Seattle to the east, south and north were cut off by storm damage.

Wind damage forced a number of radio stations off the air. One Seattle television station shut down because of a power failure.

The highest recorded gust, a whipping 135 m.p.h. blast, was recorded at the Naville Air Force station, 2,000 feet high in the foothills between South Bend, Wash., and the Columbia River.

Gusts Lash Columbia

Gusts to 80 m.p.h. lashed the mouth of the Columbia and the Washington coast north to Tatoosh Island. A high gust of 63 m.p.h. was recorded at Seattle.

Although there were some reports of localized flooding, the

storm did not dump too much water as it moved east. Seattle received only 29 inches of rain during the 24-hour period ending at 10 p.m.

Several small boats were torn loose from their moorings in coastal and inland harbors, but no serious damage was reported.

In Oregon, the storm caused power failures at Portland, Hillsboro, St. Helens, Newberg and Salem. A 69,000-volt power transmission line was toppled by a slide between Powerdale and Odell.

A generator at Pelton Dam was disabled by the storm, which hit a top velocity in Oregon of 110 m.p.h. at an Air Force radar station at Mount Hebo on the coast.

Ferry service between Megler, Wash., and Astoria, Ore., was halted at 11 a.m. Thursday. Loggers in Clatsop County, Ore., were called off the job because of the danger posed by the shrieking wind.

In Northern California, mud slides brought on by heavy rain cut U.S. Highway 101 49 miles north of Willits and also the Northwestern Pacific Railroad tracks in the Eel Canyon area south of Eureka.

Slenderizing Studio Slated By Patterson

Douglas County's first business devoted to shedding excess avoirdupois has been announced here. It will be directed by Roseburg dance instructor Ralph Patterson.

The studio, to be called Patterson's Slenderizing Studio, is expected to open in about two weeks.

Patterson reports he has ordered such equipment as bicycles, slant boards, weights and vibrators.

Patterson said emphasis will also be made on exercise for those who have secondary occupations from which they receive little exercise. Both men and women will be signed up for the courses. A lady attendant will be hired to assist.

The studio will be located in a portion of the present Patterson's School of Dance at 821 SE Douglas Ave. Patterson said rates will be available for day, month, week or year.

Patterson has operated the School of Dance in Roseburg for the last eight years.

Sheriff Of Cochise 'Sprung' From Own Jail

BISBEE, Ariz. (AP)—The sheriff of Cochise County, sprung from his own pokey, was a free man today.

Sheriff Jack Howard consented Monday to stay in the county jail as a publicity stunt for the local March of Dimes. The stunt succeeded. The drive exceeded its local \$3,000 goal by \$1,500 but the group still is plugging for \$50,000 in nationwide donations.

Drive chairman Orrin Grandall decided to release the sheriff. After all, he said, it was wanted until they got \$50,000, the sheriff might have to stay in jail until he got a pardon from the governor.



DR. EDISON HABEGGER, — president of Cascade College at Portland, will speak in the North Roseburg Evangelical United Brethren Church Friday at 7:30 p.m. following an all-church rally. He will also speak at an informal youth rally Saturday evening, following a social hour; to the Sunday services at 9:45 and 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. He is a member of the Missionary Church Assn., and has served as district superintendent of the California-Arizona District for eight years.

Secretary Seaton Opposed To High Dam At Nez Perce

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of the Interior Seaton expressed opposition Wednesday to a proposed federal high dam at the Nez Perce site on the Snake River on grounds it would be "terribly destructive" to Pacific Northwest fisheries.

Seaton told a news conference the Interior Department would go ahead with a study of the feasibility of a multiple purpose dam at the Pleasant Valley site on the Snake if Congress appropriates \$195,000 asked for the survey.

The Nez Perce dam would be downstream from Pleasant Valley and below the confluence of the Snake and Salmon rivers.

The possibility of a high dam at Nez Perce was suggested last week by the Federal Power Commission in rejecting a Pacific Northwest Power Co. development plan which included a single-purpose power dam at Pleasant Valley.

Seaton said there is no way now known of getting salmon over and around such a high dam as is proposed at Nez Perce.

The secretary also said he believes the policy of no new starts on reclamation projects is needed to "get this reclamation program under control."

PORTLAND AREA CRITICAL

SALEM (AP)—Creation of the Portland critical target area authorized by Congress Wednesday by civil defense officials of the Portland metropolitan area.

The authority would coordinate existing local civil defense organizations. These include those of Portland, Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties; and Clark County, Wash.

The 50 persons attending the meeting agreed that detailed plans for the new authority should be made.

President Asks Extension Of Reciprocal Trade Plan

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower asked Congress Thursday for a five-year extension of the reciprocal trade program with increased power for him to negotiate tariff cuts. He said it "is essential to America's vital national interests."

In a special message, Eisenhower said of the trade program: "It will strengthen our economy, which is the foundation of our national security. It will enhance the economic health and strength of the Free World. It will provide a powerful force in waging total peace."

The requested legislation is expected to stir up one of the major controversies of this Congress session.

Runs Into Trouble

The administration ran into trouble in lining up a Republican sponsor for the bill. Rep. Reed of New York, senior Republican on the House Ways and Means Committee, is the party man to whom the administration normally would look for sponsorship of the measure.

But Reed declined to put his name to it.

Rep. Keen (R-N.J.) agreed to take on the task.

The committee has set hearings to begin Feb. 17.

The trade program dates back to the Franklin D. Roosevelt administration. Under it, the administration can lower tariffs on imports in return for concessions by other countries as to their tariffs on U.S. products.

White House press secretary James C. Hagerty said the administration program calls for a 5 per cent tariff reduction a year for a five-year period.

Helps Stimulate

The argument by backers of the program runs that lower tariffs stimulate world trade and are helpful all around. On the other side, the contention is made that

Holmes To Ask FPC Withdrawal Of Dam License

SALEM (AP)—The Federal Power Commission will be asked by Gov. Robert Holmes of Oregon to withdraw Idaho Power Co. license to construct three low Snake River dams.

Holmes said Wednesday he also is backing the state Water Resources Board's report urging additional money for John Day Dam on the Columbia River, and for its seven-year, \$10-million study on high dams below the Innaha and Salmon rivers on the Snake River while fish conservation experiments are studied.

Idaho Power is building the Brownlee Dam in the Snake now, and has a license to build dams at Oxbow and Little Hells Canyon.

The state Water Resources Board recommended earlier this week that the licenses be cancelled if the low dams interfere with high dams such as Hells Canyon and Pleasant Valley. The board recommended further study of a proposed Pleasant Valley and Hells Canyon dams.

Congress Heads For Showdown On Missile Issue

WASHINGTON (AP)—Congress appears headed toward a showdown battle over civilian vs. military control of outer space experiments.

A decision by Secretary of Defense McElroy to set up a Pentagon Advanced Research Projects Agency has brought open opposition to overall military direction of space development.

McElroy said the ARPA, which is to work on antimissile and outer space projects, will be officially set up "in a day or two." He said he wants it in existence before funds are voted for it.

While they did not immediately challenge McElroy's decision, Chairman Russell D. (Gai) and other members of the Senate Armed Services Committee said the secretary's action is not going to be accepted by them as any final determination of who will supervise the race to space.

Florence Peiot Passes At Elkton

Florence Ann Peiot, 87, a resident of Sutherland for the past 47 years, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Vida McCollum, at Elkton Thursday.

Cognitive obituary and funeral arrangements will be announced later by Mills Mortuary in Cottage Grove.

Machinists Picket Portland Chevrolet Co.

PORTLAND (AP)—The Machinists Union picketed Fields Chevrolet Co. here Thursday but a union spokesman said there was no strike and workers were staying on the job.

E. Springer, union representative, said the company and the union have been negotiating for a contract without success since Nov. 18. The shop and parts employees at that time designated the union their bargaining agent.

There are seven points of disagreement, Springer said, including wages. He said the company had offered \$2.25 an hour for the auto mechanic classification, 6 cents under the current scale in the city.

increased imports hurt American producers and cause U.S. workers to lose jobs.

Eisenhower took sharp issue with those who insist high tariffs are necessary to protect American industry.

"We can either receive the benefits of the reciprocal lowering of trade barriers," the President said, "or suffer the inevitable alternative of increasingly high barriers against our own commerce which would weaken our economy and jeopardize American jobs."

In particular, it is essential to enable us to meet the latest form of economic challenge to the Free World presented by communism."

Eisenhower pointed out that in his state-of-the-Union message he spoke of an intensive effort by the Russians to take the Free World countries into the Communist orbit through "combined programs of trade and aid."

The President said specific legislation will be submitted to Congress shortly by Secretary of Commerce Weeks.

2 Locomotives, 10 Cars Derailed In Washington

KENNEWICK, Wash. (AP)—Two locomotives and 10 cars of a 120-car eastbound Northern Pacific freight train were derailed early Thursday at the west end of the NP bridge spanning the Columbia River between Kennewick and Pasco. Trainmen blamed a defective derail switch.

The locomotives, carrying three trainmen, were on the bridge before the train jolted to a stop. None was injured.

Two cars loaded with apples overturned and another wound up sideways on the roadbed.

In the locomotives were engine driver, fireman, brakeman Harvey Thompson and brakeman A. D. Boothe, all of Pasco.

They said the accident apparently resulted from malfunctioning of a derail switch—a protective device intended to throw cars onto the roadbed instead of into the river if the drawbridge in the Columbia span should be open as a train reaches the bridge.

Monasmith said the drawbridge had been open a short time before his train reached the span and the derail device apparently still was activated.

NP spokesman said the line might be blocked most of Thursday.

Two Riddle Men Are Found Guilty Of Petty Larceny

Two Riddle men were found guilty of petty larceny Wednesday in Canyonville justice court and were handed 30-day jail terms and \$100 fines.

Judge Nina Pietzold suspended the jail sentence for William E. Plemons, 28, and he paid his fine. Charles C. Miers, 40, did not receive a suspension. His term will be added to a couple of sentences he already is serving in the county jail for driving violations.

The two men were accused of stealing a pickup load of lumber. Plemons was represented by Attorney William Jones, but Miers was not represented. But Burgyne, deputy district attorney, prosecuted the cases.

Today, the two are again slated for appearances in the same court. They are to have preliminary hearings on charges of receiving and concealing stolen property in solving materials and fixtures allegedly taken from a Riddle house.

Yacht For Boss Cost Union Men \$130,000

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69-year-old Healy an answer to the question whether items on his firm's books totaling \$228,923 reflect bribes payments to Malone.

Maloney, president of the International Union of Operating Engineers whose members operate cranes, bulldozers and other construction equipment. The union has contracts with Healy's company.

A row flared between a Sen. McNamara (D-Mich.), a committee member, and Healy's New York lawyer, Jacob Grumet, when McNamara demanded that the committee "castigate" the American Bar Assn. and lawyers who advised clients to plead the Fifth Amendment, if it is going to criticize those who plead it.

McClellan produced a copy of a contract he said was awarded to the firm of S. A. Healy Co. by the 11th Naval District for tunnel construction for the San Diego, Calif., aqueduct.

The witness declined to say whether he had such a contract, or had ever done any work for the government.

His voice incredulous, the senator demanded whether Healy was contending that it might be "improbable" to admit that he had done or was doing business "with your own government."

"Yes," Healy replied. His lawyer put in that it was a matter of not "opening the door" to other questions that might bring incriminating answers.

Weather Blamed For Lag In Satellite Program

CAPE CANAVERAL (AP)—The weather has become one of the major factors in the United States earth satellite program.

White Boy Kicks Negro Girl In New Little Rock Crisis

LITTLE ROCK (AP)—An unidentified white boy reportedly kicked a Negro girl student at integrated Central High School Wednesday in the latest of a series of racial incidents.

School officials confirmed that an incident had occurred but declined to name the participants.

Others said the Negro girl was 16-year-old Minnie Jean Brown. She is one of the nine Negroes enrolled at Central High, where federalized Arkansas National Guardsmen still are on patrol during class hours.

School Supt. Virgil T. Blossom said Wednesday night that he had not received a full report on the incident. But he did say that the boy involved had been suspended earlier in the day for scholastic reasons and had gone home.

Blossom said the boy was a member of a car pool and that the incident occurred after he drove to the school to pick up other riders.

Mrs. L. C. Bates, president of the state branch of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People, said the Negro girl's mother told her that the boy kicked Minnie Jean without provocation. The mother said she witnessed the incident from her automobile as she waited for her daughter to cross the campus.

Last Surviving Scout Of Cody Dead At Age 87

NEW YORK (AP)—Chief Earl Two Bears, a full-blooded Choctaw Indian who has reported to have been the last surviving scout of Col. William F. (Buffalo Bill) Cody, is dead at the age of 87.

The chief, the oldest member of Brooklyn's Indian colony—most of whom are steel workers—died of cancer in a hospital.

Chief Two Bears was a trick rider with Buffalo Bill's wild west show for years, and toured the country in 1908, he performed with Annie Oakley, Sitting Bull and Company before several of the royal houses of Europe.

The chief, who was born in Bars, Okla., became an Army scout in 1883. He used to relate that seven years earlier he witnessed the battle of Wounded Knee in Montana. The date—June 14, 1876—was easy to remember because on that day 15 miles away a force under Gen. George A. Custer was wiped out.

He came to Brooklyn in 1920 and was employed as a steel worker. He worked at the Brooklyn Navy Yard during World War II.

Chief Two Bears is survived by his widow, Princess Beautiful Waters.

An Indian funeral service with full regalia is being planned.

Man Charged After Accident

A local man was charged with being drunk on a public street by Roseburg police after his car reportedly crashed into three parked vehicles early today.

Arrested and released on \$35 bail bond was Robert L. Stormer, 40, 817 SE Rice Ave.

The multiple crash occurred in the 1100 block of SE Pine Street, according to police reports. Parked cars listed as damaged were a 1935 sedan owned by Arnold C. Koop, 1105 SE Pine St.; a 1940 club coupe owned by Harry Elwood, 1115 SE Pine St.; and a 1948 sedan owned by John McDonnell, 1125 SE Pine St.

The left front fender of Stormer's car was damaged, police stated. Koop's car received damage to the left rear fender and trunk lid. Elwood's to the front and rear fenders and door on the right side, and McDonnell's to the right rear fender and trunk lid.

Flood Danger Diminishes; Rains Taper To Showers

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approached closer as it crested at two points just above flood stage and remained below flood stage at two other key points where it is gauged.

Winchester had a crest at 13.90 feet at 3 p.m. Wednesday and the reading had fallen to 11.90 feet at 8 a.m. Rainfall over the 24 hours preceding 8 a.m. today morning had amounted to almost an inch.

River Falling

Winning where flood stage is 26 feet, the river crested at 26.03 feet at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday and it was down to 19.96 this morning.

The crest of the river then hit Roseburg about 9 Wednesday night at 22.19 feet, just above flood stage of 22 feet. It was down to 17.29 feet at Roseburg this morning and falling.

Highest rainfall reported over the 24-hour period ending at 8 Thursday morning was at Elkhead where 1.21 inches fell.

At Flourvay Valley, near Look-in-glass, the rainfall was 1.01 for the same period, while at Riddle, the reading for 16 hours up to 8 a.m. today was .49, compared to 1.13 inches over the same 16-hour period the preceding day.

Cooler temperatures were in prospect for the Central Douglas County area, in keeping with the letup in rainfall. Strong winds whipped away threatening clouds through Wednesday.

Morgan Asks Dismissal Of Traction Co.'s Suit

SALAM (AP)—Public Utilities Commissioner Howard Morgan asked circuit court Wednesday to dismiss the Portland Traction Co.'s suit against Morgan.

The company, which abandoned passenger service Saturday night on its Portland-Oregon City-Bell-Rose runs, is suing to prevent Morgan from levying a fine against its company.

Morgan said he could fine the company \$10,000 for stopping the service which he had ordered the company to continue.

Man Tells Of Wrestling Gun Away From Mad Killer

(Chuck Morrison, an Associated Press string correspondent in Wyoming, interviewed Joe Sprinkle at his Casper home Wednesday night. The young oil company employe had returned home after wrestling with gunman Charles Starkweather, which led to Starkweather's arrest.)

By CHUCK MORRISON

CASPER, Wyo. (AP)—"I knew that if he won, I would be dead." Soft-spoken, 29-year-old Joe Sprinkle thus summed up his battle for possession of a .22-caliber rifle with Charles Starkweather, 37-year-old Nebraska youth sought in 10 slayings.

Sprinkle said he was on his way from Casper to Cheyenne and Douglas on business for his company. He is a landman for an oil firm.

Saw Two Cars

"About 15 miles east of Douglas I noticed two cars parked on opposite sides of the highway. As I passed I couldn't see anyone in either car," Sprinkle related. He said he went to a side road, turned around and pulled up behind the westbound car.

"The westbound car was that of Merle Collison, 37, Great Falls, Mo., shoe salesman slain near Douglas, Wyo., shortly before Starkweather's arrest."

"Then I noticed a man open the highway side of the car and asked if I could help."

"He straightened up with a rifle he had hidden behind him and said, 'Raise your hands. Help me release the emergency brake or I'll kill you.'"

"Then I noticed the dead man behind the wheel (Collison)."

Grabs Gun

"As I approached him, I grabbed the gun. We fought for it in the middle of the road. I knew that if he won I would be dead. I managed to wrestle it away from him."

"He then ran for the other car facing toward Douglas."

"My clothes were torn. As Starkweather ran a truck pulled up and stopped. I ran to his truck. Then I saw the girl (Carl Fugate) run from the Collison car to Deputy Sheriff Bill Romer's car."

"Then Starkweather sped away. 'I had no idea who the fellow was. I only knew that he had a gun and was going to kill me.' Sprinkle said he drove into Douglas, later returned the empty rifle to Romer and returned to his home here."

Sprinkle, a Navy veteran, is a native of Wichita Falls, Tex. He and his petite wife, Pat, recently observed their first wedding anniversary.

His final observation: "Right now I just want to be left alone."

Public Opinion In Europe Backs Summit Meeting

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States faces mounting difficulties in holding to its position that a summit conference should be held only if there is advance proof it will be successful.

State Department officials are worried over reports from Western Europe that public opinion increasingly favors a top-level session with Russian leaders on Soviet terms if it cannot be arranged on Western terms.

Officials report that there is so far no basic difference of view among allied governments on their demand for careful preparation in advance of a top-level session. That preparation would have to afford proof that such a meeting can achieve agreements on important issues.

But public opinion in countries like Britain exerts a powerful pressure on government policies as it does here. This may make it difficult for the Allies to maintain a solid front on the matter.

Furthermore, the Soviets are expected to exploit to the limit the European interest in the meeting.

Slayer Of 10 Caught In Wyoming; Girl Safe

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found in his pockets after his arrest. Dixon declined to reveal what the letter said, but said it "had to do with Carl's mother and her attitude towards Starkweather."

Carl's mother, Mrs. Velda Bartlett, was one of the nine persons killed in Nebraska.

Sheriff Hefflin served papers on Starkweather in his cell Thursday charging him with the Wyoming slaying of a Montana shoe salesman. The sheriff said he had a handwritten statement from Starkweather, a statement "about as long as a rope." He wouldn't discuss it further.

He also said he planned to get a statement from the girl.

Starkweather spent two hours in his cell Wednesday night working on his statement. Afterward Dixon said he had a statement from Starkweather in the death of Merle Collison, 37-year-old shoe salesman from Great Falls, Mont. Collison was shot as he slept in his car near Douglas.

Starkweather had an empty .22-caliber rifle when he was surprised by another motorist standing by Collison's car.

Dixon said that one member of the Converse County Board of Commissioners at Douglas wanted to turn Starkweather over to Nebraska authorities but that he had not made any decision.

There was no immediate statement on any possible charges against the Fugate girl.

Forced To Go Along

Starkweather told officers he had forced her to go along with him on the wild ride that ended in Wyoming cattle country.

She herself fled screaming from the car after Allison was shot and said that Starkweather was crazy and she feared for her own life.

Joe Sprinkle, 29-year-old oil company employe, tussled briefly with Starkweather along the road and wrestled a .22-caliber rifle from his hands. Starkweather had threatened him when he stopped to offer aid.

It was then that sheriff's men drove up and Starkweather bolted in the black sedan stolen at Lincoln.

Sheriff Earl Hefflin gave chase, firing as the two cars roared down the highway and through Douglas. Outside of Douglas Starkweather stopped and gave up.

This is the death toll charged to Starkweather by authorities: Marion Bartlett, 57, his wife Velda, 37, mother of Carl Fugate, and her daughter, Betty Jo, not quite 2 years old, all of Lincoln. Neb. Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett were shot in the head. The girl died of a fractured skull.

August Meyer, 70, Bennet, Neb., bachelor farmer who died of a shotgun blast in the head.

Carol King, 16, and Robert Johnson, 17, Bennet, high school sweethearts whose bodies were found in a storm cellar at an abandoned school house near Bennet. They had been shot in the head.

C. Lauer Ward, 48, Lincoln businessman and president of Capital Steel Works, his wife Clara, 60, 46, and Lillian Fencil, about