

Vanport Couple Saves Clothing, Sees House Tumble in Flood

A Vanport couple and their 31-year-old daughter who lost all their possessions in Sunday's tragic flood told of the terror and confusion as thousands fled from death in an interview with The Statesman Monday night.

They are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weed and their daughter, Bonnie, staying at the Senator hotel until they make arrangements for other lodging in Salem, where Weed is employed at the present time installing an elevator for the Otis company.

The Weeds said they were waiting for a bus on the Denver avenue embankment above their home when a woman drove from the river side of the project and told them the dike had given way.

"We went back down the embankment," Mrs. Weed said, "and warned everyone within hearing. Then we gathered some clothing from our apartment and ran back 25 feet up the slope along with about 500 other refugees."

"The first wave was low and created a spray," Weed related. "The second wave came about 10 minutes later, was about 12 or 14 feet high and jarred houses, buses and cars."

The couple credited the Portland Traction company buses and motorists for saving many persons. The bus company lost four new buses in the water, they said. The telephone operators also did much to warn the Vanport people of the impending disaster they stated.

"The large wave hit a group of maintenance men and children who were laying life lines," Mrs. Weed said. "It sent them sprawling in deep water, most of them got out, but others I didn't see again. Assistant Chief Smaackenberg of the hook and ladder squad ran into a house on Denver. 'Come on we didn't see him again,' she said."

Later, the couple said they saw their own unit destroyed by the rising torrent. "Everything went," the couple said. "Our new stove, refrigerator, washing machine, dishes, and furniture—these gone."

3 Women Hurt In Collisions

Mrs. Mathilda L. Zielinski, 920 Johnson st., suffered a severe nose laceration Monday night in a two-car auto collision at Dana avenue and Portland road, city police reported.

Mrs. Zielinski was a passenger in the car of her brother-in-law, Robert Zielinski, which was involved in a collision with another car driven by Devey L. Grunewald, 3495 Silverton rd. Mrs. Zielinski was taken to Salem General hospital by the city fire aid car and dismissed after treatment. Both cars were extensively damaged, police said.

Mrs. M. H. Brown, Salem, sustained shock and bruises when a car driven by her husband and another operated by Edr. W. Little, 919 Water st., collided at 4th and Hill streets. Mrs. Little was treated by a city first aid man and advised to see a physician. Damage to the vehicles was slight, police stated.

Churchmen Pray, Pay for Aid to Flood Victims

SEATTLE, May 31.—(P)—Delegates to the 160th general assembly of the Presbyterian church of the U. S. A. dug into their pockets today to aid flood victims at Vanport, Ore.

Ministers, laymen and visitors turned in their contributions at the close of the afternoon session. No collection could be taken during the meeting period due to a long-standing rule of the church which bans such action while the assembly is in progress.

Prayers were offered for the thousands who lost their homes and belongings during the disaster.

Cardinal Spellman Arrives in China

SHANGHAI, Tuesday, June 1 (P)—Francis Cardinal Spellman celebrated high mass today in Zakawei cathedral before a congregation of devout Chinese and foreigners.

He arrived with a party of 13 church leaders Monday night, from Manila and Amoy, China. They were met by Chinese Archbishop Paul Yubin and a crowd of officials, priests and the curious.

He was invited to Nanking for a three-day visit as the official guest of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and will leave for the capital June 3, going on to Hankow and Peiping June 5.

'Primer' Tells Factories How To Stay Ready

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(P)—An industrial primer for total war is going out to factory owners.

The defense department's munitions board, which prepared the text, laid its emphasis today on two points:

A. How industry can plan now for turning out the weapons needed in case of war.

B. A strong hint that unless such plans are ready for quick war production the plant may starve for lack of materials and labor.

Board Chairman Thomas J. Hargrave, in announcing to a news conference the handbook for "joint industry-military procurement planning," also presented the latest record on the government's own stake in industrial facilities.

It showed that the government presently owns or has a right to recall to war production 405 of the 3,500 plants it built during the war to produce guns, airplanes, tanks and a multitude of other weapons.

Of these industrial reserve plants, 151 are retained by the army, navy or air force. Thirty-seven are still in government production. Thirty-one have been sold under a clause which preserves their basic function of producing war material, and 53 have been leased under similar provisions. The balance are for sale, with the same safe-guarding clause.

Emphasized the board is trying to avoid any such wild scrambling as occurred in World war II, when services often competed against each other for the output of a factory.

The new book explains also which service buys what material under the new, unified military establishment plan. Materials are listed in the order of scarcity, indicating indirectly the probable order of priority in event of war.

Bible School Slated Monday

A daily vacation Bible school, sponsored by three downtown Salem churches, is to get underway Monday morning at First Christian church, under the direction of Maude Durfee.

Children from 4 to 12 years of age are to participate in a program of worship, Bible stories, various handicraft projects, enhanced by films. A feature will be reports about mission work by former missionaries in several areas.

The school will be from 9 to 11:30 a. m. from Monday through Friday for two weeks, sponsored by First Christian, First Methodist and First Presbyterian churches.

Department superintendents are Mrs. Jack Morrison, Mrs. Mark Astrup and Mrs. Lloyd Reilly.

Traffic Detoured At Portland for Points to North

PORTLAND, Ore., May 31.—(P)—Northbound traffic on the Pacific highway was halted tonight with the closure of Union avenue.

The only other approach to the Interstate bridge across the Columbia river — Denver avenue — had been closed earlier in the evening when floods cut the route in two. There also was deep water over the southern approach to the bridge.

Traffic was being detoured via the Longview bridge and the Bridge of the Gods at Cascade Locks.

The Columbia river highway was blocked to the east, but detours were available, adding about 100 miles to the highway distance between Portland and eastern Oregon.

Fire Sweeps Stockyards

SOUTH ST. PAUL, Minn., May 31.—(P)—Fire swept the tinder-dry wooden pens and sheds of the loading and dealers' division of the South St. Paul union stockyards company today.

Structures comprising the dealers' division were destroyed, together with half of the loading chutes, 75 cattle cars, a test barn and approximately 50 head of cattle.

Three firemen were overcome by smoke. The flames, discovered in a hay barn at 11:45 a. m., were brought under control 2 1/2 hours later.



SHE'S UPSET — Sherry Kay Chinn, 2, was all upset when this half of pheasant chicks, first of 10,000 being hatched on a Yakima, Wash., game farm, was placed in her lap. She is the daughter of Dale Chinn, manager of the farm.



NEW BONNET — Madame Chiang Kai-shek wears new straw hat at garden party at her home at Nanking, China.

Salem Remains On Standard Time Status

Portland and many cities throughout Oregon went on daylight saving time at 12:01 a. m. today, but Salem clocks remain unchanged.

The Statesman was delayed with telephone inquiries from persons who wondered whether to turn their clocks ahead before retiring last night.

The changeover must be adopted by the city council. Mayor Robert L. Elfstrom, who neither favors or opposes the time switch, said last week that most council members would not act until they received petitions expressing the wishes of the Salem Chamber of Commerce and the Retail Trade bureau.

So, start for Portland one hour earlier than usual and you'll arrive home an hour sooner.

Ghosts Bring Plea for Cut In House Tax

TWICKENHAM, England, May 31.—(P)—Bert Key told the Bedfordshire appeals committee today that the taxes on his house should be reduced because it is full of ghosts.

It is well known, he said, that ghosts lower the value of property, especially if tenants like their sleep.

Key doesn't live in the house which he said is ghost-infested. But 18-year-old Doreen Price, who said she slept there when she was an evacuee in 1944, testified: "One night I woke up and saw



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Idaho Town Counts Cost

BONNERS FERRY, Idaho, May 31.—(P)—Flood water still stood two feet deep in the Bonners Ferry business district today and a slight drop in the Kootenai river only emphasized the scope of the rebuilding job facing the area.

City officials said no estimate of the damage could be made until water ebbs away from the town and adjoining farm lands. However, they said the loss will run into millions of dollars.

Roughly, 1,200,000 bushels of wheat will not be marketed as a result.

A huge, complex dike system along the farms was battered apart by the grinding power of the river. The dikes were built up over several years and their total cost approached the million dollar mark.

Flood Worries Meat Supplies

PORTLAND, Ore., May 31.—(P)—The Portland area might have a meat shortage next week. Most of the major packing plants either are flooded out or seriously menaced by high water.

Packers said there would be enough meat this week. Next week's shortage would develop unless smaller plants in Salem, Hillsboro, Portland and Cornelius are able to overcome the shortage.

Wholesale grocers reported the city's grocery supply is adequate. Some food had to be moved to higher ground, but all wholesalers are expected to remain in operation.

HURT BY CAR

SAN FRANCISCO, May 31.—(P)—Robert J. Dollar, 17, nephew of the founder of Dollar Shipping lines, was injured seriously by a car near San Francisco's beach last night. The boy was hospitalized with a possible skull fracture and other injuries.

WARNER'S CAPITOL NEW TODAY! The Fury of a Relentless Man-Hunt!

ROBERT MONTGOMERY RIDE THE PINK HORSE WANDA HENDRIX-ANDREA KING COMPANION HIT!

WHEN A GIRL'S BEAUTIFUL Also! Sport News

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Presbyterians To Restrict Ex-Pastors

SEATTLE, May 31.—(P)—Retired and resigned pastors of the Presbyterian church of the U. S. A., and pastors-emeritus, no longer will be allowed to function at weddings, funerals and baptisms unless invited by the minister of the church involved.

A resolution containing these restrictions was approved today by delegates to the 160th general assembly of the church.

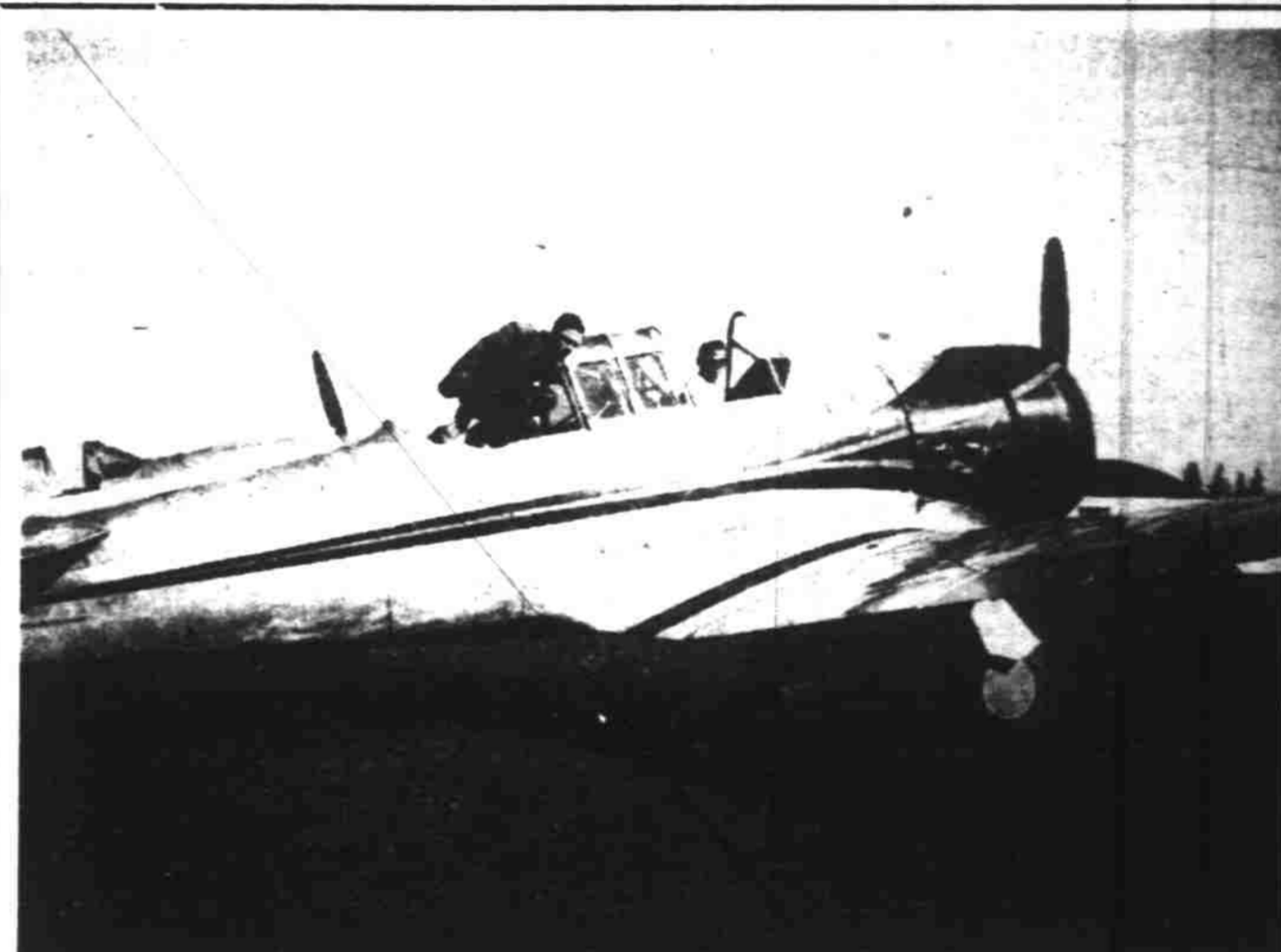
In taking its action, the assembly made no mention of the recent marriage of film star Lana Turner and Henry J. (Bob) Topping by a retired Presbyterian minister. The wedding was performed soon after Topping's divorce in violation of church rules.

The assembly also voted a \$2,446,549 budget for Christian education and approved a report

HOLLYWOOD Ends Today - Opens 6:45 TECHNICAL MUSICAL! GOOD NEWS ALLYSON LAWFORD ALSO "Home Sweet Homicide" With Peggy Ann Garner Randolph Scott

GRAND Mat. Daily from 1 P.M. Now! Double Fun! ROY ROGERS and his horse Trigger UNDER California STARS Co-Hit! Joe E. Brown "The Tender Years" LIBERTY Now! • Opens 6:45 p. m. MONTE HALE "ALONG THE OREGON TRAIL" Renfrow of Mounted "DANGER AHEAD"

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