



VELASCO, Tex., Oct. 4—An automobile lies in the wreckage of this garage after it was hit by a hurricane late last night. (Associated Press wirephoto to The Statesman).

Farm Losses in Millions As Gulf Hurricane Ebbs



By Charles A. Sprague

What is the Community Chest whose financial campaign got under way Tuesday? It is merely the fund-raising organization for a group of welfare agencies, local and state, which must depend on the voluntary contributions of the people for their support...

Texas Whipped By Strong Gales

HOUSTON, Oct. 4—A dying gulf hurricane ebbed tonight after hitting this Texas metropolis and dealing a heavy blow to coastal crops. Farm losses ran into the millions.

Its slap early today at this city of more than 500,000 was surprisingly light. But the hurricane smashed hard at a bumper rice, cotton and vegetable crop.

Traveling about 15 miles an hour, the storm pushed feebly tonight through Marshall, Tex., Shreveport, La., and southwest Arkansas. It carried heavy rains and gusty winds.

To Continue Advance The weather bureau had said at 4 p. m. the storm would continue its weakening advance another 12 to 18 hours, throwing 40-mile-an-hour wind squalls a distance of 100 miles ahead of it.

Thousands Sheltered Trees were bent level. Some tattered glass shatters in windows buckled. Sheets of rain made ponds of underpasses and blocked some streets.

The Red Cross said 28,800 persons found refuge in storm shelters at Houston, Galveston, Fort Arthur, Bay City, Victoria and Port Lavaca. Many others blocked highways last night as they fled inland.

Vegetable crops as well as rice and cotton were hard hit in Harris county (Houston). The total loss was set at about \$2,000,000, with rice worst hit.

Marion Farmer Sues State for Land Damage One thing leads to another—this time the Santiam river.

Karel Tomasek, Marion county rancher, filed suit in circuit court Tuesday for \$38,800 damages on the grounds that 130 acres of his land were ruined as a result of construction of the new Highway 99E bridge near Jefferson.

Defendant is the state of Oregon, through State Highway Commissioners T. H. Banfield, Ben R. Chandler and Charles H. Reynolds.

Tomasek alleged that grading which narrowed the Santiam flow beneath the bridge had caused the river to change its course, wash away much of his top-soil and "occupy" considerable of his 300-acre holdings.

Attorney Brazier C. Small, who filed the suit on Tomasek's behalf, said the action was based on a state constitutional provision that "private property shall not be taken for public use without just compensation."

Inquiry Asked on Treatment of Insane

Death of Three Claimed Due To Brutality

The state board of control Tuesday was asked to investigate charges of "brutality and murders" at the Oregon state hospital for the insane in Salem.

The investigation was requested by representatives of the Citizens Action committee, a left-wing Portland organization, who appeared before the board.

A number of cases were cited which committee members said, involved brutality on the part of ward attendants and had resulted in the death of patients. Names were divulged in a few instances.

Questioning by board members brought out that in most cases the "brutality" complained of occurred several years ago and the information of the committee was based largely on newspaper stories and hearsay.

Ask Prosecution The committee requested that a chaplain be employed at the mental hospitals and that attendants charged with brutality be prosecuted in the courts.

"If something is not accomplished to terminate brutality in the mental institutions there will be federal investigations," Samuel Friedman, a member of the group said. He referred to three patients being killed in the state hospital in March, 1940, but gave no names.

Statements Presented "At the present time many persons charged with insanity are not advised of the complaint filed against them and appear in court without an attorney," C. W. Pullen told the board.

Gov. McKay said he resented statements intimating that the board of control condoned brutality. The governor told committee members that the board of control would welcome concrete evidence of brutality in any Oregon institution, and all such cases would be investigated.

Other divisions of the welfare program include blind assistance, \$1,463 each for this and last month, and general assistance, \$15,000 for October, a \$2,000 increase over September.

The state law which requires relatives of needy persons to contribute to their support, has reduced the number of aged persons receiving welfare assistance. In the past few months, Miss Bowen said.

Option Requested On Washington School Property An option on the old Washington school property which occupies a city block at 13th and Center streets has been requested of the Salem district school board by an undisclosed real estate firm.

Classes still are being held in the building but will be transferred to the new Washington school in the Capitol district as soon as interior work is completed. It is expected to be ready in two weeks.

THE WEATHER Max. Min. Precip. Salem 56 39 .25 Portland 55 47 .00 San Francisco 63 48 .00 Chicago 59 61 .00 New York 71 58 .00

Forecast (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Mostly cloudy today with few scattered showers clearing gradually tonight. High today near 60; low tonight near 40. Agriculture outlook: Farm conditions will be hindered by showers today. SALEM PRECIPITATION This Year Last Year Normal 1.73 2.21 1.38

Senate Shelves Long-Range Farm Bill in Battle Over Crop Supports

Confirmed



WASHINGTON, Oct. 4 — Federal Judge Sherman Minton was confirmed by the senate tonight to be associate justice of the supreme court. Minton fills the vacancy left by the death of Justice Wiley Rutledge. (Story on page 2.)

Two Inquiries Launched into Navy Charges

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4—(AP)—Two investigations were launched swiftly today in the aftermath of navy officers' charges that naval morale is shattered and the national security weakened under the unified defense setup.

The house armed services committee scheduled a hearing for navy officers who feel that the air force is being given too much priority and that sea power and its own air arm are dangerously slighted.

A few hours later, Admiral Louis Denfeld, chief of naval operations, announced an investigation to determine how "confidential" naval correspondence containing some of the charges happened to be made public last night.

Denfeld said he himself did not approve the charges, although he had spoken in the correspondence of the danger of stripping the navy of its offensive power.

President Truman, in a brief comment on the row, today expressed hope and belief that the navy and air force will "get all their troubles settled." When that happens, he said, he hopes "the army as usual will go along and make its way."

Court Okehs Petitions for Road Projects Marion county court Tuesday gave tentative approval to petitions seeking improvement for four Salem area roads—first such action taken by the court under a new state law.

Cost of improving the roads would be borne by owners of property abutting the roads. The roads are Southview place, extending west from Liberty road south of Salem, and 34th street, Brenna avenue and Jelden street, all three lying in an area northeast of the intersection of Lansing and Sunnyview avenues, just east of Salem.

The court directed the county engineer to prepare cost estimates of improving the roads. These costs will be presented to road residents at a hearing. If accepted the court will then call for bids on the road work.

Woman Forger Stars Penitentiary Term DALLAS, Oct. 4—(Special)—Edna Mae Jackson, convicted forger, was transferred to the Oregon penitentiary today to begin serving a two-year sentence.

MAYBE HE WAS HUNGRY DETROIT, Oct. 4—(AP)—A police trial board today took under advisement a charge of conduct unbecoming an officer brought against Patrolman Charles Bruckner, 47. He is accused of stealing fellow policemen's lunches.

Student Parking, Driving Situation at High School to Get Study by Salem Authorities

Salem high school authorities are moving this week to alleviate the "critical parking and driving situation" at the school.

Willamette university officials stated they, too, had a serious student parking problem on their hands. They indicated, however, that no action is contemplated for the present.

High School Principal E. A. Carleton said Tuesday that cars driven to school by students are being restricted "to necessary cases." Students are taking home forms to certify on them that their student-children need to drive their cars to school.

Makes Charge



WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 4—The recent public charges of Capt. John G. Crommelin (above), that the Navy's attack force is being "nibbled to death" at Defense Headquarters, have helped stir the promise here today of an investigation. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

Workers Top 1948 Mark in Chest Drive

Buoyed by an enthusiastic send-off from Gov. Douglas McKay, more than 300 Community Chest workers went into action Monday in urging Salem to "lend a helping hand."

The city's 1948 drive for \$105,000—declared to be the minimum under which essential agencies of the chest may operate—began with a kickoff breakfast at the Marion hotel, with Campaign Chairman Joseph A. H. Dodd as master of ceremonies.

Governor McKay told the group they were "selling the greatest merchandise in the world—the American way of life." He added that on the basis of need "Salem can well afford this \$105,000 and I have no doubt of the success of this campaign."

There were two points of high drama at the breakfast meeting—one when seven Willamette students from foreign lands declared in their own language that "you should be proud of the American way of life," and the other when Chairman Dodd, pointing suddenly to four persons of divergent interests, declared as a parting boost—"there are 50,000 others in Salem just like them. Let's go!"

The quartet, who were just leaving the room as Dodd brought them into public focus, were Alfred Loucks, William L. Phillips, Dr. John Goldsmith and Mrs. Frank Turner.

The foreign students included Leopold Pospisil, who spoke in Czechoslovakian; Zdenka Pospisil, in Slavak; Charles Chong, in Hokkien Chinese; Michael Sweeney, in Gaelic; Steve Kwan, in Mandarin Chinese; Astrid Tarem, in Estonian, and Byung Koh, in Korean. (Additional details, page 7.)

HUNTING DEATHS AT SIX ROSEBURG, Oct. 4—(AP)—The number of deer-hunting season fatalities went up to six today following the death of Louis Vernon Smith, 59, Sutherlin, who collapsed from over-exertion.

Top Red Leaders Lose Fight for Dismissal NEW YORK, Oct. 4—(AP)—Eleven top communist leaders today lost their fight to have their conspiracy trial thrown out of federal court.

Judge Harold R. Medina denied defense motions for a directed verdict of acquittal, dismissal of the indictment and for a mistrial. The court then adjourned the trial until Thursday morning, when the defense will begin summations. Judge Medina acceded to a defense request for four days to sum up.

Police and school officials stated that in most large schools in many towns the bringing of cars to school by students is sharply curtailed. Local police said they would work with school authorities in curbing reckless and careless driving by juveniles.

Eager Hunter Hits Car First, Buck Second

FALLS CITY, Oct. 4—(Special)—A Portland hunter got his deer today—but it wasn't easy.

Troy Ingram and his wife, LaVerne, who live at 3654 S.E. 98th st. in Portland, were hunting in an area southwest of Dallas.

Ingram had just stopped his auto on a sideroad when he saw the deer on a nearby hillside.

He jammed a cartridge into his rifle as he jumped from the car. In his eagerness he accidentally fired the rifle and blasted a hole in the radiator of the auto. His wife got so excited she fell out of the car.

Ingram wasn't stopped. He re-loaded and dropped the deer, a two-point buck, in its tracks.

Late tonight the deer was in French's meat locker here and Mrs. Ingram was brusled but not seriously.

The car was still undergoing repairs in a local garage.

Animal Crackers



Deer Hunter Fined For Shooting Man

DELAKE, Oct. 4—(AP)—Accused of wounding a deer hunter, Lyman Gaucher of Grande Ronde was fined \$100 cash in justice court here. A 60-day jail sentence and an additional \$200 fine were suspended.

Gaucher was charged with mistaking W. C. Mair, Portland, for a deer as the hunting season opened Saturday. Mair was shot in the leg.

Gaucher also lost his right to hunt for the next five years, a penalty that is mandatory under a new state law.

Marion Corn Show Slated

CENTRAL HOWELL, Oct. 4 (Special)—The 1949 Marion County Corn show will be held Saturday, November 19, at the Central Howell school, the committee in charge, announced today.

Plans for the event, sponsored by the Central Howell local of the Farmers union, are in charge of T. R. Hobart and Roy Rutschman. Rules for the contest, virtually the same as last year's may be obtained from the Marion county agent's office in Salem.

Farmers raising hybrid corn are eligible to enter. A yield contest will also be featured.

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The old Washington school site is near the rapidly-expanding Capitol shopping district.

Any one knows the care and feeding of alligators? Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Edwards, box 658 Boone rd., received one of the critters from an alleged friend in Florida and are at a loss as to what to do with it. Above is Mrs. Edwards with the little alligator. It is two years old roughly 18 to 20 inches long, and has a nasty disposition. The Edwards two prize Airdales and purebred Doberman Pinscher are completely baffled by the little alligator. (Statesman photo.)