

Blaze Levels Mill; Damage Tops Million

10 Firefighters Hurt at Rainier

RAINIER, Ore. (AP)—An early morning fire destroyed the sawmill at the Van Vleet Lumber Co. here Sunday causing damage estimated at \$1,500,000.

Ten persons suffered minor burns fighting the blaze. Fire departments from Rainier and from across the Columbia River at Longview and Kelso, Wash., fought the blaze to keep it from spreading to 2 1/2 million board feet of lumber stacked on the adjoining docks.

Lumber carriers worked quickly to move as much lumber off the dock as possible.

Firemen were hampered by the lack of enough hydrants and had trouble pumping water from the Columbia because the river is low at this time of year. Fire trucks had to pump water at heights of 25 feet to pour it on the blaze.

At one stage, the lumber carriers ran short of gasoline and an emergency call went out for a gasoline truck to supply the carriers so they could continue evacuating lumber from the docks.

Some lumber was lost when the fire spreading under the dock weakened it and sections collapsed into the river.

The flames were confined to the sawmill and a small portion of the docks and did not spread to the planer mill.

The plant's owner is in California and could not be reached for comment on possible plans to rebuild. The Rainier firm employs about 200 men.

Most of the loss was covered by insurance.

\$2 Million Value
H. W. Humiston, resident manager of the mill, said the plant is valued at \$2,000,000, with the sawmill itself worth \$1,500,000. He said the lumber stacked on the docks was valued at \$200,000.

One witness said the fire started in the head rig about 8:15 a.m. and in minutes the whole sawmill was ablaze.

Firemen finally controlled the fire about two hours later, but continued to pour water onto the still blazing sawmill and on the stacks of lumber.

Dock Saved
The railroad loading dock was saved by firemen cutting it off from the main fire area. A fire-break was sawed in the dock and then bulldozers shoved gravel into the breach and pushed the burning portion of the dock away from the unburned area.

It is just possible there were more people outdoors in the Willamette Valley this weekend than in any similar non-holiday period on record. At least that is the opinion of a good many observers ranging from service station attendants, resort operators and policemen to just plain John Q. Citizen who found the weather and attendant circumstances just about ideal.

Briskly Busy
There didn't seem to be a great deal of bumper-to-bumper traffic—the highways, rather, appeared briskly busy most of the day Sunday. Especially noted was the ever-increasing number of boats rolling behind traffic on the Santiam Canyon Highway.

Accidents appeared at an encouraging and somewhat surprising minimum for so busy a time.

What gave rise to the out-door rush?

"For one thing, a lot of people worked in the bean fields, even though it was Sunday, because crops in some places were too heavy to handle last week, one observer said.

Can't Last
But the principal reason, another declared, was that "the weather has been so nice for so long that a lot of folks didn't think it would last out another weekend without at least a few sprinkles—and besides, there's only one weekend left before the State Fair starts. And the week after that, it's 'back to school.'"

Today's forecast from McNary field weathermen is early morning cloudiness and cooler, followed by a fair Tuesday. The high should be about 76 today and 81 Tuesday.

At northern Oregon beaches, morning clouds and partial clearing are seen for today.

Eugene Plane Crash Hurts 2

EUGENE (AP)—A light airplane tripped on a power line after taking off Sunday and its two occupants were seriously injured.

They are M.Sgt. John E. Adams, 30, of Oxnard, Calif., and his brother, Charles W. Adams, 34, Eugene.

Sgt. Adams suffered severe leg and arm cuts and other injuries. His brother suffered a skull fracture and cuts when the plane crashed nose-first into the ground and cartwheeled.

The accident was blamed on failure of the fuel injection mechanism.

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Death Stalks Flood Area

Toll Near 200 Over 8 States

Vicious Squalls Slash Parts of Stricken Area

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Death, destruction and the threat of disease haunted Northeastern states Sunday in the wake of the worst floods in the region's history. The known dead neared the 200 mark.

A line of vicious rain squalls slashed across parts of New Jersey, New York and Massachusetts Sunday night to add new apprehension to the areas just beginning to dry out, pump out, repair and begin again.

Storms Brief
Most of the thunderstorms were brief, however, and apparently would not dump enough water on the scarred and sodden earth to cause a new round of floods. But high winds knocked out more telephones and electric lines.

The death toll since last Thursday, when hurricane-born rains began their devastation, climbed to 186 in the eight states along the seaboard torn by high waters.

The toll appeared certain to go well over 200 before the grim count was ended. Two states—Connecticut and Pennsylvania—each estimated as many as 60 persons still missing.

Typhoid Serum
Civil defense officials, Army personnel, and municipal officials gave high priority to shipments of anti-typhoid serum and other drugs to prevent any epidemic outbreaks.

The problem of polluted drinking water and spoiled food supplies added to the potential health hazards in many areas. Dry ice for refrigeration became a must item.

The Army helicopter was the universal symbol of rescue and help for the dazed residents of the flood areas.

Damage Staggering
In terms of the men, women and children who were swept beneath the rushing waters to drown, it was the nation's worst flood in nearly 20 years.

Property damage was equally staggering in the eighth seaboard states slashed by floods, the legacy of hurricane Diane.

Not until Sunday as brooks, streams and rivers sank back into their normal beds was the full measure of havoc clear.

Estimates, or guesses, of the damage ran to well over a billion dollars.

Whole towns were left ravaged, cut off and demoralized.

Emergency Basis
Dozens of towns were operating on an emergency basis. Dry ice supplies were commandeered for vital refrigeration of food supplies.

A food and drug embargo was put into effect to stop contamination. Many places had no drinking water, no electricity, no gas, no telephones.

President Eisenhower, vacationing in Colorado, kept in close touch with the rescue work. He was "highly gratified" over the role of the armed services.

Dead Counted
This was the latest count of known dead: Pennsylvania 93; Connecticut 66; Massachusetts 13; Virginia 3; New Jersey 6; New York 4; Rhode Island 1.

State Police said the toll in Pennsylvania might eventually reach 150.

In Connecticut, Gov. Abraham A. Ribicoff called a special session of the Legislature to deal with appropriations for what he called "absolutely heartbreaking" devastation.

Chinese Seaman, Without Country, Visits Portland

PORTLAND (AP)—Chau Yuto, a Chinese seaman without a passport—a man without a country—was allowed off his ship in Portland briefly Saturday to buy a new pair of shoes and get a haircut.

He fled Red China three years ago to avoid being drafted into the Communist army. "I have no family—nothing left in China," he said in broken English.

He managed to get a job on the freighter, the Empire State, at Shanghai several years ago. He has not been allowed off the ship at U. S. ports since.

Big Snake Captured; Town Breathes Sigh

WABASHA, Minn. (AP)—Residents of this Southeastern Minnesota town breathed a sigh of relief after a 12-foot boa constrictor, hunted for three weeks, was captured Sunday.

The snake, lost by Rainey's United Shows July 29 during the Wabasha County Fair, was found inside a new grain combine on a farm machinery lot near a residential district.

Willamette River 'Innertube Navigators'



These winsome Corvallis girls failed to complete a trip by innertube on the Willamette River from Albany to Salem—but at least they could lay claim to being probably the first to try it. Two of the girls floated as far as Independence and the other three drifted to the Eola area, where their appearance put an end to a search by state police and sheriff's deputies. Lack of current and punctured innertubes prevented the girls from reaching Salem by river. Pictured in Salem after their adventure are Dorothy Gathercoal, Louise Hartman, Kathryn McFadden, Lyn Hemingway and Jerri Keene. Three are Oregon State College co-eds. (Story on Page 2.)

Bids Rejected For Cafeteria At Woodburn

Statesman News Service
WOODBURN — All bids submitted for construction of a Woodburn school cafeteria were rejected by the school board this weekend. The lowest bid amounted to twice the sum allocated for the project. The amount budgeted was \$15,000.

As a result, said Supt. Frank Doerfler, cafeteria plans must be dropped for the present.

The sum devoted to the project approved by the voters was determined in a preliminary estimate given the board for remodeling and equipping basement quarters in Washington School. This school cafeteria would eventually supply the three public schools in Woodburn.

A final check by the architect, after the budget had been approved by voters, disclosed that the basement was not usable due to plumbing and ventilating complications.

The Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	86	44	.00
Portland	82	45	.00
Baker	90	37	.00
Medford	93	54	.00
North Bend	85	46	.00
Roseburg	89	45	.00
San Francisco	65	49	.00
Los Angeles	83	59	.00
Chicago	99	75	trace
New York	97	77	.41
Willamette River	-2.9	feet.	

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Considerable early morning cloudiness and cooler today. Partly cloudy tonight, fair Tuesday. High today 75-77; low tonight 48-50; high Tuesday 80-82.

Temperature at 12:01 a.m. today was 54.

SALEM PRECIPITATION
Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1
This Year Last Year Normal
32.91 45.33 39.62

Rebellion Spreads to Tunisia; 1,000 Killed

By CARL HARTMAN
CASABLANCA, Morocco (AP)—The North African nationalist rebellion against French rule has spread into Tunisia after ravaging Morocco and Algeria and causing perhaps 1,000 deaths in weekend battles.

The French grimly waged the fight against the rebels through Sunday with all the modern weapons at their command, including planes and tanks.

Officially, 765 dead were counted, but experienced observers believed the death toll had grown to over 1,000 since the Saturday outbreak of massacres, riots, bombings and pitched battles.

Fear Massacre
The French feared waves of a Mau Mau type of massacre, such as those in Britain's Kenya Colony, or guerrilla warfare such as that which ripped French Indochina, were in store.

In hopes of restoring peace, French and Moroccan officials and leaders began arriving at the French resort of Aix Les Bains on the Swiss border for consultations on ways of handing Morocco more self government.

Talks Planned
The talks were set up before the outbreaks on the second anniversary of the dethronement of Morocco's nationalist Sultan, Mohammed Ben Youssef, whose return is being demanded.

The most serious outbreaks were in Algeria and Morocco on Saturday, but a French outpost in Tunisia near the Algerian border was attacked Saturday night, it was learned Sunday.

CASABLANCA, French Morocco (AP)—Three freshmen, including one who represented a U. S. broadcasting company, were stabbed and stoned to death Saturday by rebels in South Central Morocco.

HEAT RECORD SET
NEW YORK (AP)—The mercury reached 92.8 degrees Sunday at 4:50 p. m. setting a heat record for this date.

Police Arrest Minister for Using Rattler

HARLAN, Ky. (AP)—A snake-handling preacher was arrested Sunday at church services designed to "conquer" a rattlesnake that fatally bit one of the cult's ministers.

Minutes after he handled four snakes as a congregation of about 2,000 watched, Kentucky State Police arrested the Rev. William Vernon of Keokoe, Va., and charged him with state law forbidding the handling of snakes.

Members of the Pentecostal Holiness Church called Sunday's meeting, they said, to "conquer" a rattler that struck and killed Lee Valentine during services at Ft. Payne, Ala.

The killer snake was not used, however, but was confiscated with several other reptiles.

Kentucky State Police, who had announced their intention of arresting any violators of the law at Sunday's meeting, were on hand from the beginning.

After Vernon's arrest, the leader of the congregation, Oscar Hutton of St. Charles, Va., asked the worshippers to stay.

Then, with police officers still present, Hutton and another preacher, Raymond Hays of Cumberland, Ky., bitterly denounced state police for interfering.

Famed General Visits Salem Reservists' Camp



YAKIMA FIRING RANGE, Wash.—Assistant Secretary of the Army Hugh Milton (civilian clothes) inspects administrative records of the 929th Field Artillery Battalion here last week in the presence of Salem members of the battalion, while looking on (at right) is Maj. Gen. William Dean, deputy commander of the Sixth Army and a hero of the Korean War. Salem reserve officers in the picture include (left to right) Warrant Officer Wilbur P. Green; Capt. Thomas G. Wright; Capt. Walter O. Shold; and Maj. Thomas P. Bays. Milton and Gen. Dean spent three days on their inspection tour of units at the annual summer camp here. Other units inspected included the 104th Infantry Division, which also includes a number of Salem area men.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Stryker

Some time this fall commercial television will come to Great Britain. To date, television and broadcasting have been a government monopoly with advertising barred. The grant of the alternative came only after much soul-searching and debate in and out of Parliament.

The Conservative government, after a Gallup poll showed a public preference for a change, authorized it some months ago and has set up a separate agency, Independent Television Authority, which will own and operate stations at London, Birmingham and Manchester. The authority will retain the right to scrutinize scripts in advance, to regulate the advertising and to ban material it considers offensive or improper. Companies will contract to furnish the production and advertisers will negotiate with the producing companies.

The British Broadcasting Company (BBC) will continue its television program, free of commercials. Within a few months British television will have their choice: BBC program and the sponsored programs offered by the I.T.A. This will be a sort of test run between government, non-commercial television and government-owned but commercially-supported television.

The radio division of BBC has never been open to advertising, and no change from past policy is contemplated for that medium. Radio listeners in Britain do not have to listen to a single fare, however. BBC offers three programs. The Home Program runs from 6:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. It offers news, talks, music, religious services. The second is a (Continued on Editorial page 4.)

Princess Free To Wed; Plans Still Secret

(Photo on page 2, sec. 1.)

BALLATER, Scotland (AP)—Princess Margaret—25 and virtually free—the man of her choice—went to the village church of her forefathers Sunday, a prayer on her lips and a secret in her heart.

A deeply religious young woman, she sat with her sister, Queen Elizabeth II, and other members of the royal family at Craithie Parish Church and listened to the Rev. John Lamb say:

"This is Princess Margaret's birthday. May she find the fulfillment of her desires."

Margaret, wearing a bright pink hat, a light-fitting silk dress under a flowered silk coat, bowed her head in prayer.

Her lips moved silently as 420 persons who had fought their way into a church built to seat 350, looked her way.

Every member of the congregation was aware of her secret. But no one knew whether now that she has reached the constitutional age stipulated in the 183-year-old Royal Marriage Act she will take steps to wed Group Capt. Peter Townsend, a 40-year-old divorced man and Battle of Britain air hero.

Should Margaret decide to wed Townsend she would presumably tell the Queen and then notify parliament.

ACTRESS HAS SON
HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Actress Pier Angeli, who has been confined to her home since she was injured in an airplane mishap last Feb. 25, gave birth to her first child—a boy—at Cedars of Lebanon Hospital Sunday.

BASE BALL

NORTHWEST LEAGUE
At Tri-City 13-4, Salem 14-7
At Lewiston 3-3, Wenatchee 4-5
At Spokane 8-4, Yakima 11-3

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE
At Seattle 4-0, Portland 9-4
At San Francisco 3-5, Oakland 2-3
At Sacramento 6-4, San Diego 2-3
At Hollywood 2-2, Los Angeles 1-1

AMERICAN LEAGUE
At Chicago 2-8, Detroit 6-2
At Cleveland 5, Kansas City 4
At Washington 1, Boston 0
At New York 6, Baltimore 1

NATIONAL LEAGUE
At Philadelphia 6, Brooklyn 4
At Pittsburgh-New York, rain
At Cincinnati 4, St. Louis 0
At Milwaukee 8, Chicago 1.

ANIMAL CRACKERS
BY WARREN GOODRICH

DANGER! OUTER SPACE ROCKET TESTS

None — can't say I ever hankered about goin' to the moon."