

Automobiles Trapped by Downpour



PORTLAND, Ore.—Unexpected downpour of rain flooded storm sewers in some sections of Portland Saturday, backing up water into streets and basements. Automobiles above were caught at intersection of S. E. 15th Ave. and Woodward St. Weather Bureau recorded 1.19 inches of rain. (AP Wirephoto)

Salem Area Job Prospects Good

Seven Big Building Projects Near

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It looks like a busy year ahead for the Salem area with most everyone working now who wants to work and seven large building projects on the verge.

Employment is high, with unemployment compensation claims 31 per cent lower than a year ago.

But no labor shortage is anticipated when the pending building boom cuts loose because there is a lot of slack in the present construction situation as workers move from small job to small job.



The recent discussion over the quality or lack of quality in reading material offered in paperback strays memories of literature of former days. They are excited even more in reading that Frank Merriwell is coming back, not by way of the "Top Weekly" or the Street & Smith paperback reprints but via television—a 90-minute NBC spectacular in color. That will be a production to bring oldsters in from the golf links to thrill again to the exploits of the irredeemable Frank Merriwell.

There never was such an all-round athlete as Frank Merriwell, who was at the same time a model of virtue. Not only did he win his games with a mighty show of individual prowess, he licked the bullies and disarmed the thugs. In an age when Little Lord Fauntleroy was the model for the parlor set, securing his wide-collared velvet suit, Frank Merriwell was all he-boy, but his creator always kept him strictly on the side of virtue. No smoking or drinking for this star at Yale at the turn of the century.

The author was Gilbert Patten, who wrote under the pen name of Burt Stanish. Born in 1866, Patten started turning out fiction at the age of 16, and from 1896 to 1916 turned out 986 consecutive installments of the Frank Merriwell books. These were reprinted by Street & Smith in 208 volumes which certainly attained a wide readership among the nation's youth. Many parents, however, scorned them as "dime novels"—once all fiction was under tabu in (Continued on editorial page 4.)

Fair's Lure Too Strong for Tot; Keeps Returning

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—Mike Moss keeps coming back like a mi-addressed letter.

Mike is four years old. He lives across the street from the Ohio state fairgrounds. And Friday, out of 86 lost children the fair had to contend with, Mike made up four of the total.

He simply wanders into the fairgrounds, becomes lost, then starts crying at the top of his lungs.

Ohio national guardsmen, who are handling the fair's police duties, know just what to do.

Around Mike's neck is a metal "dogtag" with the message: "Mike Moss—please deliver to Gate 12."

"Mike and I had a talk after his last visit," said Col. Oliver H. Gibson of the guard's police force, "and he hasn't returned since I threatened to paddle him if he shows up again."

BANNERS PLUG STATE FAIR

Banners and hunting advertising the Oregon State Fair were hung over downtown Salem streets early Saturday. The state fair opens here Sept. 1.

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Storm Takes Portland Area By Surprise

PORTLAND (AP)—Unexpected heavy rainfall hit the Portland area Saturday morning, flooding scores of basements and some street intersections as storm sewers filled to overflowing.

The Weather Bureau, forecasting improving conditions with sunshine by Sunday afternoon, recorded 1.19 inches of rain in a 12-hour period ending at 4:30 p.m. Saturday. Most of that came in a period of several hours Saturday morning.

More showers were possible by Sunday night or early Monday, forecasters said.

Worst of Storm

The rain caught many householders by surprise as only light showers had been expected Saturday. The Portland area got the worst of the storm, with only light rain reported at Willamette Valley points.

The downpour resulted in collapse of a trunk sewer in Portland's southeast district, and some 50 basements were flooded. Some had four feet of water, a mixture of sewage and surface drainage.

Water Pressure

Manhole covers were tossed away by water pressure, and geysers spouted from sewers. Some parked cars were stranded and homes were surrounded by shallow water.

Public Works Commissioner William A. Bowes ordered out 200 city workers and all available pumps. First efforts to pump water from basements into the streets failed when the basements promptly filled up again.

Bowes said the city will hose out and disinfect all flooded basements. He expressed hope this could be done within a day.

Salem Youth Said Missing

State police have alerted all points in Oregon in a search for a 14-year-old Salem boy who disappeared from his home Thursday evening while washing dishes.

When the boy, Pat Meeks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Meeks, 1938 Evergreen Ave., left the kitchen his parents were not alarmed for some time because they thought he was in the backyard, his mother said. He had never run away before, she said.

Logging Active

There is "very little, if any, unemployment in logging," he said. But, while employment "seems to be" high, work has not been as steady as in some years, especially in canneries and construction, he admitted.

Projects anticipated by construction workers in the next few months are a large Marion Hotel addition, four-story addition to the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. on State street, state detention home for boys southeast of Salem near the old China's east.

Bullet Fragments in Body Of Airman Confirm Attack

TOKYO (AP)—Bullet fragments in a sailor's body confirmed Saturday night that a U.S. navy patrol bomber was hit by gunfire before it plunged into the East China Sea off Red China's coast.

The 16 crewmen of the four-engine P4M Mercator were under routine orders to fire back if attacked, but there was no indication whether they did before the crash early Thursday.

The aerial search for survivors was suspended. But surface ships were directed to remain in the area where the plane went down, about 100 miles southeast of Shanghai.

Still unanswered were these questions:

1. How many planes attacked the patrol craft? Red China announced a "Chiang Kai-Shek plane" was damaged in an air action by a Red plane in the area Thursday. But the Nationalist Chinese said none of their planes were near the scene at the time. Explosion Time Sought

2. Did the plane explode in the air or when it hit the water?

3. Why was the wreckage found almost 200 miles north of the position the plane should have been in when the attack came?

The finding that the plane had been hit was based on the examination of the body of Technician I. C. Albert P. Mattin of Delta, Ohio. No other bodies have been recovered.

Capt. Earl Junghann, commander of the fleet air detachment at Iwakuni, Japan, naval air station, said wounds on Mattin's body contained metal fragments from gunfire.

Mattin died of multiple injuries suffered when the patrol plane crashed into the sea, not from his wounds, Junghann said.

Plane Burned

Officers said there was evidence the plane burned. But they could not say whether it caught fire in the air or burst into flames when it hit the water.

Junghann said regular patrol operations would continue despite the incident.

Woman Hit in Gun Accident

Dayton Teacher Found 4 Hours After Mishap

DAYTON—A new Dayton school teacher accidentally shot herself in the chest Saturday and lay helpless for nearly four hours before she was found.

The victim was Mrs. Bertha M. Severin, who was hit just below the heart with a bullet from a .22 rifle she was unloading at her new home in Dayton.

The accident happened about 7:30 a.m. and she lay on the floor until about 11:30 when she was found by Neil Trammell, an appliance repairman who had come to service a refrigerator.

Mrs. Severin was taken to McMinville Hospital and underwent surgery.

An attending physician said Saturday night that Mrs. Severin was "doing pretty well."

The bullet passed completely through the woman's body just grazing the lungs, the heart and the spleen, the doctor said.

Mrs. Severin, a widow, was moving to Dayton from Lakewood, having accepted a position at the Dayton Grade School.

Boy Safe After 6 Days on Peak

Elderly Prospector Lost Again

Survivor of 1955 Ordeal, Friend Missing

PACKWOOD, Wash. (AP)—Two elderly prospectors—one of whom amazed searchers by surviving a six-day ordeal in the wilds with a companion a year ago—were reported overdue Saturday in a rugged area of Lewis County.

They are Joseph Castle, 91, and Charles Allger, 86.

Allger's car was found parked beside a remote logging road Friday. Lewis County sheriff's officers said a dog was locked inside along with supplies.

Officers said no organized search was planned Saturday because they felt the pair might be safe but not ready to come back yet from their prospecting venture.

Headlines

Allger was one of the two oldest men who won national headlines last September by surviving six days after becoming lost at the base of Mt. St. Helens. Castle was on that trip, too, but he got out safely and reported the other pair lost. The man who survived with Allger was Charles Dickens, who was 70.

Allger and Castle left their homes in Tacoma last Sunday to visit the old Indian Henry Mine in the wilderness area. They told Mrs. Hazel George of Tacoma they might stay as long as a week.

Talked of Mine

Mrs. George told the Longview Daily News by telephone that Castle also had talked of visiting another old mine during the trip.

She said she was worried because it didn't seem likely the men would have left the dog locked in the car if they expected to be gone long.

The trip was the fourth prospecting jaunt for the hardy oldsters this summer. Earlier trips were to Idaho and south of Mt. St. Helens.

Mrs. George said the men might have decided to go uranium-hunting since they took much the same type equipment as on their ill-fated 1955 trip.

Safety, Campaign Slogans Combined

ROCHESTER, N. Y. (AP)—Here's the latest campaign slogan, brainchild of Monroe County Republicans:

"Drive carefully. The life you save may vote Republican."

The slogan is printed on cards designed to fit in rear windows of automobiles.

'Party Bandit' Hangs Self in Prison Cell

One of the 18-year-old "birth-day bandits" convicted of holding up a woman's party last March near Marion, hanged himself with a pair of socks Saturday in his Oregon State Prison cell, Warden Clarence T. Gladden said.

LuVerne Francis Truitt's death was the second by hanging at the prison in four days. Leonard Lawrence Kirby, 27, serving a had check sentence, was found hanging from his belt in his cell Wednesday.

Truitt, a Salem resident, was sentenced last April to seven years for armed robbery. He and Earl Eldon Lane, also 18, were convicted of holding up a group of women and children at a birthday party March 14 north of Marion.

Deputy Warden L. R. Barnes said Truitt left no note, nor was there any indication in his recent conduct that such an act was contemplated. The act was accomplished with a pair of socks tied high on the cell bars, Barnes said.

U.S. Shelves Move to Ease House Buying

WASHINGTON (AP)—The administration for anti-inflationary reasons has quietly shelved a proposal of housing officials to reduce the down payments on government-insured home mortgages.

It was learned Saturday that Cole suggested to President Eisenhower's economic advisers that down payments be dropped immediately to 5 per cent to stimulate lagging home construction.

Cole was asked to hold off for the present, in view of rapidly rising consumer prices, the potentially inflationary impact of the steel price increase, rising interest rates and tightness in the money markets.

The Housing and Home Finance Administration (HHFA) chief agreed to defer action, his associates disclosed, because he was "unwilling to do anything that would conflict with the basic stabilization policies of the administration."

Death of Russ Boss Rumored

LONDON (AP)—Rumors swept newspaper offices in London and Paris Saturday that Soviet Communist Chieftain Nikita S. Khrushchev had been (A) ousted, (B) injured in some kind of accident, or (C) was dead.

The Soviet Embassy here said it had heard nothing of the kind. And the British Foreign Office told a newsman: "Everyone seems to have heard these rumors but us."

A direct check with Moscow was delayed. Telephone lines from London and Paris were reported out of order.

Rumors about the health or status of Soviet westerners are not uncommon in Western capitals. Frequently they prove unfounded. Khrushchev was at a Romanian reception in Moscow Thursday. His health then caused no comment.

Agent Selected By Salem Union

PORTLAND (AP)—Employees of the American Can Co. plant at Salem have chosen the Teamsters' Union as their bargaining agent, the National Labor Relations Board said Saturday.

College Coeds Seek Learning, Not Husbands

ASBURY PARK, N.J. (AP)—In the perennial argument of egg-head versus egg beater, a survey of college coeds has come up with a male shock: college girls go to school to learn, not to seek husbands.

The survey, conducted by the national college queen contest, further reported that today's college girls think on a loftier plane since they can get good jobs when college ends.

Heavy Prune Harvest Seen in Area Orchards

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DALLAS, Ore.—Prune harvest will be heavy this year, growers reported this weekend. Although there are but few trees in comparison to the once heavily pruned Willamette Valley, the trees that remain are very heavily loaded this year, growers said.

Another 10 days of good weather and the prunes should be ripe for picking. However, chances are, growers said, that Sept. 10 will be nearer prune picking time than Sept. 3. Prunes are problematic, when it comes to picking times, the growers added. You can't set the picking date very far ahead.

However, every indication is that the harvest time will be considerably in advance of either of the past two seasons, which were among the latest on record for a number of years. Growers of long time standing report that they can recall when picking didn't begin until the last week in September and lasted well into October. Others recall that in 1934 all prunes

Famed Expert on Sex Dies of Heart Ailment

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP)—Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey, 62, a little-known authority on insects who gained worldwide fame for his books on people's sex secrets, died Saturday from a heart ailment and pneumonia.

The bushy-haired zoologist, unruffled by the storm of scientific and religious controversy touched off by his "Sexual Behavior in the Human Male" in 1949, had been ailing for six months.

He was admitted to the Bloomington hospital Wednesday, but his condition had not been considered critical until Friday night.

Kinsey's illness had interrupted his busy schedule of travels to collect material for new sex research projects—on men in prison, on Europeans, on animals.

The Institute for Sex Research, which Kinsey set up on the Indiana campus, said no new book was near completion when he died.

Kinsey's institute became a \$100,000-a-year operation after the book on men's sex life, published with no advance fanfare,

Injured Scout Found on Side Of Mt. Rainier



DR. ALFRED KINSEY
Death Ends Research

SEATTLE (AP)—A weary, cold and very hungry little Seattle Boy Scout who still felt "pretty good" after being lost six days on the rugged slopes of Mt. Rainier was found on a rocky ledge several miles from where he disappeared last Sunday.

Found by searchers before noon Saturday was Richard Mizuhata, 13-year-old youngster who became separated from 15 other scouts on a hiking trip in the Carbon River park 70 miles southeast of Seattle.

He was first seen by Paul Uno, member of a Mountain Rescue Council search team, which has been part of a vast crew seeking the youth during every daylight hour this week.

"How did you know I was lost?" the lad said to Uno when the searcher found him. Uno didn't say what his answer was nor whether there was any further conversation.

Scout Wred

He fed the child some hot chocolate and radioed word to the base camp at Ipsut Creek Ranger Station, far below the 4,500-foot point where young Mizuhata lay.

Uno, like Richard, a Japanese-American, said he found the lad asleep on a large rock in the middle of a stream.

"I saw a place that looked like a likely spot," Uno said. "It was very steep. I just had a hunch."

"Richard heard me sliding down through the brush. He woke up. I heard him shout."

"I turned around and hollered. 'Here he is.'"

The boy was in a sleeping bag with his back propped up against the rock. He said he had been in the little ravine "since yesterday."

Richard was placed on a stretcher and the long, dangerous climb downhill was begun. It was eight hours before Ipsut Creek was reached.

There a newsman asked him how he felt.

Faint Smile

"Pretty good," he said with a faint smile, but his voice trailed away and the questioning ceased.

From Ipsut Creek he was taken to Enumclaw in an ambulance and then flown to Seattle's Sand Point Naval Air Station.

With him were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mizuhata, who had maintained a heart-breaking vigil on the mountain since ever since hearing of his disappearance Sunday.

Never Last Hope

They said they had never lost hope although considerable doubt had begun to be expressed by Thursday that the youngster would be found alive.

"His Boy Scout training will see him through," his father said again and again.

Saturday night, they showed their joy at having him back—and their weariness, too.

"He says he is feeling very fine," the father reported. "He has just a slight injury on one leg. I think he will be just fine as soon as he gets some rest and food."

Nasser to Offer Shipping Guarantee as Substitute For Global Rule of Suez

CAIRO, Egypt. (AP)—President Nasser will reject international control of the Suez Canal and instead will offer maritime powers treaty guarantees of unimpeded shipping, diplomatic sources predicted Saturday.

They said he will offer the guarantees, singly or collectively, as a counterproposal to the demand of 18 nations that the 103-mile waterway be operated by an international board, with Egypt as a member.

Grabbed Control

The internationalization proposal was drafted by 18 of 22 nations invited to a conference in London after Nasser announced July 26 that Egypt had taken control of the canal from the Suez Canal Co., an international commercial organization dominated by Britain and France.

There was no official indication here on whether Nasser would agree to receive a five-nation committee which is seeking to present the proposals to the Egyptian leaders.

Rejection Expected

But whatever his decision on receiving the committee may be, the diplomatic sources predicted his reply will reject international control and counter with his offers of treaty guarantees to canal users that their ships will sail through the waterway without restriction.

Nasser conferred separately Saturday with the Indian and Russian ambassadors in Cairo and with Indonesian Foreign Minister Ruslan Abdulghani, who represented his country at the London meeting.

After his talk with the Egyptian president, Abdulghani said he was "still optimistic" over chances of a peaceful settlement.

Driver's New Vehicle Goes On Rampage

METROPOLIS, Ill. (AP)—John Neal's new car jumped a curb Friday night and knocked over two parking meters, then rammed into a barbershop. But that's not all.

It shifted into reverse, knocked over another parking meter, across the street and bumped a parked car.

Moving forward once more, it struck another parking meter, hit two lampposts, rolled across an intersection, smashed into another parked car and stopped.

Neal, 70, was charged with driving without a license.

Daniel Leads In Texas Vote

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—U. S. Sen. Price Daniel, a Democrat who bolted to Eisenhower in 1952, and ardent party loyalist Ralph Yarborough raced into a photo finish early Sunday for Democratic nomination as governor, with Daniel a whisker ahead.

At 12:40 a. m., CST, Yarborough refused to concede in the closest Texas governor's race in modern history.

Daniel went to bed soon after midnight, saying he was confident of victory.

Robert Johnson, manager of the Texas election bureau, unofficial vote-gathering agency, said it "seems unlikely" that Yarborough would be able to overcome Daniel's slender lead.

On the 1 a. m. count, the bureau estimated that only 12,000 votes were still unaccounted for.

In the final tabulation until noon Sunday Daniel led by 5,214 votes.

Tug Strikes Small Craft

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP)—What appeared to be the stern section of a small boat was recovered from the Columbia River near here Saturday after a tug captain reported belief he had hit and sunk the craft.

But searchers failed to find a bow or an anchor, or a trace of anyone who might have been aboard.

Capt. John Nissen of Warren, Ore., said his tug was pushing an oil barge downstream when he heard the propeller hit something about six miles east of here. He turned and saw wreckage, although it was raining heavily and visibility was poor.

Sheriff's deputies, coastguardsmen and private fishermen, who took part in the search for other wreckage, said the craft apparently was a 14-foot plywood outboard craft. They believe the boat was anchored in the main channel when hit.

In the stern section were a gallon can of gasoline, a life preserver cushion and a pair of men's gloves.

Attempts were continuing to identify the boat and find its owner.

Rain Dampens Salem Sector

The Salem area received 0.8 of an inch of rain Saturday and a low isolated showers are expected to dampen the vicinity today, according to the U.S. weather station at McNary Field.

Partly cloudy skies are scheduled to continue today and Monday. Predicted high today is 78, low tonight 59.

Northern Oregon beaches will probably be cloudy or foggy this morning with clearing this afternoon. High today will run about 63 to 68, the low 43 to 50.

The Weather

Today's forecast: Partly cloudy today and Monday. A few isolated showers today. High today 78, low tonight 50.

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NORTHWEST LEAGUE
At Salem 2-4, Lewiston 0-6.
At Eugene 2, Wenatchee 5.
At Yakima 5, Tri-City, rain.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE
At Vancouver 7-5, Portland 10-7.
At Los Angeles 8, Seattle 7.
At Sacramento 6, San Francisco 4.
At San Diego 8, Hollywood 3.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
At Washington 8, Kansas City 4.
At Baltimore 3, Detroit 7.
At New York 2, Chicago 4.
At Boston 9, Cleveland 6.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
At Cincinnati 5, Brooklyn 2.
At Milwaukee 6, Philadelphia 3.
At Chicago 6, New York 6.
At St. Louis 6, Pittsburgh 5.