

Nation's June Weather Runs Full Gamut; Crop Loss Heavy

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The weather cut climatic capers in June and dealt a damaging blow to much of the nation's crops and farm lands.
Floods in a Midwest area caused the heaviest loss in crops. In addition thousands were forced to flee from their homes to escape the crushing waters of swollen rivers and streams in Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska and Kansas.
Summer was delayed in many sections of the country. Temperatures dipped to new lows for the month; and heavy rains delayed field work on farms; there were snow and hail storms and tornadoes.
Blizzards, Too
In the Rocky Mountain region

The weather was a mixture of normal and freakish. There was a blizzard in West Yellowstone June 20 and 21 killing three persons. Wyoming had its heaviest June snowfall in history on June 11 and 12 with 8.3 inches, breaking the previous record of eight inches set in June, 1892. The region generally had above normal precipitation with floods in Colorado in the first part of the month. Two tornadoes in Colorado caused heavy damage. Utah reported the third wettest June since 1874 with 18.60 inches.

Texas Hot
There wasn't enough rain in the southwest. Continued dry weather in mid-Texas slowed growing of grains. A threatened drought ended in West Texas and the lower Rio Grande Valley. Rivers flooded in some areas but a rise in the Rio Grande brought badly needed irrigation water to the valley. Rains held down a 100-degree temperature until last week when the mercury in western and middle sections of Texas went above the century mark consistently, reaching a high of 108 at Choldress Monday.

The weather bureau in Washington said the East generally had cooler weather than normal in June.
Rainfall in California was below normal, "spotty" in the southern and central sections, and about normal in the northern area. High winds four days in June caused widespread damage to crops, fruit trees and grape vines in northern California with losses in the Auburn area alone estimated at \$250,000.

Precipitation in the state of Washington last month was above normal while temperatures were somewhat below. A hail storm in south-eastern Washington caused severe damage to the cherry crop.

Alaskan Forests See New Blazes

ANCHORAGE, Alaska—(AP)—Two new forest fires have swept over 168,000 acres of Alaska timberland, but rains last Friday and Saturday virtually extinguished the Kenai Peninsula blaze after it had seared more than 250,000 acres of prime spruce.

R. R. Robinson, chief of the Alaska Fire Control Service, reported Tuesday a fire in the Salcha region near Fairbanks is raging unchecked and now covers 100,000 acres, while a second fire near the Tazlina glacier has burned over 68,000 acres.

Word that the Kenai blaze had died down was brought to Anchorage by Ward Gay, commercial pilot.

With danger to forests at its peak, Robinson said fire fighting crews would have to be laid off because the fire control service appropriations bill still is in joint congressional committee.

Licenses for Airpark Must Be Renewed

City licenses for the use of the Eugene Airpark by private aircraft and flying clubs should be renewed immediately at the Airpark office, according to Earl Snyder, assistant manager.

Snyder said the old licenses expired Monday and that all owners of aircraft using the airpark are required to have a license.

HAWLEY WINS TIMBER
PORTLAND—(AP)—A \$16,284 bid won for Hawley Pulp & Paper Co., 7,560,000 feet of timber in a forest service contract here Monday. The timber is in the Siuslaw National Forest. Regional Forester H. J. Andrews said it was the only bid entered.

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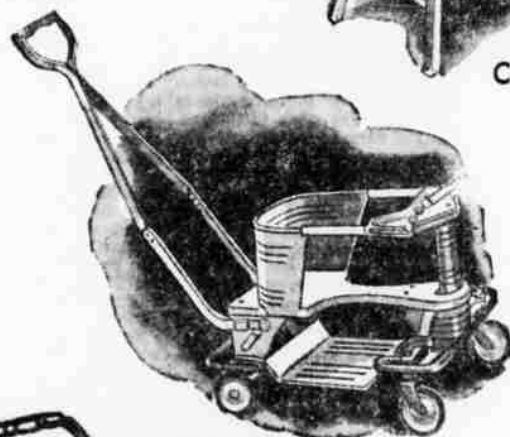
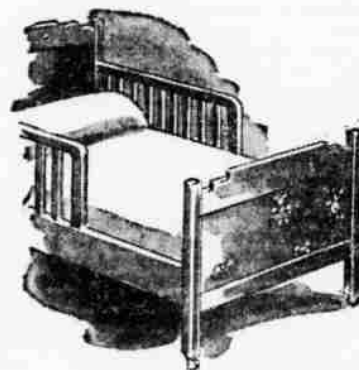
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