

Big Wind, Six-Day Cold Spell Highlighted Weather in 1962

Quadruplets Born New Year's Day

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When 1961 closed, the year's weather pattern was summed up as "the year of the winds" in the Emerald Empire.

Certainly there were a few more Pacific storms than usual, and scattered damage—a few blown-off roofs, uprooted trees and a freak accident that killed three men.

At the end of 1961, however, it seemed to be massive damage.

Now, at the end of 1962, the previous year's wind damage has been dwarfed by the Oct. 12 Columbus Day storm.

Even when reduced to sta-

listics, the storm left an impression: 32 Oregonians dead, millions of dollars of property damage and uncounted trees felled. And the storm, in the Eugene-Springfield area, brought winds over 45 miles per hour for nearly two hours. The peak gust was 86 miles per hour, and the highest sustained wind, 63 miles per hour.

But the Columbus Day storm wasn't the only 1962 weather to change the appearance of the Emerald Empire. Back in January, a six-day cold spell with near-record low temperatures took a high toll in ornamental plants and farm and fruit crops.

That cold spell began with a

treat for some Emerald Empire residents: Snow. The snow fell on Jan. 18 and 19, and no one paid too much attention to the continuing cold. Then the snow stopped, and the thermometer kept going down, finally hitting a low of 6 degrees above zero on Jan. 22.

When the six-day cold spell finally broke, and the end of the month rolled around, weather bureau officials found that it had been the driest January in Eugene weather bureau history. Rainfall and snow totaled only 1.39 inches, way below the average of 8.33 inches.

From then on, rainy and dry spells alternated throughout

the year. Year-end totals show that the year's rainfall, 37.44 inches, was surprisingly close to the average of 39.56 inches.

But January wasn't the end of really unusual weather. Snow fell again on Feb. 24, and temperatures again dipped, to marks just low enough to cause extensive damage to early-leaving trees and shrubs.

March came in like a lion in most of the Emerald Empire with a heavy snowstorm March 1 but behaved like a lamb in

the Eugene-Springfield area, which remained a green oasis.

April was just a usual April—lots of rain and cloudy skies. May began with a bang. A hail storm with stones up to an inch in diameter hit the area from Coburg to Eugene May 8, again causing extensive damage.

More clouds, rain and cool temperatures followed, until Emerald Empire residents began to doubt that any spring weather would occur. It didn't. The seasons moved from dank

and damp right into a warm, relatively nice summer.

On Oct. 10, a Pacific storm with heavy rains and gusty winds hit the area. A second storm followed Oct. 11, and its damage was front-page news. Then came Oct. 12, and the two hours that finished the year's destructive weather attack on the face of the Emerald Empire.

December finally produced a long-awaited weather event—a clear day without clouds and with lots of sunshine.

On the one day—Dec. 24—clouds disappeared and the Eugene-Springfield area had its first clear day since Sept. 24.

The last month was drier than usual. A total of 3.03 inches of precipitation fell, less than half the average December precipitation of 6.61 inches.

But the temperatures were near average. The highest recorded during the month was 61 degrees on Dec. 6, and the lowest was 20 degrees, recorded Christmas morning.

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine quadruplets born New Year's Day are reported doing well but the parents are wondering how they will provide for the new arrivals.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfredo Ylanan already had six children and Ylanan, a mechanic, says he will be hard pressed to support the brood.

The quads—named Adelia, Bella, Celia and Dian—weighed from 2.64 pounds to 2.2 pounds at their birth in a hospital.



Fair skies are expected over western Oregon tonight and Friday, although some areas may have patchy night and morning fog. Rain is predicted tonight for the northern and southern Plateau areas, with snow in higher elevations. Snow is also expected in the lower

Lakes region. A warming trend is expected to continue in the northern Plains and from the southern Plains northeastward through New England. Cooler weather is expected in the south Atlantic Coast states, the upper Mississippi Valley and the Pacific Northwest.

Cooler With Some Clouds

EUGENE-SPRINGFIELD
Forecast: Partly cloudy to night and Friday, with some morning fog. Cooler. Expected high today, 48 degrees, predicted low Friday morning, 38 degrees, predicted high Friday, 46. Western Oregon: Fair with patchy night and morning fog tonight and Friday. Highs of 44-50, lows of 32-44.

Statistics (reading at the U.S. Weather Bureau, Mahlon Sweet Airport, Eugene): Highest temperature Wednesday, 52; lowest Thursday, 45; rain in 24 hours ending 10 a.m. Thursday, .17 of an inch; total for January, .48 of an inch; average for January, 6.33 inches; readings at 10 a.m. Thursday: humidity, 89 per cent; wind, calm. Prevailing wind Wednesday, S8.

Stage of rivers at 7 a.m. Thursday. Willamette at Ferry Street Bridge, 10.6 feet; McKenzie at Armitage Bridge, 2.1 feet.

Sunrise and sunset: Friday,

7:48 a.m. and 4:48 p.m.; Saturday, 7:48 a.m. and 4:49 p.m.

TEMPERATURES
(24 hours ending 10 a.m. Thurs.)
Noon Wed. 48 Midnite Wed. 30
2 p.m. 50 2 a.m. Thurs. 48
4 p.m. 51 4 a.m. 45
6 p.m. 51 6 a.m. 46
8 p.m. 52 8 a.m. 46
10 p.m. 51 10 a.m. 48
Readings at U.S. Weather Bureau, Mahlon Sweet Airport, Eugene.

(AP Wirephoto)
OREGON
(24 hours to 4:30 a.m. Thursday)
Max. Min. Prec.
Astoria 34 47 .51
Baker 38 31 .04
Bend 36 37 T
Brookings 31 48 .68
Burns 43 33 .01
Klamath Falls 46 34 T
Lakeview 45 35
Medford 41 39 .05
Newport 33 43 1.12
North Bend 56 40 .33
Pendleton 54 47 .15
Portland 55 46 .16
Redmond 34 39 T
Roseburg 37 47 .11
Salem 31 43 .22
The Dalles 48 43 .02

NATIONAL
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Atlanta 50 30 —
Bismarck 25 17 —
Boise 43 34 —
Boston 43 33 —
Chicago 32 30 .01

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Detroit 30 27 —
Fairbanks -3 -12 —
Fort Worth 59 32 —
Helena 51 31 —
Honolulu 80 64 —
Juneau 18 12 T
Kansas City 34 30 —
Los Angeles 63 36 —
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Miami 73 57 —
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Oklahoma City 48 32 —
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OSU Student Loan Fund Gets Boost From Dads Club

OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY—A \$50,000 addition to the student loan fund at Oregon State University has been made possible by a \$4,000 gift from the OSU Dads Club.

Floyd Mullen of Albany, club president, said the \$4,000 gift comes from reserve money of the OSU Dads Club.

The \$4,000 will be matched to \$50,000 by the United Student Aid Fund, a national non-profit corporation. For every \$1,000 a university can raise for student loans, the national USAF organization will provide backing to \$12,500.

The USAF is a private, non-profit service corporation which endorses low-cost, long-term loans made by local banks to needy college students. It serves as an intermediary between the student's hometown bank and the student's college.

These funds may be used by Oregon State University sophomores, juniors and seniors. Application may be made through the student's local bank or

through the student loan office on campus.

With the additional \$50,000, the OSU student loan fund now has more than \$400,000 available for use. Funds are loaned for several days up to four years, depending upon the need and the source of the funds.

Van Richards, OSU assistant dean of men and student loan board member, said the OSU Dads Club is able to provide student-aid funds through its \$15 life and \$5 annual dues membership.

For the past several years, the Dads Club has annually provided 17 full-tuition scholarships worth \$5,100. In addition, the club provides a \$1,000 emergency loan fund for use by the dean of men and dean of women to meet urgent situations.

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