

Extreme Cold Sets Records In Midwest

Weather Blamed For 60 Deaths

By United Press International
Another shock wave of cold buffeted the nation Monday as breeding tornadoes in Georgia and Alabama, road-jamming snows in the north, and warnings for more snow and below zero weather for the Midwest. The icy weather was blamed for more than 60 deaths across the nation. New low temperature records were set throughout the frozen Midwest while freezing temperatures endangered the multimillion dollar citrus and winter vegetable crops in Texas' Rio Grande Valley and Southern California.

Thousands of dollars in damage to homes and farms was left in the wake of a series of tornadoes which danced over South Georgia, Alabama and northwest Florida Sunday. Several persons were injured but there were no deaths.

Thruway Blocked

Heavy blowing and drifting snow forced officials in Buffalo, N. Y., to block 110 miles of the state thruway in western New York. Visibility dropped to zero and scores of cars had to be towed out of the area.

Below zero readings were logged from Nebraska to Ohio, including 41 degrees below at Black River Falls, Wis., and 38 below at International Falls, Minn.

An 80-year-old temperature record was equaled in Chicago when the mercury dipped to 15 below, the lowest in the windy city in three years. Springfield, Ill. recorded 14 below, a new record and the coldest reading there in six years. Indianapolis, Ind., had a record 8 below.

Ice Blocks River

Memphis, Tenn., shivered in 14 degree weather while El Paso, Tex., registered a low of 18.

Ice jammed Cottonwood Creek in Buena Vista, Colo., diverting more than a foot of water into a dozen homes. Volunteers and city employees had worked all day Sunday loosening blocked ice and opening sluice-gates of a dam in the town.

Extended temperatures in the 20s would deal a multimillion dollar blow to plants in the Rio Grande Valley Monday. Last weekend's freeze ruined tomatoes, sweet peppers and damaged other crops. The valley suffered an estimated \$50 million loss last January.

The loss in Southern California has been estimated in the millions, and included 50 per cent of some crops.

Dickie Enters Innocent Plea

BOISE (UPI)—Theodore Thomas Dickie pleaded innocent Monday to a charge of murdering 10-year-old Carolyn Rae Oldham of Boise last fall.

Judge Merlin S. Young set Feb. 4 as the date to set a trial date for the 22-year-old Dickie.

Dickie also is charged in Elmore County of knifing to death Nancy Joy Johnson, 22, and her 2-year-old son, Daniel, last April 10. Airman I.C. Gerald M. Anderson is being held by authorities at Mountain Home AFB on that charge.

Dickie allegedly admitted raping and strangling to death the Oldham child the night following an escape from the Ada County jail. He also has admitted he killed the Johnsons.

Anderson's attorney, Robert McLaughlin, said he expects an announcement soon that Anderson will be freed by Air Force authorities.

Six Children Killed

AUBONNE, Switzerland (UPI)—Six children perished Saturday when a building of the Lavigny Home for Epileptics burned down.

Two children managed to escape from the wooden structure.



(AP Wirephoto)

Iowa Cold

Winds reached a velocity of 52 miles an hour in Iowa Sunday as arctic air surged across the state dropping visibility to near zero at times after a 14 below reading in Des Moines Saturday night. This scene in downtown Des Moines shows some of the debris blown about with swirling snow. Few people were out and churches were closed as driving became hazardous.

Harpo Marx Addresses Audience

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (UPI)—For the second time in 46 years Harpo Marx spoke to an audience.

What he said was to confirm the announcement his comedy associate had just tearfully made: after more than 50 years in show business, 74-year-old Harpo is retiring.

It came about rather casually Saturday night.

Harpo—the ever-silent Marx brother with the wild wig, harp, capacious raincoat and honking cane—was dining with his wife. Afterward he was to do a show at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.

"Mrs. Marx said, 'Why are you doing this?' Harpo recalled Sunday. 'She said, 'you've been in the business a long time. What are you trying to prove? Why don't you quit?'"

"I hesitated a second and said, 'Okay.'"

At the benefit, Harpo went on-stage, played a harp and clarinet and did a comedy routine with a girl singer.

Then costar Allen Sherman, the current favorite with his off-beat lyrics to folks songs, came on and told of Harpo's retirement plans.

"He got emotional and started crying—so all of a sudden I found myself talking," Harpo said.

The audience of nearly 2,000 paid him tribute with a standing ovation.

The only other time he ever spoke to an audience except Saturday night, Harpo told a reporter was in Toledo 15 or 20 years ago.

Before retiring he'll make four scheduled benefit appearances in New York; Memphis, Tenn.; Seattle, Wash., and Portland, Ore.

Violinist Added To CMA Series

Eugene Civic Music Assn. members will get a "bonus" attraction in this year's concert series.

CMA President Arthur Bailey announced Monday that the CMA board has signed a contract for a seventh performer, violinist Marilyn Dubow, who will present a Sunday afternoon recital on May 12.

The day is part of Mothers Weekend on the University of Oregon campus.

Bailey said Miss Dubow, from New York City, is a "brilliant young artist" who recently won a Russian competition for violinists equivalent to the piano competition which launched Van Cliburn as a top concert star.

Justice of Peace Arraigned Monday

Springfield Justice of the Peace Carl M. Lewis, 56, was arraigned in Lane County Circuit Court Monday morning on three indictments charging him with conversion of public funds. Lewis, of Leaburg, will plead Wednesday to the charges. Lewis was arrested Friday night after the grand jury returned three secret indictments against him. One indictment, similar to a district attorney's information on which Lewis was first arrested last Monday, alleges he converted about \$1,425 of public funds to his own use between June 30, 1961 and Dec. 31, 1962.

The other two indictments charge conversion of specific amounts, \$40 on Jan. 14, 1963, and \$35 on Jan. 11, 1963.

Four other men were arraigned in circuit court Monday, and two of them entered guilty pleas:

• Neal Bishop, 42, of Cottage Grove, waived indictment and was arraigned on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. He will plead Wednesday to a charge alleging he passed a worthless check for \$25 in a Cottage Grove market on Dec. 14.

• Monte Cole Thor, 23, of Stockton, Calif., entered a guilty plea to a charge of obtaining money and property under false pretenses. He was charged with passing a worthless \$35 check in Springfield on Nov. 3. A presentence investigation was ordered by Judge William Fort.

• Frank Allen Drew, 21, of Cottage Grove, pleaded guilty to a charge of burglarizing the Northgate service station in Springfield on Dec. 31. A presentence investigation was ordered.

• Kenneth Irving Vincent, 19, who gave a Eugene motel as his address, was arraigned on a secret indictment returned last Friday charging him with knowingly uttering and publishing a forged check for \$25 at a Marcola market Oct. 10. He will plead Wednesday.

Killed were Mildred Ann Eich, 20, and Sharon Anne Kilian, 19, both former residents of Springfield.



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Dem Wants Hatfield's Name on Tax Bill

SALEM (UPI)—House Speaker Clarence Barton, D-Coquille, said Monday that Republican Gov. Mark Hatfield won't allow his name to be put on the net receipts tax bill.

"As a result," Barton said, "there is not the enthusiasm for it on the part of the Democratic majority."

Hatfield is urging the Legislature to pass the bill.

Barton said the House Taxation Committee wants to introduce the bill, "at the request of Governor Hatfield." But Barton said Hatfield wouldn't permit this.

"Can it be that the governor doesn't want his name on a bill that raises taxes?" Barton asked at a Monday press conference.

He said that since the governor won't let his name go on the bill, the Taxation Committee isn't going to sponsor it, either.

So it will be introduced Tuesday or Wednesday by individual Republicans, Barton said.

Hatfield said later at his weekly news conference that he didn't think it was good policy for the governor's name to be on any bill.

Hatfield said his net receipts bill would be introduced by Rep. Victor Atiyeh, R-Beaverton. "Mr. Atiyeh is representing my point of view, which is clearly defined," Hatfield said.

He said various parts of his legislative proposals would be introduced by Democrats, others by Republicans and others by committees.

The net receipts tax is a revised income tax. Everybody's gross income would be taxed one per cent, and there would be no deductions. Rates would be a sliding scale of three up to 5 or 6 per cent.

Barton said "the Legislature shouldn't have to take the gaff on this bill all by itself."

But, he added, the Democratic majority in the House is willing to co-sponsor the bill with the governor and make a bipartisan effort out of it. The Republican-sponsored bill

to levy a 2.5 per cent tax on net business profits was introduced in the House Monday. This tax would replace part of all of the tax on merchandise inventories.

The principal sponsor was Rep. Victor Atiyeh, R-Beaverton, but Rep. Richard Eymann, House Tax Committee, is a co-sponsor.

Sen. Edward Fadleley, D-Eugene, introduced his proposed constitutional amendment to abolish the death penalty.

But Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney, D-Portland, introduced two bills that would become law if the people repeal the death penalty. One would make persons serving life for first degree murder ineligible for parole, and those doing life for second degree murder would have to serve at least seven years.

Mahoney's other bill would permit the death penalty for first degree murderers who commit another murder in prison.

Another new Mahoney bill would exempt from taxation the first \$7,500 of true cash value of a home of any World War I veteran.

A bill to prevent suits against doctors who render emergency aid to accident victims also was introduced Monday.

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