Coldest on Record in Many Areas

Winter Yields to Spring

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Winter, 1962-63, whose walloping of the Northern Hemisphere long will be remembered, yielded to spring at 3:20 a.m. Thursday.

U.S. weathermen said the winter was among the most severe in the past 100 years.

England reported the months from December to February were the coldest in 223 years.

In Japan, record-breaking snow caved in 1,700 roofs in Tokyo alone.

Meteorologists said the winter was the coldest or near the coldest on record for Chattanooga, Birmingham, Cleveland, Atlanta, New Orleans and Pittsburgh.

But in Alaska, many areas had much warmer weather than usual.

The cost in lives from weather-linked accidents was high. Crop losses, particularly in the South, ran into the millions of dollars. The South also had tornadoes and some of the worst floods in its history.

But this excess of moisture didn't carry over to much of the West, where some states reported the driest winter in years, and fear there might be a water shortage later. Many ski resorts suffered from a lack of snow.

Generally business wasn't hurt as much as it sometimes is during a hard winter, a survey by The Associated Press showed.

Retail sales were up two percentage points from a year ago. Industrial production held steady, with steel and auto output climbing.

The winter was, in the words of a Tennessee weather prophet —Helen Lane of Crab Orchard— a "humdinger." She predicted as much last fall after noticing that hornets' nests were close to the ground near her home in the Cumberland Mountains.

At Kingston Springs, in a pocket on the Harpeth River near Nashville, the mercury plummeted to 30 degrees below zero on Jan. 24. Nashville recorded an all-time low of 15.4 degrees below zero.

Deeper in the South, New Orleans had its coldest winter since 1905. Fifteen days of freezing or below left a seasonal mean temperature of 51.7 degrees. The 1905 mean was 51.1. The record is 50.9 set in 1886.

Crops Damaged

The city's royal palms, familiar to thousands of tourists, were killed by the freeze for the second straight year. They had been replanted.

The winter was the coldest in South Carolina since 1901. Temperatures along the coast fell to 10 degrees or lower in December for the lowest reading there in memory.

In Florida, a mid-December freeze sent temperatures down to 10 degrees in the northern portion. As a result, the state's citrus crop was cut from an estimated 161.7 million to 110.7 million boxes.

Citrus experts said it will cost growers more than $300 million to replace trees and rehabilitate groves during the next three to five years.

Millions of dollars worth of shrubs and palm trees had to be replaced.

Nevertheless, the state enjoyed a boom tourist year, with northerners flocking there in hopes of finding a bit of sunshine.

The winter was described as the coldest of the century for North Carolina, although there was less snow than usual, particularly in mountainous western North Carolina. On Jan. 24, the lowest unofficial temperature on record—24 below—was reported at Mt. Pisgah.

The combination of December, January and February was the coldest on record for the Cleveland, Ohio area. Snow at the Cleveland Hopkins Airport totaled 68.4 inches, compared to 36.6 inches in a normal winter.

The record snow measurement for Cleveland was 80.9 inches in the 1909-10 winter.

The winter was the third coldest in history for Chicago, with 24 days of zero or below temperatures.

50 Below Zero

In Indiana, a record 22 days of subzero temperatures was recorded in Indianapolis from December through February. Laport measured 105 inches of snow during the season.

Iowa's winter was the coldest since 1935-36. In the past half century, only the winter of 1917-18 also was colder.

There was an unofficial 50 below zero reading at Decorah in northeast Iowa. In some parts of the state the temperature sank below zero every night for as long as three weeks.

Michigan reported the fourth coldest winter on record, with an average temperature of 20.7 degrees, 7.3 degrees below normal.

Ice on the Great Lakes was reported the thickest in 50 years. Lake Superior, never known to have frozen completely over, came close this year.

Rare Type of Food Poisoning Traced to Single Can of Tuna

DETROIT (AP) — A tuna can from which two Detroit women ate and then died contained a rare type of seafood poisoning, but health authorities said Thursday indications are that it was the only tainted one among thousands of pure tins.

George T. Daughters, Detroit chief of the U. S. Food and chief of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, said "there seems little doubt that Type E (clostridium Botulisum) is the type organism involved," and added:

"It was isolated from the lid of the can in question and from the intestinal content of the first victim."

Dr. Robert J. Solomon, who treated the second victim, said he attributed her death to "botulism, and everything points to Type E."

Daughters said tests of many other cans from a suspected West Coast shipment to Detroit area A&P supermarkets proved pure. So did those taken from other shipments.

There have been no other reports of botulism food poisoning in the Detroit or other areas of the country.

Daughters said FDA officials are unable to explain how only one can was contaminated, but told newsmen: "The chances of finding another contaminated can appear to be slight. It may be that we'll never know how only one can was involved."

Ralph Johnson, the FDA's bacteriologist at Detroit, said the toxic organism found was "positively identified" as Type E, a rare type generally associated with marine life from extremely cold waters.

Daughters said earlier that if it were finally proved tuna was responsible for the Detroit deaths, they would be the first in his more than 40 years of experience that botulism had been traced to a commercially canned product. The last known occurrence was in ripe olives in the mid-1920's, he said.

Margaret McCarthy, 39, died in Detroit Tuesday, three days after her neighbor, Collette Brown, 37, with whom she had shared a tuna fish snack late last week. Both developed symptoms resembling Type-E botulism.

The tin from which they ate was traced to a consignment of 120 cases to Detroit area A&P food stores. The 6½-ounce cans bore the A&P label and were from a coded shipment with markings of WY3Y2 over 118X.

When health authorities first voiced suspicion, A&P withdrew all the WY3Y2-118X shipment. Wednesday it ordered all A&P brand tuna withdrawn temporarily from its 4,400 supermarkets across the country.

On Jan. 8, the day the A&P consignment was canned, an official said, the Washington Canning Corp. of San Francisco processed a total of 550 cases or 26,400 cans. Washington packs under its own brand name and under the labels of several chains.

California public health officials said the A&P tuna was cooked for a longer time and at a higher temperature than required by state regulations. Daughters said in Detroit California's inspection is one of the best and he would be surprised if anything got by it.

New Car Unveiled

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet auto engineers Thursday exhibited a 15-horsepower economy car called Sputnik. Powered by a two-cylinder engine, it can hit speeds of up to 45 miles an hour, Tass said, and goes nearly 30 miles to the gallon of gasoline.

(AP Wirephoto)

Royal Rite

Hope Cooke, 22, New York socialite, stands with her husband Maharajkumar Thondup Namgyal, the crown prince of Sikkim, at their wedding in Gangtok, Sikkim, Wednesday. The crown prince is a 39-year-old widower with three children.

Eugene Youth to Be Held At Skipworth Juvenile Home

William Fulbright, 13, will be kept in detention at Skipworth Juvenile Home while an investigation into the fatal shooting of his mother is completed.

That decision was reached Thursday morning in a special hearing at the Lane County Juvenile Dept.

The youth admitted to Eugene police Wednesday that he fired a rifle shot which killed his mother, Mrs. Ralph Fulbright, 54, at the Fulbright's south Eugene home, 190 E. 46th Ave., Wednesday morning.

Juvenile Director Jewel Goddard said all involved in the case, including the boy's family, agreed he should be detained while investigations are being made. Goddard said these include police investigations of the shooting and complete psychological and social investigation by the juvenile department.

He estimated it would take about two weeks for these to be completed. Then another hearing will be held to determine what disposition will be made of the case.

The hearing will decide whether formal charges should be placed against the boy, or if some other action should be taken.

Police said William, who will be 14 in May, admitted shooting his mother at the door to his bedroom as she started into the room. A sister who was in the home at the time told police there had been tension building between William and Mrs. Fulbright for some time.

Stevenson in Paris

PARIS (AP) — Adlai E. Stevenson, chief U.S. delegate to the United Nations, arrived in Paris Thursday at the start of a European tour. Stevenson said he will give a lecture at the North Atlantic Treaty Organization defense college and confer with French and American officials.

Termed 'Calamitous Blow'

Timber Sales Tax Proposal Opposed

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Kennedy's proposed new tax rules on timber sales were denounced Thursday as a calamity for the industry and disastrous for good forestry practices.

An industry group and two House members from Washington State criticized the administration proposal to curtail the present treatment of timber sales receipts as capital gains, subject to a lower tax rate than regular income.

Their testimony was prepared for the House Ways and Means Committee.

The Treasury says its proposal, which would continue capital gains treatment for the first $5,000 of timber income received by individuals, would mean no additional tax for more than 99 per cent of forest land owners. Ordinary tax rates would apply to higher individual income and to all corporation income.

The administration has also proposed more liberal treatment of reforestation expenses by allowing them to be deducted from current income.

G. Kenneth Crowell, executive vice president of Kimberley-Clark Corp., Neenah, Wis., said passage of the proposals "would be a calamitous blow to the timber industry, to all allied manufacturing and distributing businesses, to reforestation and forest management, and to the jobs of countless thousands of employes dependent upon the timber industry."

Crowell spoke for the Forest Industries Committee on Timber Valuation and Taxation.

Rep. Catherine May, R-Wash., said the present taxing system has resulted in such good timber practices that, for the first time, growth is well ahead of removal. The change, she said, would destroy "sound conservation practices and advances."

She argued, moreover, it would tend to raise U.S. timber prices and so encourage increased competition from Canada.

She said the industry accounts for a $300 million payroll in Washington, about 24 per cent of the total industrial payroll in the state.

Rep. Thomas Pelly, R-Wash., said the change would increase costs and "further deteriorate the situation and our employment level."

He said "all the best forest management practices" have been possible under the present tax system and "much logged over land previously abandoned has been restored to the tax rolls and productivity."

Springfield Man Given Second Term

A Springfield man judged responsible for the death of two women in a fiery automobile accident last year was sentenced in Lane County Circuit Court Wednesday to a second 18-month term in the Oregon State penitentiary for negligent homicide.

The man is Russell Irving Connolly, 29, of 155 Nova St. Wednesday's sentence followed his conviction on the second of two negligent homicide charges included in a grand jury indictment. The latest sentence will run concurrently with the first.

Separate counts accused Connolly of driving in "reckless disregard of human life" while intoxicated on Oct. 27, 1962.

One count accused him of causing the crash on Highway 99 south of Goshen resulting in the death of Mildred Ann Eich, 20. Another count accused him of causing the death of her companion, Sharon Anne Kilian, 19. Both were former Springfield residents traveling from California.

Mahoney to Seek Senate Presidency

SALEM (AP)—Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney, D - Portland, announced Thursday he will seek the presidency of the 1965 state Senate.

Mahoney, who is serving in his 9th session, is dean of the Legislature. He is a lawyer, and chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Mahoney said he would seek votes in both parties.

Bid Opening Set

SALEM (AP)—The State Highway Commission will open bids April 23 on steel superstructure for the bridge being built across the Columbia River at Astoria.

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