

Cash Lacking for Flood Insurance

By FRANCES LEWINE
 WASHINGTON (AP)—Government-sponsored flood insurance, on the lawbooks for six months, still is not available to aid in the latest flood disasters.

And it may be late spring or early summer—past some of the peak flood seasons in many areas—before any policies are written.

Holding things up at the moment is a 10-million-dollar appropriation awaiting congressional action.

"When we get the money, we'll be in operation," says Commissioner Frank J. Meistrall, in

charge of the Federal Flood Insurance Administration.

The government took on the experiment of underwriting flood insurance after disastrous 1955-56 floods in the Northeast because no private insurance companies were willing to take the risk.

The biggest problem in launching the program has been to determine a schedule of rates for the 37 states classed as flood areas.

The rates are ready now though still a secret.

Flood policies will be handled through 150,000 private insurance agents and brokers. Between 1,500 and 4,000 insurance companies will act for the government on a "set-fee" or cost reimbursement basis.

The government will pay the agent's fees and also absorb 40 per cent of the cost of the policy. The rates will vary according to the risk of flood damage.

The government is authorized to write five billion dollars worth of insurance, with a maximum of \$250,000 for any one person and a top of \$10,000 for any private dwelling. The law is geared primarily to aid the small businessman and small home owner and also provides for loan contracts to help cover flood losses.

Woman Kills

3 Tots, Self

WOOD RIVER, Ill. (AP)—Mrs. Norman Robertson, 25, who had been under psychiatric treatment, slashed the throats of her three little boys yesterday and killed herself.

Helen Andrews, Mrs. Robertson's 12-year-old sister, discovered the tragedy when she stopped on the way home from school to play with her nephews.

The father, 33-year-old vocational guidance counselor for a social agency in St. Louis, said his wife was a patient at a mental hospital for four weeks after the youngest boy, Mark, was born six months ago.

The other boys were David, 4, and Eric, 3. All died.

Bank Robber

Gets 5 Years

PORTLAND (AP)—Paul James Lambertson, 28, who robbed a Klamath Falls bank to meet his bills and finance his wedding, was sentenced Tuesday to five years in prison.

Federal Judge William G. East said this was a comparatively light sentence, given because of Lambertson's good record.

Lambertson's attorney, George K. Tomlinson, said it was a spur-of-the-moment affair when Lambertson, unarmed, demanded money from a teller of the First National Bank at Klamath Falls last November. Domestic problems and heavy debts caused it, the attorney said. He got \$2,700.

Lambertson was paying \$325 monthly in a divorce settlement including support for his children and had take-home pay of only \$350, he said.

His bride-to-be was waiting at the church when told Lambertson was in jail.

Tomlinson said Lambertson's friends hold him in such esteem they are paying off his debts.

Milady's Hair

Hue Must Fit

Rest of Decor

DALLAS (AP)—Honey, run down to the drugstore and get me some light green hair rinse. I'm out and I want to wear my new green dress tonight.

That's one of the things husbands will face if the Texas Assn. of American Beauty Culturists has its way.

Just by way of demonstration, pretty Peg Murphy of Dallas had her hair changed from lavender to bright copper yesterday.

Some 5,000 beauty operators and manufacturers attended the convention where hair stylists are presenting the latest in cutting and coloring.

"A lady's hair color is as important a part of her makeup as rouge, or lipstick or any clothing accessories," said Duane Slater, Minneapolis stylist. "If her hair is not the right color, she simply is not beautifully dressed."

Colors, he said, will be selected to accent a woman's eyes and skin tones, and often to go especially with her fanciest outfits.

Slater ruled out long hair as an absolute 1957 "no."

The 1957 look, Slater said, will accent wide swirls of curls from the ears up, with the hair falling close to the cheeks on the sides, and crunched up in the back.

"No hair in the back will be visible from the front," he explained.

ADA Supports

Aid to Schools

WASHINGTON (AP)—Americans for Democratic Action today urged enactment of a federal school construction bill providing a billion dollars annually for new classrooms.

Edward D. Hollander, national director of ADA, said in testimony prepared for a House Education subcommittee:

"We are sure the federal government can afford such a program. We see no reason why public education has to yield priority in the federal budget to, say, public roads; or priority in labor and materials to supermarkets or office buildings."

Hollander said the Eisenhower administration's proposal, which calls for an outlay of \$1,300,000,000 for school building over the next four years, indicates a "decision to spare the budget and spoil the child."

House Okays Bill

Extending CDA

A bill extending the life of the state Civil Defense agency until June 30, 1959, was passed by the House Tuesday and sent to the Senate.

Under present law, the agency would die next June 30.

The only dissenting votes were cast by Reps. Robert A. Bennett (R), Portland, and Edwin E. Cone (R), Eugene.

DOROTHY DIX

If Father Disrupts Happy Home, He's Got to Leave

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: The seven years of my married life have been exceptionally happy. However, three months ago my 76-year-old father came to live with us—and there's been no laughter in the house since. If we laugh, he grunts and groans. If we go to a movie, he raises a fuss; if we have company, he's atrociously disagreeable.

When we serve coffee and cake, he observes that we're headed for the poorhouse because we feed all the neighbors. We aren't alone a minute. I've even had to stop taking business trips with my husband because Dad refuses to be left alone. I'm at my wit's end. Dad's brother wants him to live with him, but father won't go.—Abby.

DEAR ABBY: Filial duty ends when a parent deliberately tries to disrupt the household that shelters him. Whether your father is willing to live with his brother or not, you are justified in telling him he has to leave your home. It's a difficult decision for a kind-hearted person to enforce, but domestic harmony comes first.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: From letters you publish, it seems that the number of divorcees is going up instead of down. Divorce isn't the only way to settle differences of opinion. Here's my system. When we have a quarrel, I take what I call "mad money," go downtown and buy a hat, dress, or some other article of apparel. When I get home, my husband admires my purchase, and we're both willing to call quits.—Mona.

DEAR MONA: Please remember most people come to this column with problems, few write about the happy side of married life. There are still more happy than unhappy marriages; they just don't make news. I admire your system for settling differences. Keep it up.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: I'm a freshman in high school that doesn't have a wide choice of subjects. I plan to take a beauty course when I graduate. What subjects could I take now that will help me?—Terry.

DEAR TERRY: The most limited high school curriculum includes English, which is very necessary in your career. You must meet and talk with many types of women, so take everything possible that will help you win self-confidence and poise.

DEAR BLANCHE: Don't try to make a decision now. Wait till I have heard from a very reliable source that he wants to become engaged to me on his next furlough. I knew I loved him when he was home, but now I'm not quite so sure. Is this a natural feeling, or not?—Blanche V.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: I'm going steady with a boy in service, the boy comes home, then see how you feel. Don't bank on rumors, either. The most reliable source would be the young man himself. Until he offers an engagement ring, bide your time.

Send your problem to Dorothy Dix. Or write for her free booklet "Guidance to Gracious Living." In all cases, be sure to enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope, and send request to her, care of this newspaper.

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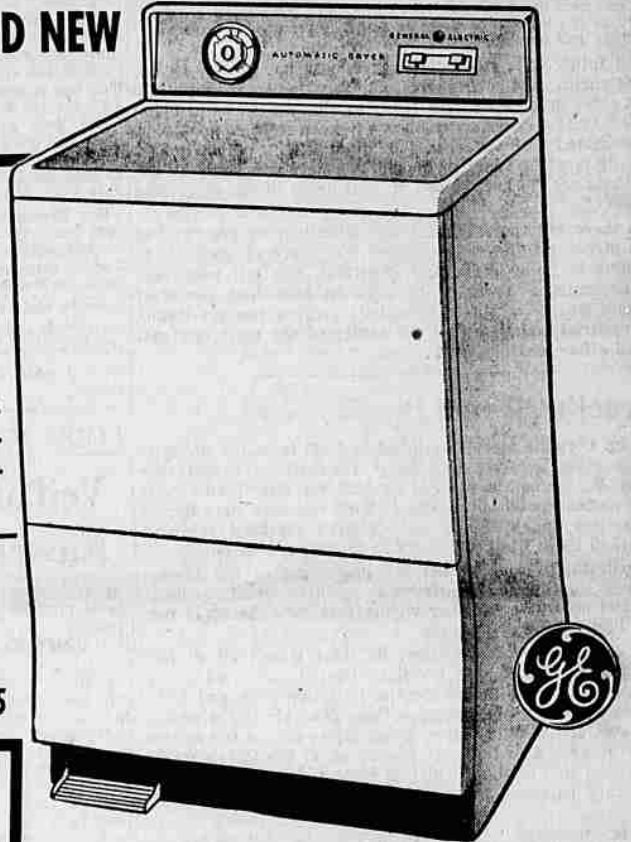
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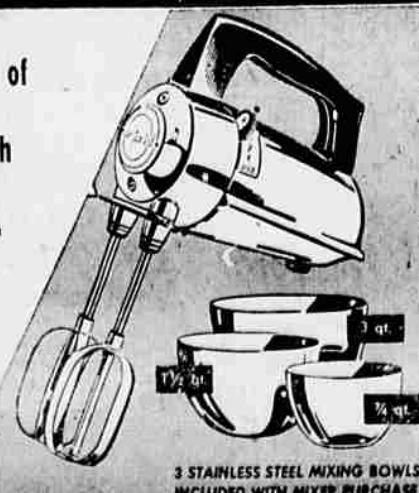
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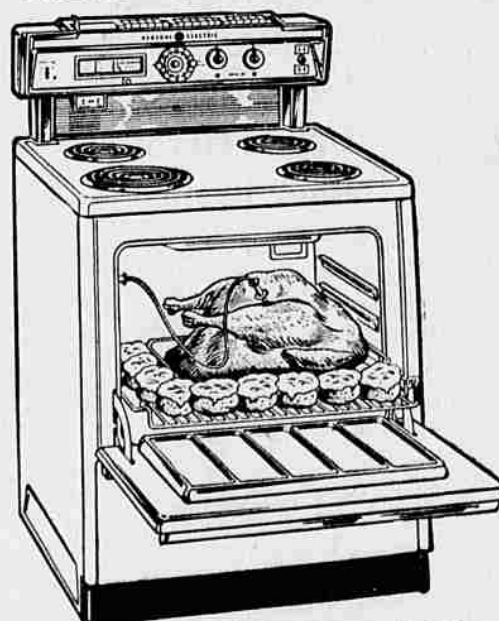
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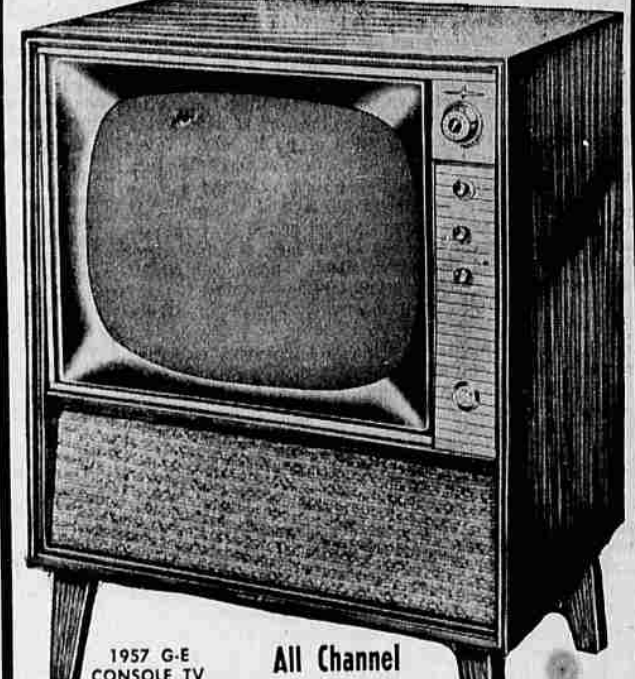
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