

Northwest Residents Mopping Up After Heavy Rain, Freak Tornado

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Pacific Northwest residents were mopping up today after a series of squalls dumped heavy rains throughout much of the area and an accompanying freak tornado swept through two farms near Ridgefield, Wash.

Ridgefield was hard hit by the rain, with more than 100 reports received by the city engineer of flooded basements. The deluge also flooded city streets when sewers were unable to handle the runoff.

Chicken House Moved

The freak tornado near Ridgefield, about 17 miles north of Vancouver, moved a chicken house its full width, tearing out trees and leveling a corn field.

The unusual storm hit the farm of Don Wells, 2 miles southeast of Ridgefield, about 4:30 p.m. Wells said his chicken house was moved from its foundation and its roof torn off. A walnut tree was torn out by the roots and a prune tree was carried more than 130 yards from an orchard to a nearby field.

Chimney Destroyed

The chimney of a neighboring farmhouse was destroyed. No one was reported injured. During an afternoon squall, .22 of an inch of rain was re-

corded in a downtown Portland weather station, with .42 falling during a 40-minute period. In the 24-hour period ending at 4 p.m., Portland weathermen measured .81 of an inch. North Bend Gets 1.10 Inches

It was second only to the rainfall at North Bend where 1.10

inches fell. Salem measured .58 of an inch yesterday.

In Portland, Public Works Commissioner William Bowes had a crew of 400 men at work in an attempt to check the floods. However, after the heavy rain abated, water ran off rapidly into sewers.



PLACING SELF IN STRATEGIC SPOT, this kitten is waiting for handout as Esther Reichmuth, 20, Chino, works out in preparation for milking contest at Los Angeles County Fair, Pomona. Esther was named Champion Southern California Milk Maid last year when she milked 15 pounds in three minutes. (International)

New Federal Funds Now Are Available For Farmer Loans

A new allotment of federal funds for farm housing loans in Jackson and Josephine counties was announced this week by William N. Young Jr., supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration at Grants Pass.

Purpose of the credit is to finance homes and farm buildings for farm families. Veterans receive preference.

The loans bear 4 per cent interest and are repayable over periods up to 33 years. In the last three years, 22 families in the two county area, have borrowed approximately \$153,306 to improve inadequate buildings.

Farmers Only

Since the demand for these loans far exceeds the limited loan funds, Young explained, only farm owners receiving all or a substantial portion of their income from the sale of farm commodities may qualify as borrowers. A loan may be made to improve a farm on which the operator works off the farm only if he or members of his family are farming on a sizable scale. These loans may not be used to construct rural residences or other buildings for families not generally recognized as farmers.

An FHA committee in each county, composed of local farmers, decides who is eligible. Josephine county members are Joseph L. Rose and Walter H. Crouse, both of Grants Pass. Jackson county members are Leonard J. Freeman of Central Point and Chester H. Wendt of Medford.

All inquiries pertaining to this loan should be directed to the FHA office in the Menchel building, Grants Pass, or by mail addressed to PO Box 311, Grants Pass.

President To Fish In Secluded Spot

Fraser, Colo.—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower goes into well up-holstered hibernation here today, intent on six secluded days of fishing and painting and no work, if possible.

Mr. Eisenhower was scheduled to arrive from Denver by automobile this morning at the Fraser ranch of Aksel Nielsen. Denver businessman and one of the President's favorite fishing pals.

This is rugged mountain country and the elevation of the ranch is about 9000 feet. St. Louis Creek winds through the Nielsen property which lies on a plateau between towering peaks. Temperature during many recent nights has fallen below freezing, and it was 28 degrees here early yesterday.

Sams Valley School Plans Told; Year's Teachers Listed

Sams Valley—Organizational meetings will be held on September 3 and 4 at the Sams Valley school. Teachers for the 1953-54 year are Mildred Mack, first and second grades; Susan Ambrose, third and fourth grades; Roland Smith, a new member of the teaching staff, fifth and sixth grades; and Gilbert Mack, principal and seventh and eighth grades.

Sept. 8, 9, 10, and 11 will be taken up by an in-service program at Central Point.

Walter Miller, school custodian, has been busy preparing for opening day. He announces that considerable plumbing has been completed, a new tile floor has been laid in the upper grade classroom, woodwork throughout the school has been freshly painted, new basketball backboards have been installed. Mrs. Ambrose's room has been redecorated, and the school water system has been repaired.

Opening day of school is Monday, Sept. 14. School hours will be 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cafeteria, under the supervision of Mrs. Jean Smith, will serve noon time lunches starting that day. Prices are 25 cents per lunch for children and 30 cents for adults. Parents are urged to send in weekly lunch money on Mondays whenever possible.

Buses operated by Wes McDonough, who will have the valley route, and Earl Peffley, who will drive the Ramsey Canyon and Evans Creek routes, will start that day. New comers to the valley who will have children in the Sams Valley school should contact the driver for their locality.

Ashland Post Office Construction Starts

Ashland—Preliminary work on a new Ashland post office started this week. It will be on the site of the old Ashland Machine shop building on North Second st.

A crew is now taking down the old structure, but heavy wooden trusses which are part of the old building will be used in the new. Work on new foundations will be started within a week, according to Dom Provost, St. who is supervising construction.

The new building, to be leased by the Post Office department, will have 5,000 square feet of interior space, and a loading dock. Plans have been approved by the government. Completion is scheduled before next March.

TRICKY PAIR

Jackson, Miss.—(U.P.)—James Cook, 13, and his nine-year-old brother, Billy, think they are the world's youngest magicians. They have been performing the tricks taught them by their father on and off stage since each was six.



GEORGE CHANNING To Lecture Friday

Christian Science Lecture Scheduled

"Christian Science: Its Secret Prayer and Open Reward," is the title of the free lecture on Christian Science to be given in the senior high school auditorium, Friday, Aug. 28, at 8 p.m.

George Channing, CSB, the lecturer, comes from San Francisco, and is a member of the board of lecturership of the Mother Church, First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Mass. In arranging for the lecture, the members of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Medford, said they believe they are providing a means for reaching many people with answers to frequent questions about Christian Science—what it teaches, how it heals, why thousands have become its adherents. The public is invited to attend.

Cutter Balsam To Be Based at Eureka

Astoria—(U.P.)—The Coast Guard Cutter Balsam, hero of scores of sea rescues in the Pacific Northwest, was en route to Eureka, Calif., today where it will be based.

Replacing the Balsam at Astoria will be the Sea-goin tug Locoma. Lt. Cmdr. Robert O. Bracken said the addition of the powerful tug to the sea rescue units at Astoria would be a valuable aid to heavy shipping in trouble off the coast.

"When we get to the rescue scene now we'll have enough power to take effective action," Bracken said.

The Locoma is expected to arrive in Astoria about Sept. 3.



CAP Squadron Picnic at Bridge

The weekly meeting of the Medford squadron of the Civil Air Patrol was held Monday at McKee bridge where the group enjoyed a wiener roast. The report that the local Laborers Union had completed the last coat of stucco on the CAP home at the Medford airport was made, and gave a great deal of satisfaction to the group.

Highlight of the meeting was an account of Cadet Lt. William Neal's recent trip to the Netherlands as a Civil Air Patrol foreign exchange student.

Regular classes will be resumed in about three weeks.

NEXT BEST THING

Fayette, Miss.—(U.P.)—Sunday, an eight-year-old registered pointer owned by Col. Grover C. Brown, kidnapped five hound puppies and refused to give them up after failing to have a litter of her own for several years.

9,676 Acres Now In Tree Farms

Eugene—(U.P.)—Fourteen forest properties totaling 9,676 acres were certified as West Coast tree farms by the Industrial Forestry Association at a meeting of the board of directors here.

Six of the new tree farms are in Washington and eight in Oregon, according to R. F. Morse of Longview, Wash., chairman of the IFA.

The list includes four tree farms certified in Josephine county which are the first wholly within the county and include the first farm-owned forests in southern Oregon to win the recognition.

The new farms raise to 4,200,000 acre land now certified, Morse said. Washington leads with 2,500,000 acres west of the Cascades. Oregon has 1,800,000 in the Douglas fir region.

RELIEF MEASURE
Staffordville, Conn.—(U.P.)—Harold Holderith, 16, accused of bounding another motorist by driving erratically in front of him until the latter crashed, explained to police: "I just had a fight with my girl friend and I had to take the mad out on somebody."



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