

Spring Arrives Over Much of Nation, But Weather Damage High

By UNITED PRESS
Spring finally decided to be have today, sending warm, thawing winds across the nation's snow-covered midwest and northeast.

Stream Flows Said Down in Southeast Oregon This Year

Lakeview — (U.P.) — Farmers and ranchers in south-central Oregon depending on natural stream flows will feel some shortages this season, but those served by reservoirs should have enough for irrigation use.

W. T. (Jack) Frost, Soil Conservation expert, told farmers and ranchers at a meeting held here yesterday that 1955 will be a "short water year."

Frost said the snow cover in the region ranged from 80 to 95 per cent of the 10-year average in the Lakeview area to 61 per cent in the Chewaucan River Basin.

The water content has dropped considerably in the past few months, the soil conservation expert said, and soils under the snow cover are very dry, and could be expected to soak up much of the snow melt that otherwise would join stream flows.

Larry Zimmerman, river forecaster for the U. S. Weather Bureau, explained that the below normal snow pack and dry soil conditions were the result of small fall and winter precipitation.

Precipitation during the fall, he said, was about 50 per cent of normal; winter precipitation was 55 per cent.

Blossom Festival Opens But Many Buds Damaged

Washington — (U.P.) — Washington's annual cherry blossom festival opened today with about 40 per cent of the blooms damaged by wind and cold.

But officials said the remaining buds appear in good condition and should be open by the week end if the weather warms.

Lisbon, Portugal — (U.P.) — French-born actress Corinne Calvet confirmed yesterday that she will marry American actor Jeffrey Stone soon.

west, farmers were still counting the multi-million dollar damage inflicted by the record breaking storms and cold waves of spring's first week.

Known crop damage totalled at least \$54,000,000 and the final toll was expected to go much higher.

In addition, spring's cold, blizzards, wind storms, and floods had caused at least 82 deaths.

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Farmers "Wiped Out"

A Cornelia, Ga., orchardman, C. M. Miller, said "I believe I'm wiped out. Not only have I lost this year's harvest, but my trees are dead. It would take 12 years to replace them."

Southern apple, pear, grape, plum, watermelon and strawberry crops were also hard hit. In Texas, officials said the spring cold wave would be known in history as the "multi-million dollar killer freeze."

Federal officials in Washington announced they were already conducting a damage survey which will clear the way for emergency loans to stricken southern farmers.

The last of the big spring storms blew itself out in upper New York state and Canada yesterday, leaving mild weather over most of the country.

Death and New Snow

Parts of New York state got seven inches of new snow after drifts had already piled 14 feet high. In Canada a two day blizzard had killed eight persons, including an American husband-and-wife acrobatic team and their daughter.

Temperatures rose five to 15 degrees today from Texas to the Northern Plains and Great Lakes. It was still below freezing east of the Mississippi Valley and north of the Ohio River, but New York City was told it could expect temperatures in the 50's.

New York state still had a winter problem in the giant ice jam which clogged the Niagara River.

Civil and military officials finally gave up attempts to break up the destructive jam with dynamite after repeated blasts could only knock loose a few soft sections.

The officials decided to "let nature take its course" and melt away the ice.



NOW ARE YOU SATISFIED?—Here is one time when there seems to be enough of Marilyn Monroe to go around as the blonde beauty's charms are mirrored to infinity. She's unveiling one of the costumes she'll wear during special benefit premiere of circus to be held in Madison Square Garden March 30.

Variety Predicts Winners of Oscars

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Marlon Brando, Grace Kelly and "On The Waterfront" will be the big winners at tomorrow night's Academy Awards banquet, Variety magazine forecast today.

The trade publication's predictions were based on a straw poll of 15 per cent of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences membership. Variety has been right on better than 85 per cent of its selections in seven previous straw polls.

The magazine's predictions:

Best actor: Marlon Brando, as a dock worker in "On The Waterfront."

Best actress: Grace Kelly, as the wife of a broken down actor in "The Country Girl."

Best picture: "On The Waterfront," a grimly realistic story of strike on the docks.

Best supporting actress: Eva Marie Saint, Brando's girl in "On The Waterfront."

Best supporting actor: Edmond O'Brien, as a publicity agent in "The Barefoot Contessa."

'United Press March' Features Band Program

Lafayette, Ind. — (U.P.) — A crowd of 6,200 persons filled the Purdue University auditorium last night for the National Broadcasting company's Band of America program which featured "The United Press March."

Paul LaValle, conductor of the Band of America, was guest conductor of the 110-piece Purdue symphonic band which played for the program. It was only the second time the program was carried from a college campus.

"The United Press March," was written by LaValle and dedicated to newspaper, radio and television reporters of the free world.

Great American Coffee Break Observed by 36,000,000 in U.S.

(Editor's Note: Between 8 a.m. and the noon hour, when the appetite cries out for slake, comes a pause in the day's occupation that is known as the coffee break.)

By H. D. QUIGG
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New York — (U.P.) — Every working day 36,000,000 Americans take a brief break at their place of work to sip the brew of the bean that Brazil has an awful lot of.

The figure — supplied by a happy smile by the Pan-American Coffee Bureau — is an up-to-the-minute estimate of the basis of industrial and business surveys, and it's up one million over last year. It does not include farmers or housewives.

The coffee break, starting during World War II, has come on with a rush. It's now a full-blown American institution, as sacred to some indoor toilers as the Siesta is to the populace of some sunny climes.

It's No Joke

National jokes have been built upon it. Romances have flowered in the steamy fragrance of the cardboard cups. A whole new business has been founded to supply its demands. The National Safety Council has given it a pat on the back as a fatigue-reducer and hence a reducer of disabling injuries. Labor contracts have included it, in some instances.

A national survey of 1,160 companies disclosed that 80 per cent of them had had "breather" periods for coffee and relaxing in effect only since 1941, the year the United States entered the war. Nearly half of that group had started the time-out period after the war ended.

In Chicago, a survey of 170 companies disclosed 128 of them have a policy of regular rest

Rabies Vaccinations Ordered for Many Dogs

Salem — (U.P.) — All dogs in the Bly and Betty areas of Klamath county have been ordered vaccinated this week by the state veterinarian.

The action followed a report that a rabid coyote had bitten several dogs earlier this month.

State veterinarian Dr. K. J. Peterson said local veterinarians would tackle the job free with the county providing the vaccine. Each dog will receive a tag and then must be confined for 25 days, Dr. Peterson said.

periods. And 23 of the remaining 42 firms permit employees to take coffee breaks without a formal policy of such.

Restaurant on Wheels

The business of catering to the coffee-break trade is a brisk one, with its big impetus coming in the last two years. In New York, a spokesman for the Schrafft's restaurant chain said that firm was into coffee-break catering "very deeply."

Every morning from the chain's restaurants special carts, equipped with waitresses, thermos jugs of coffee, pastries, orange juice, and paper cups, go out to some 300 client firms.

They serve some 40,000 coffee-break customers daily in New York, Philadelphia, and Boston.

The Wall Street Journal quotes two big New York restaurant chains as reporting the coffee-break business is "tremendous." It says a Chicago catering concern hit a \$300,000 sales figure last year and cites the success of Dallas' new Coffee Time, Inc., and Detroit's like-named Coffee Time.

Employers differ on whether the coffee-break is good, bad, or indifferent as far as productivity goes. But it seems to be here to stay. The bosses like a little break for coffee, too.

Welfare Recipient Leaves Some \$4,000

Portland — (U.P.) — A 72-year-old Japanese welfare recipient was found dead in his parked car yesterday, leaving behind a modest fortune amounting to nearly \$4,000 in cash and valuables.

Hanjiro Kato had received a total of some \$5,200 in welfare payments, and was receiving \$63 a month for his support on the strength of a sworn statement that he was penniless.

After his apparent heart attack yesterday, officials discovered government bonds totaling \$3,000, plus \$520 in cash and at least two diamond rings.

Welfare officials said the \$5,200 in welfare payments would be attached to Kato's estate.



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