

Welcome Rainfall Continues To Pound Area of Dust Bowl

By UNITED PRESS

Gully-washing rains kept up their downpours in the heart of the Southwest's Dust Bowl today.

Delighted farmers in the Texas Panhandle reported up to five inches of rain. More downpours fell through Texas, Colorado, Nebraska and western Kansas.

But the crop saving rains were not an unmixed blessing. They were accompanied by a tornado near Chillicothe, Tex., flood threats, and violent electrical storms.

Car Picked Up

The Chillicothe twister near the Texas-Oklahoma border last night picked up a car from a highway and set it down neatly in a field. The driver, unhurt, sat out the storm in his car and then drove back onto the road to resume his trip.

In Oklahoma, meanwhile, an area in the state's eastern central section was shaken by an explosion generally believed to have been caused by a meteor.

Seen in Several Towns

The blast, following a flash in the sky, was heard, felt or seen in Wewoke, Seminole, Shawnee, Holdenville, Lima and Okemah.

Creeks were rising in both states. A cloudburst south of Abilene, Tex., sent Elm and Jim Ned creeks out of their banks, clashing a farm road, while Brady creek was up 20 feet, 10 feet below flood stage and only four feet under Highway 377 bridge north of Brady, Tex.

ACTRESS ILL

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Actress Jean Simmons was ill today with a severe attack of bronchitis. Her illness stopped production on the motion picture, "Guys and Dolls" until at least Monday.

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DEALERS GATHER—Darrell Miller (left) of the Darrell Miller Co., Medford Oldsmobile dealer, is shown above at a recent meeting of the 15th Oldsmobile dealer council held in Lansing, Mich. L. F. Carlson (right) is Oldsmobile general merchandising manager, and

Fred Kohlenberg has a dealership in Bridgeport, Conn. Miller and Kohlenberg were among 24 Oldsmobile dealers selected from throughout the United States to represent their sales zones at the two-day meeting.

Cop Arrested In Hijack Plot

Las Vegas — (U.P.) — Authorities foiled an elaborate plot to hijack \$500,000 in gambling casino profits from a postal messenger with the arrest last night of a police officer, his wife, and two other men.

Police Chief Al Kennedy said the plotters planned to waylay a police car carrying the postal messenger and the cash as it left the Post Office for the Union Pacific Depot.

But more than a score of police officers, sheriff's deputies and postal inspectors pounced on three of the suspects minutes before the messenger car was to leave. Kennedy said an informer tipped them about the plot two weeks ago.

Arrested in front of the post office were George Anderson, 31, a Las Vegas police officer; his wife, Joyce, 24; and Robert Schomer, 29, and electric company employee. They were booked on conspiracy to rob the U.S. mails.

Navy Said on Threshold Of Atomic Break-Through

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Henry M. Jackson said today the Navy is on the threshold of "a big break-through" into atomic power for surface ships as well as submarines.

A year from now, Jackson said in an interview, he expects the Navy to present "a vastly expanded program" for construction of atomic submarines.

In addition, he said, the Navy is making progress in developing an atomic-powered aircraft carrier. But he expressed doubt that this ship will be included in the next military budget.

REBUTTAL

Kendallville, Ind. — (U.P.) — A state highway department official, ticketed for not paying a parking meter, "told off" city police, then reluctantly paid a 25-cent fine. In retaliation, Mayor Andrew Milner sent a letter to the state highway chairman, demanding that the person be reprimanded and saying, "we don't have to stand for it and we don't intend to."

News About Servicemen

FIVE LOCAL MEN ENLIST IN AIR FORCE

Five young men from Jackson county have enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, it was reported today by M/Sgt. Carson W. Campbell, Air Force recruiter here.

They are Loyd D. Wait, Rogue River, and Michael Lewis Clark, route 1, box 290A, Robert Duane Tuttle, 712 West Fourth st., Ray Gary Scarborough, 217 Beatty st., and Lapold James Ankeney, route 1, all Medford.

COMPLETES COURSE

Airman Third Class Donald D. Stockoff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth G. Stockhoff, 721 Bennett ave., Medford, recently completed a course as an aircraft propeller repairman, according to an Air Force release.

He entered the Air Force last September, receiving basic training at Parks Air Force base. He graduated from the propeller course with honors, the release said.

BACK FROM GERMANY

Pfc. William Clegg, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Clegg, 2235 Oakwood dr., returned home last week end after spending 23 months in the Army, more than half of which was spent in Germany. He was separated last week at Ft. Lewis, Wash. Young Clegg is a graduate of Medford High school, and attended Southern Oregon college before joining the Army.

HOME ON LEAVE

Sgt. Charles W. Cook Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cook, 143 Kenwood ave., arrived here Monday to visit for about a week while on leave after returning recently from Japan. He was overseas about 30 months and has been in the service about three years. Sergeant Cook attended Medford High school.

LEAVE FOR BASE

Airman Third Class David T. Egan left Sunday after visiting last week with his mother, Mrs. Cora Egan, and his grandmother, Mrs. Ina Stockman, 1211 Niantic st. He was here on leave after completing basic training in the Air Force at Parks Air Force

Sin-Favoring Mayor Elected in Galveston

Galveston, Tex. — (U.P.) —

George Roy Clough, 64, elected mayor on a platform that favored sin, took office today but the once notorious Galveston red light district he proposed to reopen remained shut down.

Clough's proposed meeting with all the gambling operators in town to find out how "the boys" think the city should be run, apparently had been postponed indefinitely, too.

The tall, dignified owner of radio station KLUF who decided to run for mayor because the city once cut off his water when he had cancelled checks to prove he had paid a big water bill, said he was a man who has been "terribly misquoted by the press."

Grange

Upper Rogue Grange

Upper Rogue Grange met in regular session Thursday evening, May 5, with Master Herb Carlton presiding. Eagle Point Grange officers joined Upper Rogue officers in the seating drill.

Brother Harold Barber was elected delegate to the state Grange at Klamath Falls in June. There were six masters present. Mabel Wertz of Eagle Point Grange, Pearl Burns of Upper Applegate Grange, Isabell La Vander of Griffin Creek Grange, Ray Cameron of Live Oak Grange, Melvin Laddie of Phoenix Grange and Herman Kamping of Gold Hill Grange, also state juvenile chairman Willie McLean of Gold Hill. After a nice program by Eagle Point Grange these officers also closed the meeting. There were 110 members present.

base, Calif. His next station is Scott Air Force base in Illinois where he will study radio maintenance work. Egan enlisted Jan. 20 this year for a four-year period. He attended Medford High school and will receive his diploma next month for completion of his school work after entering the service. Airman Egan worked at the Big-Y market and also was a Mail Tribune carrier before going into the service.

Roberts Funeral Arrangements Set

Phoenixville, Pa. — (U.P.) — Private funeral arrangements were made today for former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Owen J. Roberts whose term on the high court was marked by conflict with many of the New Deal policies.

Roberts returned home only last week end after spending some time in the Phoenixville hospital. Close friends said he told them he preferred to die at home. He had been ill about four months and was bedfast most of the time.

Private funeral services will be held Thursday at the convenience of the family.

Flaxseed of the 1955 crop will be supported at a national average price of \$2.05 per bushel, the U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced.

Weekly Newspaper Cost Study Completed

Eugene — (U.P.) — A national weekly newspaper cost study just completed by Carl Webb, assistant professor of journalism at the University of Oregon, showed an increase of 6 per cent

in total income for 1954 over

1953. But net income declined four-tenths of one per cent, Webb said, because other expenses increased more rapidly than income.

The survey drew reports from 248 weekly and semi-weekly newspapers in 40 states.

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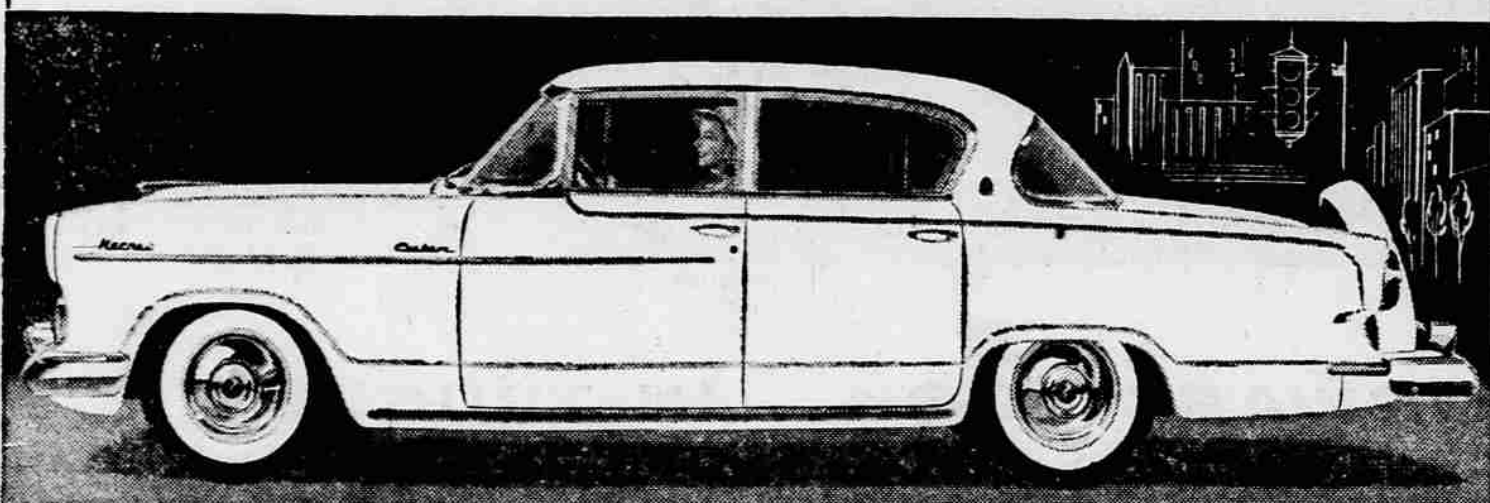
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