

Wichita Hard Hit By Flash Flood; Plains Get Rain

By UNITED PRESS
Heavy autumn rains sent a flash flood swirling through Wichita, Kan., and new floods threatened hurricane battered Mexico today.

Meanwhile, Los Angeles braced for an eye-smarting "smog red" alert and rains spattered the Plains States from West Central Texas to Eastern South Dakota.

More than 100 square blocks were flooded in Wichita when a

pounding eight-inch rain sent Cowskin creek and a drainage ditch over their banks.

Hundreds Leave Homes
Hundreds of persons, including 60 children, had to leave their homes and seek shelter at Red Cross headquarters and an elementary school yesterday. The water came window-high at some homes and National Guardsmen, Air Force personnel, and Red Cross and Civil Defense workers aided in the evacuations.

The worst appeared over today.

The Southern Plains of Texas also took a beating from the weather. Thunder and electrical storms crackled over the region and half of the city of Lamesa was plunged into darkness for four hours when lightning hit a power transformer.

Tampico Threatened
Far more serious floods were threatened at devastated Tampico, Mexico. Heavy rains spewed by the killer hurricane Janet sent the Panuco river rising again, threatening thousands of

refugees with new disaster just as they were returning to their homes.

Tampico was flooded by hurricane Hilda's rains during most of last month and 36,000 persons are still homeless. But Tampico officials said the latest flood threat might even be worse.

Hurricane Janet also had a posthumous kick from Lower California, where a tropical storm sent ships scurrying for safety. The storm, believed to be a freak off-shoot of Janet, appeared to be dissipating today.

Beef Commission Seen Cattle Price Answer

Eagle Point — A beef commission may be the answer to sagging cattle prices, according to Charles Stanley, Oregon Cattlemen's association, executive committee member from Jackson county.

Stanley attended an OCA executive committee meeting last week in Prineville where representatives of Oregon's cattle producers continued their study of marketing problems. Stanley reports a committee was appointed to iron out technicalities in Oregon's commodity enabling act, which make it difficult to form a livestock commission.

Benny's Daughter, Husband Separate

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Joan Benny, 21, adopted daughter of comedian Jack Benny, has separated from her husband of 19 months, New York stockbroker Seth Baker, 28, because of "incompatibility," she disclosed today.

The couple was married here on March 9, 1954, in a lavish wedding. They have a son, Michael, 2½-months-old.

It was the first marriage for Miss Benny and the second for Baker.

Nine Fire Alarms Listed in Portland

Portland — (U.P.) — A three-alarm fire on the outskirts of Portland Saturday night turned out 32 pieces of firefighting equipment and hundreds of spectators.

The blaze, which started in an unoccupied cowshed at milking time, damaged a feed store, custom car body shop, paint storehouse and lumberyard, before it was brought under control.

The spectacular fire climaxed an afternoon and evening during which nine alarms were turned in to Portland firefighters and three firemen injured in an odd mishap.

Principal damage in the three-alarm blaze was to the Web Supply company, a feed store, which suffered an \$18,000 loss.

Another good sized fire had residents of the Beaverton area gaping Saturday night. That blaze of unknown origin destroyed the L. and H. cabinet works causing \$5,000 damage.

The three firemen were burned while answering a call to extinguish a motorcycle fire. As firemen approached the cycle's flames cap blew off — shooting flames 35 feet into the air.

Firemen Clarence E. Bartalot,

Boxcar Shortage Threatens Weed Mill

Weed, Calif. — (U.P.) — Officials of the Long-Bell Lumber Co. here said today that no relief was in sight for the boxcar shortage here and that it may "possibly not be forthcoming until November." Officials said it was possible the Weed sawmill and box factory might have to be shut down, which would affect employment of 1200 persons.

23; Lt. Don N. Green, 41, and Virgil R. English, 34, all suffered burns.

Government Moves Smoothly, Nixon Assures Nation

Washington — (U.P.) — Vice President Richard M. Nixon has assured the nation that the government is operating in President Eisenhower's illness without "internal disputes and jealousies."

In an impromptu news conference held on the lawn of his home yesterday, the vice-president said "every official of government . . . has only one goal in mind, and that is to see that the government runs in a way just as close as possible to the way we think the President would want it run under these circumstances."

Democratic Leaders To Talk Strategy, President's Illness

Chicago — (U.P.) — Democratic leaders from most states in the nation met today to plot 1956 campaign strategy and, unofficially, discuss the political effects of President Eisenhower's illness.

Mr. Eisenhower's illness was not on the official agenda of the two-day meeting of the 29-member Democratic advisory committee. But it was believed certain that his possible elimination as a 1956 GOP presidential candidate would come up for closed-door discussion.

May Visit Stevenson
Some of the Democratic leaders were also expected to take advantage of the meeting by visiting Adlai E. Stevenson here. Stevenson, the 1952 Democratic presidential candidate, is scheduled to announce next month whether he will make another bid for the White House.

Since the President's illness, Nixon said, there have been none of the "internal disputes and jealousies" that usually mark "similar occurrences in American history."

Defense Spending Settled
He apparently referred to the administrations of Presidents Woodrow Wilson and James A. Garfield. Both Presidents were seriously ill during long periods in the White House and were unable to discharge the duties of office.

The only known issue to come to a head since Mr. Eisenhower suffered a heart attack concerned the administration's hopes of cutting defense spending enough to balance the budget.

This question was apparently settled last week by Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson when he reported that military spending this year could not be cut below \$34,500,000,000. Treasury Secretary George M. Humphrey issued a statement accepting Wilson's verdict.

Nixon told reporters that the affairs of government "are going smoothly and business has been carried on without delay or interruption."

Rita Hayworth Arrives in France

Cherbourg, France — (U.P.) — Rita Hayworth arrived in France all smiles today.

Her ex-husband, Prince Aly Khan, sent a message, his limousine, and his lawyer to meet the 37-year-old movie star when she landed from the liner Queen Elizabeth.

She refused to reveal the contents of the message, because it was "too personal." This was added fuel for the Parisian gossips who have been saying there is hope for a reconciliation.

As for her present husband, crooner Dick Haymes, Rita said "there is nothing new so far, we are just separated and there are no plans for a divorce."

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Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler was scheduled to lead the discussions at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in the first official meeting of Democratic leaders since Mr. Eisenhower suffered a moderate coronary thrombosis a week ago last Saturday.

Butler appointed the advisory committee last month to advise the national committee on organizational matters and campaign procedures.

To Discuss Recruitment
Headed by Neil Staebler, Michigan's Democratic state chairman, the committee was scheduled to take up such matters as the recruitment of campaign workers, audio-visual training aids, training conferences, and the raising of volunteers.

One of the party leaders, National Committeeman Kenneth T. Anderson of Kansas, arrived with a flat reediction that Stevenson will throw his hat into the ring next month.

Coquille Plywood Plant Sale Told

Coquille — (U.P.) — Coquille Plywood company, one of the largest plants on the West coast, was reported sold Saturday for more than \$4,000,000 to the Textron America company, a Providence, R. I., textile firm.

George Ulett, president of the local firm and state senator from Coos county, will stay on as manager of the new company. He is also president of the newly formed Coquille valley bank.

It was understood that the eastern company planned to expand the Coquille operation where some 350 employees now turn out more than 8,000,000 feet of plywood a month. The plant has one of the largest log ponds in the West and timber stands which furnish part of the log supply.

Oregon Cheesemen Take Second Place

Tillamook, Ore. — (U.P.) — Two Oregon cheesemakers have placed second in the national cheesemaking competition at Waterloo, Ia., according to an announcement here.

The national champion cheesemaker was Ronald Johnson from the Wisconsin dairy belt with a score of 95.

Not far behind, in a tie for second, were the two entrants from Tillamook, Harold Sutton and Harley Christensen each scored 94½. James Gulstrom, Cloverdale, Ore., had a 94 for fourth place.

Danny Schmidt Plans To Enroll in College

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Danny Schmidt, the airman who returned from a Red China prison to learn his wife had married another man, has decided to leave the Air Force and will return to college, a veterans' organization said today.

Thomas Murphy, commander of the California Veterans of Foreign Wars, said Schmidt will receive \$500 from the VFW as a scholarship to be used at the college of his choice. Schmidt's wife, Una, returned to him after he filed suit for divorce.

Schmidt, of Portland, will be discharged from the Air Force at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D. C.

Grange Co-Op Slates 21st Annual Meeting

Central Point — The 21st annual session of the Grange Cooperative Supply association will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, in the Central Point Grange hall, it was announced this morning.

Dr. Elmo Stephenson, president of Southern Oregon college, will be the speaker. The meeting will also hear reports of offices and the Co-op manager, and new directors will be elected.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

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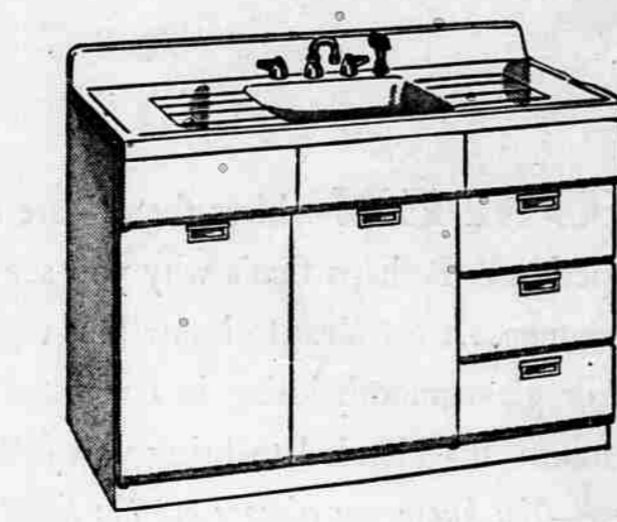
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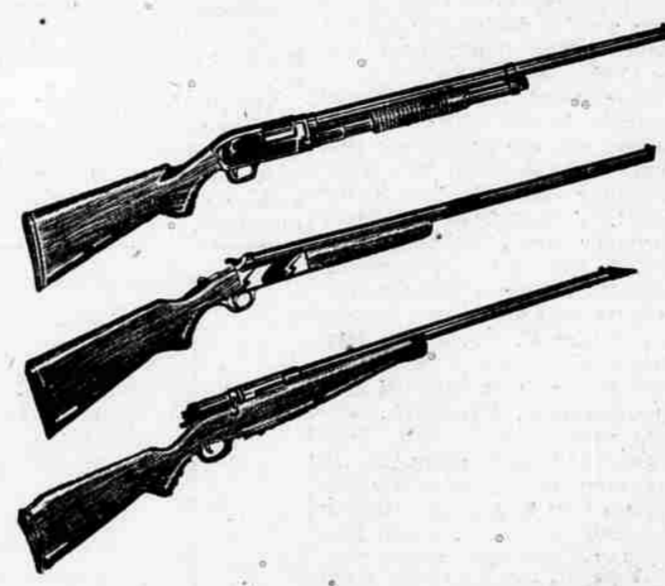
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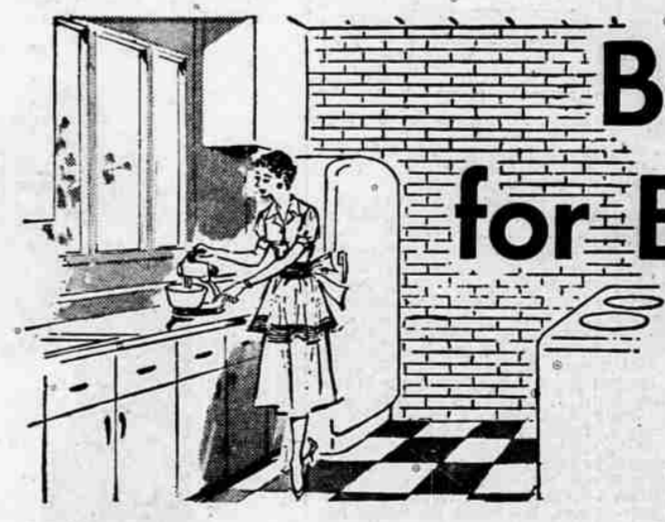
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