

Last Day of Autumn Leaves High Mark As Target for Oncoming Winter

Sub-Zero Cold Continues Grip on East Coast, Plains

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Fall made its farewell appearance today and set a high mark of sub-zero cold and icy storms for the oncoming winter to shoot at.

New England and the Northern Plains were a sub-zero "ice box." A new Alaska storm threatened rain battered Northern California and a two-day snowstorm buried autos and piled up two feet of snow on the famed ski runs of Sun Valley, Ida.

Paratrooper Sought On Washington, three snow weasels pushed into the mountains in search of a downed paratrooper whose chances for survival were "fading with every hour."

The death toll rose elsewhere in the Pacific Northwest, where flood waters killed two persons, and in the frostbitten East. In addition, some of the iciest weather in European history was blamed for 22 deaths.

The storms and cold provided a fitting end for the fall of 1955, which will give way to winter at precisely 10:12 a.m. (EST) tomorrow. The last full day of fall today as also the shortest day of the year, since the sunshine will start lasting longer after winter's arrival.

Eastern Cold Wave The East was feeling the bite of the season's bitterest cold wave, with temperatures well below zero throughout New England's interior and near zero along the Atlantic Coast.

Mile-high Mt. Washington in New Hampshire was the frostiest spot in the nation. The mercury dipped to 26 below there early today, adding to the miseries of four Boston television engineers who were marooned on the peak following a Sunday program.

The eastern cold was too much for a 20-year-old Texan who nearly froze while trying to hitch hike back to his home state. The chilled westerner, James A. Jones, Wichita Falls, used a dime of his last 20 cents to telephone Rochester, N.Y., state police to "lock me up on any charge. Just put me someplace where it's warm."

Kindly Policeman The kindly policeman rescued Jones from the 10-above cold and put him in jail for five days on a vagrancy charge.

In the West, a new Alaskan storm moved into Northern California in the wake of flooding rains which caused \$2,100,000 damage. The storm threatened to send more pounding rains, even as an estimated 150 families were returning to their homes along the falling Russian and El rivers.

Meanwhile, temperatures eased in the Midwest and shot up dramatically into the 60s and 70s in Colorado and New Mexico. The warm chinook winds in the West weren't precisely welcome, since they all but ruined any chance for a white Christmas.

Auto Chains Needed To Government Camp

Salem—(U.P.)—Chains were required for motorists traveling to Government camp and Timberline today, the State Highway Department said. Ten inches of snow fell overnight at Timberline and two inches at Government Camp.

The North Santiam highway was closed by a slide at Sardine creek, but the highway department said it was expected to be open one way soon.

The Bellview-Hopewell highway was closed at Deer Creek because of high water. The Umpqua highway, closed a mile east of Reedsport, was expected to be open by noon. The Pacific highway, closed at Wolf creek, was expected to be open to one-way traffic soon.

Spots of ice were reported at Cascade Locks, Troutdale and Willamette pass.

7 Oregon Counties Eligible for Loans

Portland—(U.P.)—Seven counties in northwest Oregon have been designated as eligible for emergency loans as a result of the early November freeze which damaged crops, the office of Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) said today.

The Farm Home Administration declared farmers in Multnomah, Clackamas, Polk, Yamhill, Marion, Columbia and Washington counties eligible for low interest loans. Hardest hit were holly, nursery and berry and truck farmers.

HEADS BERRY COUNCIL

Portland—(U.P.)—Marvin Van Cleve, Marion county strawberry grower, was elected president of the Oregon-Washington Strawberry Council yesterday.



LEAVING for Japan and Korea, Francis Cardinal Spellman will spend Christmas with American troops as has been his custom since start of Korean War. (International)

Eugene Extortion Plot Revealed

Eugene—(U.P.)—An "amateurish" extortion attempt against the manager of a Eugene Safety store was disclosed yesterday and police today were checking out several local suspects.

Howard D. Barnhart, manager of a west side store, foiled the extortion attempt when he called police and notified them of an extortion and left them of a police note in his store last Saturday night.

Contents of the note were revealed yesterday. It read, "Barnhart, we are holding your wife, Vera. She left the house on a fake call. We picked her up. We want your week-end receipts. Talk to no one. No phone calls, no tails. We'll be back in an hour telling you where to pick her up. Be stupid and you'll pick her up in the river."

Police Chief Vern Hill said the extortion try was "amateurish" and that several persons were being checked. Store employees reported a man in the store acting suspiciously the day before the attempt.

Right To Generalize On Future Upheld

Chicago—(U.P.)—Historians have both a right and an obligation to generalize about the future on the basis of what they know about the past, a University of Chicago historian says.

Prof. Louis Gottschalk told social scientists meeting at the university recently that the historian is no less a scholar for stepping out of his role as recorder of the past.

He said the historian who specializes in the history of World War II has an obligation to apply his knowledge to help prevent World War III. And the historian who specializes in a study of the League of Nations is obligated to help prevent the collapse of the United Nations, Gottschalk said.

"What would one think of a mathematician or a physicist who, when asked what he thought about the trends of mathematics or physics, claimed that in so predicting he was not acting as a mathematician or physicist?" Gottschalk asked.

"Yet a comparable claim is common among historians," he said. "Depart from your sources, the 'pure' historians believe, and you cease to be a historian. As if the sources had any validity unless checked against the timeless realities of human experience."

Doctor Surprises Professor With Quote

Otago, N.Z.—(U.P.)—Red-tape restrictions on foreign doctors who want to practice in New Zealand have had some embarrassing sequelae, of which the following is perhaps the best—or worst.

In order to win the right to practice, an immigrant doctor had to attend the New Zealand university for three years.

During an apparently boring lecture, the lecturer, a professor of long-standing, noticed that the doctor was dozing. The miscreant was sharply awakened and asked to repeat what the lecturer had been saying.

The "student" doctor astounded the lecturer and the class by obliging with a lucid précis of all that had been said, and, as an afterthought, gave the name of the medical textbook from which the lecturer had been quoting.

When the professor voiced his astonishment, the erring student said, "as a matter of fact, I wrote it."

Damage Suit Case Filed In Court Here

A suit for damages totaling \$9,079.13 was filed in circuit court yesterday by Dee P. Hord, Ashland, against Emmett M. Tucker, Tucker Snocat corporation, Donald S. Flakus and Thomas A. Edwards, all from Medford.

Hord was involved in an accident April 13 involving his pickup truck, a station-wagon operated by Tucker and a pickup driven by Flakus and owned by Edwards.

He asks \$128.50 for medical care; \$1,150.63 loss of wages; \$7,500 general damages; and \$300 damage to pickup.

New York Theater Group In Russia for Plays

Moscow—(U.P.)—The New York Everyman Theater Co. arrived Tuesday to present a series of performances of George Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess."

The tour will begin in Leninograd and move to Moscow in the second week of January.

Salem Woman Killed When Struck by Car

Salem—(U.P.)—An 88-year-old Salem woman died in a hospital here yesterday, two hours after she was struck by a car in north Salem.

The victim was Mrs. Nellie Yana. She was Salem's seventh traffic fatality of the year.

Stevenson's Son Seriously Hurt

Goshen, Ind.—(U.P.)—Adlai Stevenson's son, John, 19, was seriously injured in a car-truck collision today which killed two Harvard University classmates riding in his car.

The dead were William S. North, Ill., 19, Lake Forest, Ill., and William C. Boyden Jr., 19, Chicago.

The son of the presidential candidate was taken to Goshen General hospital in serious condition. He suffered a broken knee cap, cuts and bruises. Also injured was another classmate, James Gilligan, 19, Nebraska City, Neb.

Police said a truck driven by Fred Gill, 29, Detroit, collided head-on with the westbound Stevenson car. Gill's truck was attempting to pass another truck and was in the wrong lane when it struck the youth's auto, police said.

The trucker was not hurt. The accident occurred on U.S. 20 about 10 miles northeast of here. Stevenson's car was on an incline approaching a bridge over a railroad.

The Harvard students were on their way home from school for Christmas vacation. The car was loaded with ski equipment.

Portland—(U.P.)—Contributions to date from the recent 16-hour United Cerebral Palsy telethon here total \$63,851, it was reported today.

EGG STORY

Carmi, Ill.—(U.P.)—Guy Bruce, a farmer living near here, reported one of his white leghorn

hens laid an egg with another egg inside it. The outer egg measured 8 1/2 by 9 3/4 inches and weighed 4 1/2 ounces, Bruce said.

Advertisement for Herdoble's fine furniture, located at 125 East Main St., Ashland, Ore. Includes contact info and list of products like lamps, mirrors, and drapes.

Large advertisement for Dunham's toys and gifts. Features 'toys' in large letters, 'STILL A FINE SELECTION TOYS ALL AT MONEY SAVING PRICES!', and lists various items like Christmas lights, sport shirts, ironing boards, and bicycles with prices.

Large advertisement for Dunham's Pre-Christmas Clearance! Sale. Features 'Pre-Christmas Clearance! SALE CONTINUES' and lists various items like power tools, jewelry, hair clipping sets, and gift items with their respective prices.