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45 Killed, 21 Injured in Transport Crash

FLASH FLOOD HITS MITCHELL

20 Buildings Are Destroyed in 30 Minutes Friday Several Thousand Dollars Damage

Mitchell—(U.P.)—Loss in the flash flood which destroyed some 20 buildings in the downtown business section of Mitchell Friday afternoon has been estimated by state officials at several thousand dollars.

The job of assessing the damage was carried on Saturday while stunned residents of this community of 500 persons began cleaning up the debris left in the wake of the flood which in 30 minutes swept through the town, sending people scurrying to high land.

Officials said crop damage probably would send the final damage figure higher. Drown fowl and lambs lay in the middle of Highway 26.

Eleven bridges were reported washed out. Power and telephone communications were disrupted, although some service was expected to be restored before the day was out.

The destroyed and damaged buildings were literally swept off their foundations. Some homes, were reduced to kindling.

No deaths were reported. The only injury reported was to a 15-year-old boy, Beaverton, who miraculously escaped more serious injuries.

Berg, and a companion, Eldon John Thom, 16, Beaverton, had just left their car which had broken down when Thom saw the water coming. He yelled and ran to safety. Berg ran in another direction and sought refuge in a building.

"I hit the door," Berg said. "It was locked. Then the wall of water hit me, knocked down the door and swept me inside the building." He said he was turned over and over and thrown out of the building. He said he managed to keep moving with the stream before he was able to grab a bush and climb out on the bank. He suffered bruises, but otherwise was in good condition.

Blast Investigation Continues by Police

State police reported Saturday they have "some suspects" in the Rogue River bombing June 27, but investigation of the blast has not been completed.

The bombing occurred between 10 and 11 p.m. and caused minor damage to several buildings, including the Rogue River post office and the Rogue River Times office.

State police, sheriff's officers, Rogue River police and postal inspectors are investigating the incident.

Student Admits Part In Burning Crosses

Washington—(U.P.)—A University of Virginia student Saturday admitted planting fiery crosses in front of the residences of Chief Justice Earl Warren and Solicitor General Simon E. Sobeloff in protest against the Supreme Court decision on desegregation of schools.

Ronald Eugene Rowley, 24, Arlington, Va., was charged on two counts of "Kindling a bonfire between sundown and sunrise." He forfeited \$10 bond on each count rather than stand trial for the misdemeanors.

Rowley refused to name any companions in the burning of fiery crosses Friday night before the residences of Warren, Sobeloff, Associate Justice Felix Frankfurter, Sen. Herbert H. Lehman (D-N.Y.), and Mrs. Douglas King, head of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Beltsville, Md.

Police said Rowley surrendered voluntarily after the car he used was traced to his father's home in Arlington across the Potomac river in Virginia. A doorman at the Sheraton-Park hotel, where Warren and Lehman live, noted the license number and informed police.

Rowley's statement confirmed earlier police reports that the action was in protest against the desegregation decision. Warren and Frankfurter both participated in the decision. Sobeloff presented the Government's views on implementing the decision and is now awaiting Senate confirmation of his appointment to a federal judgeship. Lehman has been a long time foe of school segregation.

Boyer is chairman of the Jackson county committee. He is one of the two announced candidates for the post to be vacated by Howard Morgan, Milwaukie.

Boyer left Friday for Portland accompanied by Neva Clark, Jacksonville, county vice-chairman, and Mrs. Dee Newton, Ashland, alternate. Mrs. Albert Straus, congressional committee woman, and Mrs. Boyer joined them there Saturday.

Many of the voting delegates were to meet in Portland before going to the Corvallis meeting. Chet Lowry, Aloha, Democratic chairman of Washington county, is the other announced candidate for state chairman.

Boyer will contend with him and several possible "dark horse" nominees for the state chairmanship.

25 Planes Take Part In Air-Rescue Here

Approximately 25 planes are ready this morning for the biggest simulated air search ever to be held by the Civil Air Patrol in the Medford area.

Pilots and ground men will be briefed at 9 p.m. and mock rescue operations begin immediately afterward. Air Force personnel will have placed a search target somewhere within a 25-mile radius of the airport. The planes and ground searchers will fan out in an attempt to find it as though in an actual ground-air search.

The public has been invited to view operations at the airport. Lt. Robert McCorkle of the Medford CAP squadron is in charge.

Navy Man Jailed For Theft, Armed Robbery, Larceny

George Volney Miller, 19, Jacksonville, was lodged in the Jackson county jail at 3:10 a.m. Saturday on charges of burglary, larceny of an auto, armed robbery and being AWOL from the U.S. Naval station at Bremerton, Wash.

State police officers began searching the Medford area at 8:26 p.m. Friday after receiving a call from Mrs. Orville Zimmerman at the Naumes orchard northeast of Medford. Mrs. Zimmerman said a 1947 International truck had just been stolen from the orchard by a Navy man carrying a .22 caliber rifle.

Three officers immediately went out on the case and a fourth was called to assist them. Sheriff's officers, city police and the California border guard were also notified.

State policemen approached Miller about 10 p.m. in the Camp White area near the old military rifle range. He had a .30-30 caliber rifle with him.

Questioned by officers, Miller admitted stealing the truck from the Naumes orchard after burglarizing a residence occupied by Winfield Scott Conway, 4580 Crater Lake highway, where he obtained the rifle.

He also told the officers he had gone to the Dewey W. Babcock residence, route 1, box 29K, where he held Babcock at gunpoint and took \$20 and a car.

He said he fled from the Bremerton Naval station, where he had been a prisoner awaiting court martial on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

Doctors Caution Ike About Duties

Gettysburg, Pa.—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower's doctors cautioned Saturday that he must not try to resume full duties when he returns to the White House early this week.

On the eve of the President's sixth post-operative week the doctors reported his recovery has "gained momentum" but that his increasing activity and impending return to the White House "should not signify that his convalescent period has been completed."

Just after the President's abdominal operation on June 9 his doctors said they expected it would be from "four to six weeks" before his convalescence would be over.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said Saturday he expects it will be "at least" six weeks.

Four Killed When Air Force Bomber Crashes

Salina, Kan.—(U.P.)—An Air Force B-47 bomber faltered on takeoff Friday night and crashed in flames in a field, killing the four airmen aboard.

The bomber, assigned to the 40th Bomb Wing, Strategic Air Command, was demolished. It had just left the runway of Smoky Hill Air Force base.

'Phone Three' Week Starts To Encourage Vaccine Use

A "Phone Three" week, to encourage vaccinations against polio, was inaugurated today by the Jackson county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Mrs. Jack Lewis, chairman of the 1956 Mothers' March, a fund-raising feature of the fund, is chairman of the event.

Mrs. Lewis has mailed letters to 50 persons who assisted her in the Mothers' March last January. The letters ask that the recipients telephone three friends, urging all in that household under age 30 to receive the vaccine. Those friends, in turn, are asked to telephone three friends, and so on.

Armed Guard Kept On British Ship

Pensacola, Fla.—(U.P.)—Two government guards kept an armed guard aboard a British freighter Saturday during an investigation of the strange disappearance of the ship's skipper on the high seas.

The SS Saint Gregory was placed under guard as soon as it docked Friday night.

Henry Hilton-Green, of Fillett-Green Co., agents for the freighter, denied rumors that the captain may have been the victim of a mutiny.

"There is no indication of any mass violence," he said. "It may have been a case of individual foul play or he might have just fallen overboard. The captain was well liked."

Hilton-Green said the captain was last seen at 8 o'clock one night and was missing the following morning. The shipping agent said an investigation was underway.

Southwest Announces New Flight South

Southwest Airways Saturday announced additional service between Medford and San Francisco via Eureka, effective July 20, according to William Hicks, SWA's station manager here.

The new flight will serve Medford with six daily schedules, four via Eureka and two via Sacramento.

New departure times southbound will be 2 p.m. with service to Crescent City, Eureka, Ukiah, Santa Rosa, Oakland, and San Francisco; 3:15 p.m. serving Redding, Red Bluff, Chico, Marysville, Sacramento and San Francisco; and 5 p.m. non-stop to San Francisco from Eureka with continuing one-plane service to Los Angeles.



CONTROL CENTER—The Jackson County Civil Defense agency has made the building shown above into a control center and emergency headquarters. The building, on Flat Top rd., was made available by the National Guard. CD officials said telephone lines and radio set capable of transmitting with the Salem headquarters have been installed, and a second transmitter and receiver have been authorized by the county budget. Once completed, the center will be able to contact all existing county networks—sheriff, city and state police, and the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association network.

The Federal Communications commission has offered to finance installation and maintenance of a direct line to radio station KMED, which will broadcast on the Conrad frequency, 1240 kilocycles, during an emergency. Major General J. H. Hicks, county CD director, stands in front of the building.

TALENT WORK SLATED SOON

Forest Receipts Here Total \$1,753,273.75

Receipts from the Rogue River National forest totaled \$1,753,273.75, according to Jack Wood, supervisor.

Receipts from the 19 national forests of the Pacific Northwest region were a record breaking total of about \$54,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, according to Regional Forester J. Herbert Stone, Portland. This is about \$16,000,000 greater than the record for last fiscal year, he said.

Ike Gets Victory On Foreign Aid

Washington—(U.P.)—Administration forces said Saturday President Eisenhower's personal urging won his major victory on the battered foreign aid program in the Senate Appropriations committee.

The big question now is will the President's influence make the victory stick when the \$4 billion bill reaches the Senate floor this week.

The badly-split committee voted 13-8 Friday to restore virtually all of the more than \$600 million the administration requested after the House slashed the appropriation for the aid program to \$3.4 billion.

The \$4 billion appropriations bill will be brought up for Senate debate next Tuesday or Wednesday. It faces determined efforts to cut it on the floor.

Sports Bulletin

Coquille—The Medford Cheney Studs placed their position in first place last night by doubling the second game of a double header 7-1 over Coquille here. The Studs got 11 hits including a double and triple by outfielder Terry Maddox and singles by Turk Peterson and hurler Don White.

Vancouver, B. C.—(U.P.)—The Vancouver Mounties held the 7-hits pitching of Fred Baczewski swept a double-header from the Sacramento Solons in Pacific coast league play here last night by beating them 4-1 after a 5-0 afternoon conquest.

Portland—(U.P.)—The San Diego Padres evened their Pacific Coast league series with Portland at 1-1 last night as they posted a 4-3 win.

Portland—(U.P.)—John C. Hunt, fire control officer for the bureau of land management, said here Saturday that scores of lightning fires on eastern rangeland in central and federal Oregon have been controlled.

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Project Authorized By Bureau to Start This Fiscal Year

Washington—(U.P.)—Work on the Talent project will begin "as promptly as possible" this fiscal year, Secretary of Interior Fred A. Seaton said Saturday.

The Talent project is one of 10 new starts authorized for the Bureau of Reclamation this year and congress has appropriated \$2,400,000. It was the first appropriation for the project which will have an overall cost of an estimated \$19,260,000.

Reduce Flood Damage Lying principally in Jackson county, the Talent project will provide irrigation water for 18,000 acres and develop 16,000 kilowatts of hydroelectric power, as well as reduce flood damage.

Scheduled to get the initial appropriation are Howard Prairie, Emigrant and Keene Creeks dams and reservoirs but there will be no actual construction. Work will be preliminary although some contracts will be awarded in connection with Green Springs power plant and for delivery and collection canals.

Congress has stipulated that no construction should be started until payment contracts have been completed.

New Fire Reported In Applegate Area

Only one possible new fire was reported Friday at the head of the Applegate river in the Rogue River National forest, according to S. T. Moore, fire control officer.

Eight fires reported Friday were under control and practically out by Saturday morning. "We fully expect some sleepers," Moore said, and forest service fire suppression crews are on standby this weekend.

The state department of forestry reported no additional fires.

Lightning Fires in State Controlled

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Chicago—(U.P.)—Thunderstorms, hail and high winds pounded the east Saturday while most of the western two-thirds of the nation had mostly fair weekend weather.

Ft. Dix Plunge Is Sixth Worst in Air Force History

Rescue Operations Take Five Hours

Fort Dix, N. J.—(U.P.)—A C118 military transport plane plummeted into a swamp minutes after it took off into a violent electric storm Friday, killing 45 persons and injuring 21 aboard.

A rescue task force of 700 soldiers and airmen, 60 ambulances, Army bulldozers and a crane worked five hours to rescue the survivors from a wild area of pine forest and swampland on the Fort Dix Army reservation.

The four-engine plane, a military version of the civilian DC6, crashed about 4 p.m., EDT Friday, after it took off from McGuire Air Force Base near Fort Dix for Burtonwood, England.

Atlantic division headquarters of the Military Air Transport service said the plane carried a crew of 10 and 56 passengers including 41 airmen, nine officers and six civilians. The civilians included two men, two women and two children.

The Air Force indicated that some of the victims may not live through the day.

The Friday the 13th crash was the first for the MATS Atlantic division since its organization eight years ago. It was the sixth worst military plane crash in Air Force history.

Roy H. Williams, a New Jersey state game warden, was driving along a dirt road when he heard the crash. An experienced woodsman, he made his way over the difficult terrain to the wreckage about three miles from the end of the southwest runway of the air base.

The white and silver plane cut a broad swath about 300 yards long through pine forest and heavy brush, scattering wreckage in four main pieces over a half-mile area. The plane did not burn.

Rescue workers said first the wings were ripped off, then the tail section and the fuselage was broken into two large parts.

Bill Pannell, of the Brownsville, N.J., emergency aid squad, was one of the first to reach one of the main sections of the fuselage lying in four feet of water.

"We had to use cutting tools to get inside. We removed 12 persons immediately and took them to first aid squads."

"It was two hours before we had everyone out of the plane," Pannell said.

The soldiers and airmen aided by volunteers from Central New Jersey towns used axes to hack their way through the pines and undergrowth. They slushed water through hip deep mud and sanded to reach the victims.

Col. John D. Lavelle, McGuire Air Force Base commander, said a board of inquiry to investigate the crash would be named.

Cause of the crash was not announced pending examination of the wreckage and interviews with survivors.

Castel Gandolfo, Italy—(U.P.)—Pope Pius XII Saturday took up residence in his summer villa here, earlier than usual at the advice of his physicians.

Two Scouts Spend Night in Woods at Camp McLoughlin

Camp McLoughlin, Lake of the Woods—Two second class Boy Scouts, both 13 years of age, were none the worse for wear Friday after inadvertently spending Thursday night together in the woods.

The boys, Jeff Porter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norris Porter, Old Stage rd., and Eddie McGinty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. McGinty, 103 King st., were on a troop hike up Brown mountain, near Scout camp, Thursday afternoon, when they became tired, and decided to wait for the others to go up the mountain, and to meet them when they descended.

During the wait, however, they thought they heard voices at the base camp below, and decided to go down themselves, but missed the faint trail and became lost. When the other Scouts returned to base camp, several went on to the main camp to see if the boys were there. When it was determined they were missing, search parties of older boys and camp staff members started looking for them. During the night, 21 boys and men, in two parties, conducted the search, and apparently missed them only by a few hundred yards.

