

# Bodies, Looting Become Major Problems In Coastal Areas Levelled by Hurricane

Lake Charles, La. — Recovery and burial crews speeded up their efforts today to get underground the bodies of human beings and the carcasses of thousands of animals killed by hurricane Audrey. The dead were becoming a serious problem.

Dick Roberts, identification officer, said 175 bodies had been processed through the warehouse on the Lake Charles waterfront, where all bodies from the devastated Louisiana coastal area are received.

Gov. Earl Long said the dead and missing in the hurricane and a giant tidal wave that came with it will exceed 400. In addition to those that came through the warehouse, there was no telling how many survivors on the coast had simply buried their dead without telling anybody.

**Danger of Snakes**  
Carpenters at Lake Charles worked in assembly lines, making coffins. On the coast in the devastated towns and villages—Cameron, Creole, Grand Chenier—crews in boats patrolled the marshes, looking for more bodies.

Deputy Sheriff Sam Mazilly sent a crew to the Sweet Lake-Big Lake area with pistols today to shoot cottonmouth moccasins, which are striking at rescue crews.

The snakes normally live along the edges of the bayous in the brush. The tidal wave drove thousands of them up into the villages and towns where they angrily strike at anything that comes by.

The weather along the coast was hot and humid causing bodies and carcasses quickly to putrefy.

Authorities threatened to post guards around every house in some areas to prevent looting, which has become a major problem.

However, the dead and disease remained the big problem. Around Cameron the smell of death hung like a cloud. Thousands of bloated carcasses of cattle and pigs lay rotting in the sun.

**Serum Rushed To Scene**  
Tetanus, typhoid and gangrene serum was flown in from New Orleans.

At Lake Charles, 75 carpenters worked in assembly lines building coffins, some of which will be filled with unidentified dead. At least 140 coffins had been constructed and carpenters were working on an order for 100 more.

At Warehouse No. 4, on the Lake Charles docks, where the 175 bodies from the Cameron area were kept, a stench hung for several blocks. Calcasieu Parish Sheriff Henry Reid said it was "becoming a public health problem."

Two Red Cross nurses had to wear cloth masks dipped in ammonia when they entered the warehouse. W. Billy Prum, a mortician working at the warehouse, told Reid there were about 40 unidentified bodies at the receiving point.

## City Officials Defend Proposed Off-Street Parking Program

City officials defended the city's proposed off-street parking plan this morning, at a meeting of the committee on government operations of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

On hand to participate were Councilman Fred Robinson, City Manager Robert Duff, and Tony Manno, a member of the citizens budget committee and longtime leader in the effort to obtain off-street parking.

**Different Proposal**  
Manno declared that the proposal this year is totally unlike the one defeated by Medford voters last November. There is no general tax feature to the plan this time, he pointed out.

And he said most of those close to the situation are convinced the earlier plan was defeated because of the general obligation bond feature, which made voters fearful of the possibility of increased property taxes.

Manno said the budget committee and council have gone back to the original purpose of parking meters—providing more parking space and a more rapid turnover—and have allocated parking meter revenues to the purpose for which it was first intended, more parking space.

**Meter Revenues**  
In the 1957-58 city budget, a fund of \$50,000 for acquisition and operation of off-street parking spaces is allocated. Of this amount, \$35,000 comes from present parking meter revenue, and the other \$15,000 from increases in meter revenue created by the recent change of some of the meters and the extension of parking meter hours.

Manno and Robinson declared that it is "right" to use parking meter revenue for parking purposes, and added that the benefits do not accrue solely to the downtown area, but will be helpful to the entire community.

Devison of the business tax, which as long been under consideration, is an entirely separate and different matter, Robinson emphasized. He declared the council has felt for several years that the present business tax schedule is inequitable, re-

quiring the same fee from the biggest stores in town as from the smallest shops. Revision of the schedule was planned even before the off-street parking matter came up, he said.

**Business License Fee**  
The business license fee revision is expected to bring in some \$35,000 additional to the city during the coming year, and while it will in effect "offset" the expenditure of parking meter revenues for off-street parking, this is incidental to the purpose of the revision, Robinson said.

Manno, in discussing the use of meter funds for parking, declared that ex-Mayor Hob Deuel, who was in office when meters were first installed, says the city would have dedicated all meter revenue to expansion of parking facilities then, if it had been known how tremendously traffic and the demand for parking space would increase.

Duff reported that the city is now working out the final details of the business tax schedule revision, and that it will be presented soon to the council.

**Parking Districts**  
He also discussed the measure passed by the recent legislature which permits cities to form parking districts, and to issue revenue bonds, backed by the parking facilities themselves and the assets of parking districts. While such action is not foreseen in the immediate future here, he said it may well be used later, and would fit into the parking plan as worked out by the council and budget committee.

Also discussed briefly were the pay increases granted to city employees this year. Duff explained that they were granted to bring city workers into line with pay for comparable work in other cities and in private industry, and that the increases were made inside the framework of the pay schedules set up after a survey several years ago.

A committee adjourned for the summer, subject to call by the chairman, Gerald Latham. The committee will be presented at the city budget hearing on Friday, July 12.

## Selective Hog Buying Urged

Chicago — The American Meat Institute urged a more selective hog buying system tailored to meet today's appetite demand for leaner pork.

The AMI, national trade association of the meat packing industry, said Sunday "producers will benefit two ways. It is cheaper to raise meat-type hogs than their fat counterparts in addition, a more lean cut in the total pork supply will improve consumer demand for pork."

The institute said packing companies now attempt to buy hogs on a "merit basis" which recognizes a value difference between individual hogs.

But hogs have to be sorted for both weight and grade before sale, the AMI said, in order for packer to offer different prices.

Hog producers have pointed out that they have not received "sufficient price incentive" to adjust production to meet consumer demand, so discounts for overfat hogs should be made, the AMI said.

**Duncan To Give Talk On Recent Legislation**  
Ashland — State Rep. Robert Duncan will speak on recent legislation affecting classroom teachers and education in general at a Southern Oregon college assembly Wednesday, July 3, at 11 a.m.

The assembly will be held in Churchill hall. College officials have invited the public to the program.

**GROUDED BY TOOTHPICK**  
Omaha, Neb. — An American Airlines plane had to make a forced landing because of a toothpick in a martini. Henry Moore, Tucson, Ariz., swallowed the toothpick in his martini as the plane flew over Iowa. The pilot made an unscheduled landing so Moore could be rushed to a hospital where the toothpick was removed.

Benjamin Franklin first used a toothpick saving pie.

## Central Point Man Injured in Accident

Henry Douglas Kimmons, 31, route 1, box 173, Central Point, was treated for back injuries at Rogue Valley hospital Sunday after his car left Highway 69 near Rogue River, struck a bank and turned over.

According to state police, Kimmons was driving north on the highway and started to pass a truck. The truck was attempting to pass another vehicle and Kimmons applied his brakes, went off the highway and hit a bank on the west side of the road. After hitting the bank, the car turned over and fell back on the highway on its wheels.

Police said Kimmons' 42-year-old wife, Lucy Frances, was thrown out of the car and suffered permanent brain damage. Kimmons was taken to the hospital by Medford Ambulance service. The accident occurred at 6:45 a.m.

## Return to Normal Gasoline Prices

Salem — Gasoline prices here were back to normal today after a three-week period in which major stations were selling regular gasoline at 29.9 cents per gallon. Operators agreed to return to the 33 to 34-cent range at a week end meeting.

**Man Found After Amnesia Spell**  
Pasco, Wash. — A clergyman who lost his memory while boating in Idaho two months ago said today remembering it was like "coming out of a tunnel."

The Rev. Andrew Daughters, 37, rector of the Episcopal church here was reunited with his wife and four sons Sunday night after "coming to" at a Sunday service in San Francisco's Grace Cathedral.

His family had believed him drowned in a sudden squall. Daughters was unable to give any account of the weeks "lost out of my life." But he recalled the day he went boating on Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, on April 26.

"I set out to paddle my boat across an arm of the lake after a conference at the church camp," he said. "A squall came up and it was rough, but the boat did not overturn. I remember docking the boat."

**Missing Boxer Dog Returned to Church**  
Father Nicholas Deis, of Sacred Heart Catholic church, and his beloved boxer dog, "Pete," were reunited Sunday.

"Pete" also affectionately known as "Idiot," was reported missing Saturday and the Mail Tribune published Father Deis' plea for "Pete's" return or proper care.

After reading the newspaper article Sunday morning, Mrs. Glenn M. Wilkins, 608 Kenyon ave., observed a dog fitting "Pete's" description in her neighborhood. She called him by name and when he responded, Mrs. Wilkins took him to her home and telephoned the church.

The large, friendly dog was reported to be very hungry upon his return, but suffering no other ill effects from being lost.

## Holmes Reappoints Two To Apprentices Council

Salem — Gov. Robert D. Holmes said today that Robert M. Robson, Portland, and I. G. Darr, Springfield, have been reappointed to the Oregon Apprenticeship Council. They are among eight members representing industry on the council, which is set up to encourage apprenticeship training and help establish standards.

Mrs. Bernice B. Ferr, Portland, was reappointed to the State Board of Cosmetic Therapy Examiners.

Minnesota, known for its 10,000 lakes, actually has more than 11,000.

## Quotes From the News

Gettysburg, Pa. — Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, Army chief of staff on the prospects of nuclear war.

"Because of the suicidal nature of a general nuclear war, it appears increasingly unlikely that any nation will deliberately embark on such a war with its prospect of annihilation."

Lake Charles, La. — Mrs. R. A. Cooke, on surviving the hurricane Audrey fatal crash.

"Except for the tragedy connected with it — is that very doubtful now that I should ever see my mother, sister and sister-in-law again — the experience probably is very good for me. It has made me feel very close to God."

Washington — Sen. John W. Bricker (R-Ohio), on whether the United States or Japan should try GI William S. Girard.

"I think that if anybody is going to be protected by the constitutional guarantees, that ought to be the man who carries the gun and collects in the Army."

Boy Falls — Yugoslav President Tito, in a filmed television interview, on what kind of government the grandchildren of Yugoslav boys will live under.

"It is up to the American people to decide what system of liberty will develop and what system it would prefer."

Cameron, La. — A state trooper, on the problem of preventing looting in the Cajun country, hard hit by hurricane Audrey.

"It looks like many kept their money in their homes. One man told me his mother had \$5,000 cash in her home that he knew of, and when he went to get it he could find only \$350."

**Riots Break Out During Siedlice Evictions**  
Warsaw — Riots broke out they occupied illegally, the Saturday in Siedlice, a town of newspaper Trybuna Ludu re-40,000 east of Warsaw, when porters.

militiamen forcibly removed. The newspaper gave no definite families from apartments tails and listed no casualties.

## Lakeview Man Cited

Joseph Hope, 68, Lakeview, was arrested by state police and charged with driving while intoxicated Sunday after the vehicle he was operating collided with another car on Highway 62 near Casey state park.

Police said Hope was driving west on the highway on the wrong side of the road and his vehicle collided head-on with a car operated by George Sheldon Hughes, 51, Shady Cove. Hughes was traveling east on the highway and stopped when he saw Hope's car approaching. Hughes' 50-year-old wife, Lenora E., suffered forehead lacerations when her head struck the car windshield.

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