

Atlantic Hurricane Veers North; May Miss Eastern Seaboard Area

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — A hurricane, wallowing in the Atlantic Ocean 120 miles east Southeast of Jacksonville, Fla., today gave evidence of slowing down in forward movement and changing its direction of movement to a more northerly course.

The Weather Bureau in a 5:30 a. m., EST, advisory, said the storm is located near latitude 29.7 north, longitude 79.3 west.

Strongest winds are estimated at 83 miles an hour near the center.

Gales extend outward 150 miles in the northern semicircle and 50 to 60 miles to the south of center.

The Weather Bureau said winds will increase on the Georgia and South Carolina coasts, possibly

reaching gale force. Tides will be abnormally high. Extreme Northwest Florida will have strong shifting winds which, the bureau said, may reach gale force early today.

The storm last night moved over a curved course that erased the immediate threat to the Florida mainland but the Weather Bureau said "it's going to be a close brush" for the Carolina and Georgia coasts.

Radar equipped Navy planes tracked the twister through the night.

Forecaster Paul Moore said the storm had begun a northward course which might take it on a parallel to the mainland and cause its strongest winds to spend themselves at sea.

"But it's going to be dangerously close for Georgia and South Carolina," Moore added. "Even if the hurricane misses them, they'll know there was a storm."

As for North Carolina, Moore said it still was "a little doubtful" what the new turn of events will mean. It may be 24 hours before the fate of the North Carolina coast is known, he added, and "anything can happen."

The hurricane, steered by upper air currents at an altitude of 20,000 to 40,000 feet, packed top winds of 83 miles an hour near the center. Gales reached outward 150 miles to the north of the "eye" but only a short distance to the south. Its forward momentum was about 15 miles an hour.

Storm warning flags were lowered from Jacksonville southward when the hurricane began its turn, but they still flew from Jacksonville north to Wilmington, N. C.

Farmers Not Guilty Of August Food Price Hikes

By OVID A. MARTIN

WASHINGTON (AP) — Any recent increase in the family food bill—now at a record high level—cannot be blamed on farmers, Agriculture Department officials said today.

These officials cited a department report issued late yesterday which showed that the general level of prices paid farmers in mid-July was unchanged from mid-July. In fact, farm prices have gone up only 1 per cent during the past year.

Officials also pointed out that while retail food prices have been reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics to be at an all-time high, prices received by farmers are

at about 6 per cent below the peak reached in February of last year. The drought which affected wide areas during July and early August had little if any effect on farm prices. Some government officials had expressed concern that the dry weather could cause sharp advances in both farm and retail food prices.

Officials said that if present generally favorable weather conditions continue, total farm production would be larger than expected. This could cause a modest decline in farm prices during the months ahead.

The farmers' economic situation was a little less favorable in mid-August than in mid-July because his prices as a whole did not change, and prices he paid for goods and services used in farm production and in family living went up a third of 1 per cent.

Quite a number of farm products brought prices below the level declared by law to be equally fair to farmers and those who buy their products. In this class were wheat, rice, corn, peanuts, tobacco, wool, barley, dry beans, cottonseed, flaxseed, oats, hogs, eggs, and citrus fruits.

Products which brought producers prices at or above the fair level partly included cotton potatoes, butterfat, milk, rye, sweet potatoes, beef cattle, veal calves and lambs.

Savings Man Predicts Boom

WASHINGTON (AP) — Raleigh W. Greene, president of the National Savings and Loan League, said today institutions financing home loans can expect "excellent business" to continue well into the middle of 1953.

The league is a private organization.

Greene said he finds the following optimistic indications of prosperity in the home loan field:

A heavy demand for home financing funds from savings associations throughout the country; a continued high level of housing starts; heavy requests from the Veterans Administration for appraisals on veterans loans; a stretch-out in military spending; high employment and large private savings; record breaking over-all national production.

Greene said he anticipates the government soon will lift virtually all controls on home financing.

Marine Blames Steel Strike

POTTSVILLE, Pa. (AP) — A marine fatally wounded in action in Korea wrote home that his ammunition supply was reduced because of the steel strike, the youth's mother said yesterday.

In a letter dated Aug. 3, Mrs. Thomas V. Haley told reporters, her son, 22-year-old Pfc William W. Lewis, wrote:

"That steel strike has really affected us. I had a fire mission and asked for five pounds. They gave me one and told me that there was a steel strike, and they had to conserve ammo. Well, I guess that's life."

On Aug. 4, strict rationing of ammunition for use by any but units in action and troops destined for combat was announced by Army Secretary Karl R. Bendtsen, who said the steel strike cost the Army about 37 per cent of its scheduled ammunition production for the current year.

Mrs. Haley was notified six days after the letter found her son died on board a hospital ship, the U.S.S. Haven, from wounds received Aug. 7.

Bank Head Shoots Self

MINEOLA, N. Y. (AP) — William H. Abel, president of a bank which allegedly was swindled out of \$450,000 by a woman business executive shot and wounded himself Friday—shortly before he was scheduled to appear at the district attorney's office.

Abel, 45, head of the Central National Bank of Mineola, fired a .45-caliber bullet into his chest in the basement of his home.

Abel was the complainant against Mrs. Lillian B. Robinson, 47, whom he said obtained money from the bank over a four-year period by falsifying loan applications and certificates of home improvement jobs.

Harold Spitzer, assistant district attorney assigned to the case, refused to speculate on the reason for Abel's attempted suicide or discuss its impact on the charge against Mrs. Robinson.

Wounded Vet Off For Home

NEW YORK (AP) — The Korean War's first American triple amputee leaves today for his Puerto Rico home town, where the townspeople have built him a house as part of a hero's welcome.

Angel Gomez, of Albion, P. R., who lost both legs and his right arm in the conflict, flew here yesterday from Washington, where he had spent a year in Walter Reed Hospital.

He was met here by the mayor of San Juan, Mrs. Felisa Rincon Gaultier.

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S-SGT. HUGH A. SMITH, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Arnold of 5620 Leland Drive, is pictured above at left. Sergeant Smith was the first enlisted man to receive mustering out pay at the Toul-Rosiere air base in France. Sergeant Smith received \$200.

Kiwanis Dog Show Starts

The precision job of preparing show dogs for tight competition got underway this morning as 340 of them were readied for the Third Annual Klamath Kennel Club All-Breed dog show at Modoc Field later in the day.

Some of the nation's top show dog handlers were to be in the rings with the purebreds when judging got underway at 1 p.m.

Pres. Gene Williams of the Kennel Club and Kiwanis Chairman John Van Doren have announced tickets will be on sale at the gates to Modoc Field all day, with final ring-judging scheduled to begin at about 8 p.m. tonight.

Tickets have been on sale all week by Kiwanians, and cost 50 cents for adults, 25 cents for students and nine cents for children.

Former Local Man Injured

Word has been received here of the serious condition of Jack Shade, former Klamath Falls resident following an automobile accident, Aug. 21, at San Luis Obispo, Cal. is a resident of Tucson, Ariz.

While in Klamath Falls Shade helped organize the Exchange club and was the club's first president. He is also an employee of the Pioneer Office Supply Co. and the Lombard Motor Co.

Shade is in the Southern Pacific General Hospital, Fell and Baker Streets, San Francisco, where he still remains in a critical condition. Mrs. Shade is with him.

Demo Picnic Called Off

A local Democratic picnic planned for Sept. 7, has been postponed because of the impending visit of Adlai Stevenson, Demo candidate for president, to Oregon.

Gov. Stevenson is scheduled to arrive in Portland Sept. 8, and for that reason leading Oregon Democrats would not be able to come to Klamath Falls the day before.

The picnic has been re-scheduled for Sept. 14, to be held at Moore Park starting at 12 noon. Persons attending are to bring basket lunch and the local Democratic organization will furnish refreshments.

Various state candidates and leaders of the Democratic party have assured local Demos they can be here on that date.

Woman Asks Search Aid

Mrs. Robert Hudson, Bakersfield, has appealed to the Herald and News for aid in locating her husband's father, Sid Hudson, 58, whom she last heard from in the Klamath Falls area.

Anyone with knowledge of Sid Hudson's whereabouts should notify Mrs. Robert Hudson, 2339 Kentucky Street, Bakersfield.

Railroad Workers Win Union Shop

By NORMAN WALKER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Organized labor has won a big skirmish in its fight for the union shop by persuading Eastern railroads to agree to the compulsory union membership provision.

Long negotiations between the Eastern carriers and 13 non-operating unions ended last night with their demands.

Spokesmen said that there were important qualifications to the agreement, letting some groups of workers out of the requirement that they become union members. The extent of these exemptions was not immediately determined.

However, a rail management spokesman said the agreement closely followed an emergency board's recommendation several months ago suggesting complete union membership for all the one million non-operating rail workers.

A number of the Eastern carriers already have the union shop agreement. They include the New York Central, Baltimore and Ohio, Reading, Lehigh Valley and Lackawanna railroads.

So this means that only a portion of the estimated 400,000 non-operating employees of the Eastern carriers will now come under the union shop provision for the first time, the others having been covered previously.

The emergency board, named by President Truman, recommended that all the nation's railroads negotiate an iron-clad union shop agreement with all the non-operating unions in a single set of negotiations.

However, the Southeastern railroads refused to talk over the matter at all with the unions, and the

Western carriers have negotiated with some reluctance.

Talks between the unions and the Western carriers broke off a few days ago, but are subject to recall by either side on 10 days notice.

There, too, the union had to take a modified form of the union shop—less than the union wanted but still some improvement over "union security" provisions which the steel union had enjoyed previously.

The last previous showdown on

the union shop issue came in the recent steel strike when the union shop was the main point involved in the CIO Steelworkers Union's two-months closedown of the steel industry.

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