

East, South, Midwest In Storm Path; New Weather Waits Plains States

By The Associated Press
Damage from the spring season's stormy weather mounted today from floods which harassed Louisiana and Texas and tornadoes that struck with devastating blows over the Michigan-Canadian border area.

At least four persons were killed Thursday in twisters that lashed the twin cities of Port Huron, Mich., and Sarnia, Ontario, and

nearby areas on the border. Scores were injured. Property damage was in the millions of dollars.

Rescue workers hunted for additional victims in the tornado-stricken region. Three were killed in Sarnia, and one in Port Huron. Earlier reports had seven killed. Weather observers said such violent twisters were regarded as rare so far north.

The death toll from floods in Louisiana rose to eight since rain-swollen rivers and bayous started overflowing late last week.

No drownings, however, were reported in Lake Charles, where the highest flood in 40 years has caused two million dollars damage to property.

Orange, Tex., 35 miles southwest of Lake Charles, braced for severe flooding from the Sabine River which divides Texas and Louisiana.

The stormy and windy weather which whipped the western sections of the Great Lakes region Thursday abated during the night. However, a new storm center in the Plains states threatened to bring stormy weather over the southern half of the Lakes section today.

Thunderstorms were general over the Central Mississippi Valley and along the western slope of the Alleghenies in Pennsylvania and Western New York.

Generally fair weather was reported over the southern half of sections of the nation, and along the Eastern and Pacific coasts.

No Word From Everest Team

NEW DELHI, India (AP)—Backward Himalayan communications hid the whereabouts Friday of a team of British mountain climbers trying to scale the unconquered crest of Mount Everest, world's tallest peak. Mountaineering experts here speculated the team may already have conquered—or failed to top—the 29,000 foot peak. Col. John Hunt and his 14-man team reached their base camp 18,000 feet up the mountain more than four weeks ago. Their final climb toward the summit was due to begin on May 15. They calculated this would leave them time for another attempt, in the event of initial failure, before the monsoon storms make the climb impossible.

The team's only means of communicating with the world is by relay of native runners, from their camp to Katmandu, the capital of the Himalayan kingdom of Nepal. In a broadcast to the expedition Thursday night, the Indian government radio warned of increasing cold in the Everest region and temperatures of 20 degrees below zero.

'Syzygy' Mowed Down Ike, He Tells Spelling Champ

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower Friday told the new national spelling champion, 13-year old Elizabeth Hess, that as a small boy he was mowed down by the word "syzygy" in a spelling bee. Elizabeth, an eighth grader from Phoenix, Ariz., won the championship here Thursday by spelling "soubrette" correctly after spelling down runner-up Raymond A. Sokolov of Detroit on "spermaceti." Webster's dictionary gives this definition of "syzygy":

"The point of an orbit, as of the moon, at which the planet is in conjunction or opposition."

Labor Handling Matter of Mode

EUGENE (AP)—Union and management representatives agreed at a conference here Thursday that mutual confidence and amicable relations are desired, but there was some division of opinion on how to get them.

George Brown, secretary of the state CIO council, said in a panel discussion at the University of Oregon campus meeting, that the recent Legislature had done a great deal in destroying "the confidence we have been promoting in labor relations." Its anti-picketing act, he said, is "restrictive."

C. E. Miller, a General Foods executive, agreed that confidence was to be sought but said a Golden Rule basis for labor-management relations was the way to harmony. Some Oregon union organizers here said, "often leaves wounds that are hard to heal."

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Fred Meyer Strike Delayed

PORTLAND (AP)—The threatened strike by food and drug clerks against the Fred Meyer stores here was put off when contract negotiations reported early Friday they were making some progress.

They were to meet again Friday evening with Leroy R. Smith of the U. S. Mediation Service.

Smith said that after nearly six hours of discussion Thursday evening and Friday morning "proposals were exchanged."

The workers want a pay boost of 11 per cent, time and a half for Sunday work and a health and welfare program. It is the last that has been the major obstacle to agreement.

If the Fred Meyer stores were struck, other major food stores said they would send their clerks home.

Grants Pass Search Continues

GRANTS PASS (AP)—The search continued Friday for a plane missing since Monday with four persons aboard on a flight from Gold Beach to Grants Pass.

Search planes were unable to take to the air because of clouds Thursday, and ground search parties failed to find any definite clue to the whereabouts of the plane.

Aboard were Howard T. Shafer, Grants Pass, the pilot; his brother, Harold Shafer, McMinnville; Mrs. Terry Hanna and Miss Bonnie Wilson, both of Grants Pass.

Marathon T-V Show Refused

PORTLAND (AP)—A marathon television show to aid cerebral palsy victims ran into "no permit" vote from the City Council Thursday and barring some last-minute decision was postponed or canceled.

The council, getting a voice in the matter because a city permit is required in money solicitations, decided division of the money and the use of it locally was too vague.

Warren Hull, Helen O'Connell and other entertainers from Hollywood had been booked to appear in the marathon telecast over KPTV Saturday night and Sunday.

Leonard Fisher, coast representative of the United Cerebral Palsy Association, said he thought in view of the council action the plans should be canceled. The council left the way open for another vote, if more definite financial plans were presented.

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Family Wins Huge Estate

SEATTLE (AP)—Charles W. Stimson, financier and lumberman who died last October, left the bulk of his \$4,430,834 estate to a Portland, Ore., family of five—to be divided up six years from now. Stimson's widow was bequeathed 2,000 shares of lumber company stock, the family home and other properties. The remainder, mostly in stocks and bonds, was left to Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Miller and their three children.

The Millers will receive the income from the properties until the youngest child, now 15, becomes 21. The principal then will be divided among the five. The estate was the largest inventoried here with the county clerk in many years.

NO POLITICS

GENEVA, Switzerland (AP)—U. N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld said Friday he will not tolerate any member of the United Nations secretariat engaging in political activities in his own country.

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