

Tornadoes Damage Big Area

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Damage estimates range up to a million dollars today in the wake of tornadoes and floods which hit Oklahoma over the weekend, taking four lives and injuring at least 64.

Latest reports showed twisters were seen at, or struck, 29 communities. A fifth death was indirectly caused by the weather.

Billy Shearler, 30, and his 84-year-old grandmother, Mrs. Anne Rubottom, were killed as they tried to outrun a tornado in a truck near Grandfield in southwest Oklahoma.

The twister caught up with the truck, demolished it and killed both occupants.

Frankie La Faller, 21, of Miami, Okla., and Shirley Jesier, 13, of Pocomas, drowned in flash floods.

A Tulsa woman died of a heart attack as she raced to a neighbor's storm cellar when the sirens began to blow, warning a tornado was overhead. She was Mrs. Ethel Olive Bowman, 57.

The state headquarters of the Salvation Army, which sent rescue crews into the storm areas, estimated property damage at over a million dollars.

The Washita River, which flooded Friday after a 10 1/2-inch downpour in Roger Mills County, flooded again yesterday. The muddy river poured into the lowlands for 10 miles northeast of Cordell in Washita County.

Red Probe To Be Held

DETROIT (AP)—Rep. Kit Clardy (R-Mich) opens hearings today to determine how far communism has infiltrated into education and labor in Michigan.

Clardy, chairman of a House Un-American Activities subcommittee, said he expected to call between 8 and 10 witnesses the first day, more than half of them educators.

He said, however, one "pretty important" witness may be called from the labor field.

The white-haired Michigan congressman, commenting on criticism by the CIO United Auto workers, said often the "most trouble" is stirred up before a hearing.

He said he thought the union, some of whose members have been subpoenaed, would be one of the chief beneficiaries of the investigation.

The first two witnesses, he said, were Sidney W. Graber, a social studies teacher at a Detroit elementary school, and Dr. Gerald Harrison, a faculty member and physicist at Wayne University.

He said his group is not conducting a trial and is not trying "to determine who is guilty and who is not guilty." He said it is merely trying to determine how far communism had infiltrated into the fields of labor and education.

Ship Building Program Urged

WASHINGTON (AP)—Robert B. Murray Jr., Undersecretary of Commerce for Transportation, Monday recommended to the White House and Congress a government-backed, 400-million-dollar-a-year program aimed at encouraging construction of 60 ships annually in United States shipyards.

Murray said a joint study by the Maritime Administration and the Defense Department indicated such a building program was needed to prevent a large part of the U. S. merchant fleet from becoming obsolete all at once a few years from now.

He also said a 60-ship-a-year program was needed to keep a nucleus of 36,000 shipyard workers employed on merchant ship building. He said this was considered the safe minimum for the shipbuilding program which would have to be undertaken in case of national emergency.

The report said workers engaged in merchant marine shipbuilding numbered 23,000 in 1953, would average about 10,800 in 1964, and, on the basis of present orders for ships, would drop off to 1,200 in 1965.

It said only three merchant ships were scheduled for delivery in 1953 and that there were no orders beyond them.

The report said most of the nation's present merchant seagoing fleet—some 3,644 ships of 40,423,000 deadweight tons—was built during the war and would become obsolete in the early 1960s, in a block. Merchant ships are generally considered obsolete after 20 years.

Ship Smashes Into Dock

ASTORIA (AP)—A wheat-laden freighter was caught by a strong ebb tide and smashed into a dock here about 4:30 a.m. Monday.

The ship crashed through about 50 feet of the dock, tearing out a later section of one-half block, and then plunged into a warehouse across the street from the main office of the Columbia River Packers Assn.

The vessel is the Joseph Feuer, owned by Contship Corp., of Wilmington, De. It was headed for sea with 8,000 tons of wheat. At the helm when the accident occurred was a licensed Columbia River pilot, A. S. Caples, Portland.

The vessel backed away from the wrecked dock under its own power and moved to a berth near Tongue Point where a diver was to check it for damage. Extent of damage to the dock and warehouse was not immediately determined.

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R. E. MARKS, former assistant tax commissioner with the Southern Pacific Railroad, has been appointed to a new post, that of assistant to the vice president on the staff of Vice President and General Counsel G. L. Buland. He will headquarter in San Francisco. Marks started with the road in 1920.

Asian Battle Said Mistake

BONN, Germany (AP)—Germany's World War II governor of northern France and Belgium described the French Union's stubborn defense of Dien Bien Phu today as "the second Battle of Stalingrad, in which the French are making all the mistakes Hitler made."

Former Gen. Alexander von Falkenhausen told an interviewer: "To insist on holding Dien Bien Phu, like Hitler did his famous 'fortresses,' gives this battle a propagandistic significance which can have catastrophic consequences."

"Dien Bien Phu has no strategic significance."

Before World War II Von Falkenhausen was a military adviser to Chinese Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. He is considered an expert on Asian affairs.

The Nazis arrested him in 1944 for alleged complicity in the officers' plot against Hitler. After the war the Belgians sentenced him to a long prison term as a war criminal, but released him in March 1951.

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Subfloor Aid Told

Owners of basementless houses can reduce the crawl-space dampness that often leads to decay of subfloor timbers by laying roll roofing or other moisture barriers on the soil beneath the building, reports an Oregon State College agricultural engineer.

L. W. Bonnicksen says the cheap effective soil cover is easiest to apply after the foundation is laid and before the flooring is put down, but it isn't too big a job even on finished houses.

High relative humidity—75 percent or over—in the crawl-space is responsible for most of the decay of subflooring. This can be reduced in some cases by better ventilation or by eliminating sources of water under the building through grading or installing gutters and downspouts. But where seepage water is the chief source of moisture, Bonnicksen says, installation of a soil cover is a practical way of lowering humidity to a safe level.

The most effective soil covers include a single layer of 20 to 110 pound roll roofing, a double layer of 15 pound roll roofing, 15 pound asphalt-saturated felt, laminated reinforced asphalt-saturated papers or unmounted aluminum foils.

First Grey Wins At Kentucky

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—A little grey colt with a terrific appetite and a decided dislike for work is going after two-thirds of the turf's coveted triple crown after breaking a jinx that plagued horses of his color through the 80 years of the Kentucky Derby.

No grey ever won America's No. 1 glamor race, and many have tried, until Andy Crevelin's Determine, a colt of a horse out of Alhambra, Calif., came from second place in the stretch to hang a length and a half defeat on the swift Hasty Road last Saturday.

Fifteen other 3-year-olds, including the favored Correlation, were up the stretch eating the dust of the leaders as Determine reached

the end of the mile and a quarter in 2:03.

Determine's next stop is the Preakness at Pimlico on May 22. Then, according to present plans of his owner and trainer Willie Mottler, he'll head back West where he bowed to Hasty Road by a head in the mile of the Derby Trial last Tuesday.

Hasty Road, a speed demon from Alie Reuben's Hasty House Farm of Toledo, Ohio, stepped to the front soon after the start Saturday but jockey Ray York never had little Determine farther back than third, ready to strike when he gave the word.

The Crevelin grey, who resembles Native Dancer in color, moved within a length or so of Hasty Road going around the final

bend, caught the pace setter at the eighth pole, raced on nearly even terms for another sixteenth and then took command to win going away.

Hasty Road had two and a half lengths on R. W. McIlvain's Haseyama, an outsider, Goyama, one of the choices ridden by Eddie Arcaro, came from 16th after a

half-mile to finish fourth while Correlation could do no better than sixth after being bumped at the start.

Landscape Tips

Shear evergreens now. Prune for training, young trees, and shrubs. The time is right for planting permanent type trees and shrubs. Prepare to spray to control Aphid and other garden pests. Also fly and mosquito can be controlled in yards and patios by spraying.

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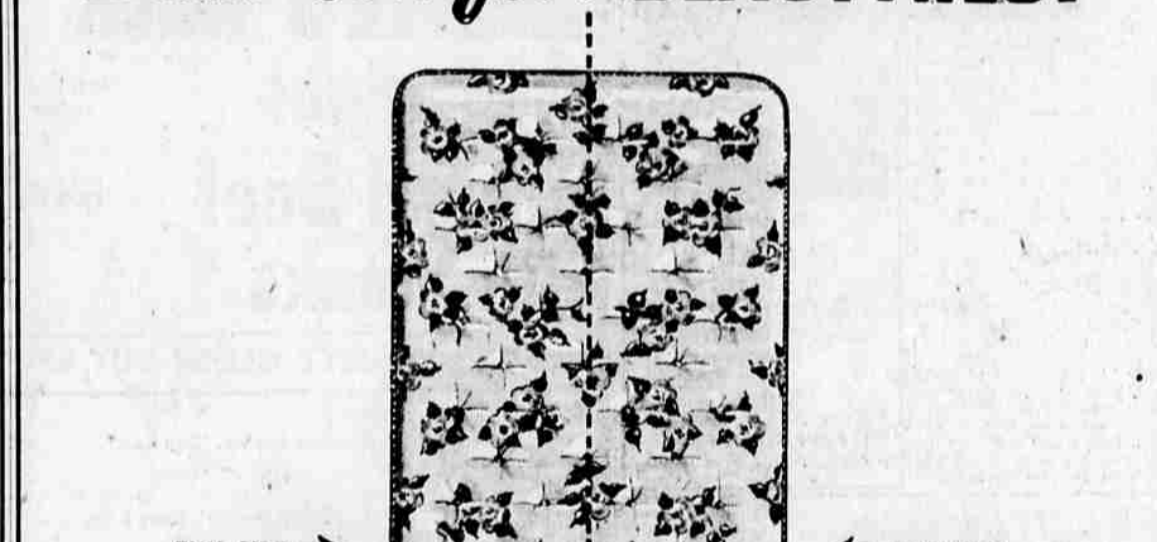
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