

First U.S. Death Reported In Mexico Relief Operations

MEXICO CITY (AP)—The first death was reported today among U.S. relief forces keeping flooded Tampico alive. Reports from the Gulf Coast port said a rescue launch from the destroyer Bassett overturned and a Marine was drowned.

The Marine's identity was withheld. The only other new death reported in the city was a suicide, a merchant apparently despondent over his property losses. By unofficial count, 226 others have died in the hurricanes and floods in the Tampico area.

The Panuco River, after a month of hurricane and rain-spawned flooding, dropped a few inches. Barring more rains, the fall was expected to accelerate sharply in a few days.

But new threats of famine and

water shortage developed in Tampico, its above-water blocks jammed by the city's 110,000 population and 55,000 to 70,000 refugees from the surrounding coastal plain.

A conference of federal, state and local officials announced Tampico had drinking water for only another 24 hours, that the city was without bread, flour, salt, sugar and other necessary foods, and that medical supplies were still in short supply.

Food was stacked high on the airport outside the city, but washed-out highways and bridges kept much of it from reaching the 16 or so blocks still above water in the heart of the city. Four U.S. Army amphibious vehicles arrived by air from Pueblo, Colo., to shuttle supplies.

U.S. Navy helicopters lifted refugees to the airport and passenger planes shuttled them on to inland camps. In Mexico City, the federal government discussed the possibility of removing 40,000 of Tampico's people as soon as the waters recede enough to let trucks, trains and ships through.

Tampico's city manager, Anastasio Garcia, estimated the flood damage in the city alone at 42 million dollars.

Along with the airlift of refugees, the Navy's helicopter rescue planes shuttled over the countryside continued at the rate of about 1,000 a day. Launches and boats from the aircraft carrier Saipan and other U.S. Navy ships collected almost as many. The American sailors and fliers battled fatigue and the elements as much as 18 hours a day.

Many natives who had never seen such aircraft before refused to go with them. One family wouldn't quit its rooftop even though Mexican soldiers threatened them with guns.

The U.S. Red Cross set up an emergency hospital at the country club golf course, caring mostly for cripples and children. Isolated cases of typhoid, malaria, and dysentery were reported but there was no major outbreak of disease. Some 4,000 persons were being inoculated daily.

Bracken Hits Income Tax

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Utah's Gov. J. Bracken Lee says he will refuse to pay at least part of his income tax this year.

Republican Lee, now in the third year of his second term as governor, says he's taking the stand because he thinks "it is unconstitutional for this nation to tax its citizens for the support of foreign nations."

And for the fourth straight year he refused to proclaim Oct. 24 as United Nations day in Utah. Instead, he said, he will proclaim Oct. 23 as United States Day.

He said he will refuse to pay income taxes on personal income over and above his gubernatorial salary, from which the tax already has been withheld so far this year.

"Very likely I might decide I will also attempt to act on this withholding thing," he told The Associated Press. "But I'm undecided whether I want to act on that or not."

"I plan to figure out my tax return and send it to the government together with a letter saying I have placed the money aside and will not pay it until the United States Supreme Court orders me to do so."

Lee said he is taking his tax action to "awaken the American people."

Merrill UF Drive Chairmen Named

MERRILL—Plans for Operation Fair Share, the United Fund-Red Cross drive, to begin October 18 in Merrill, are well under way.

The city and surrounding community have been divided into nine sections by community chairman, A. K. Felt, with the following volunteer neighborhood workers: Mrs. Bruce Owens, Mrs. Carl Coulson Jr., Mrs. Ithel Chapman, Mrs. John Schmidt, Mrs. Allen Duncan, Mrs. Bill Shatava, Mrs. Jack Fleck, Mrs. Charles Cunningham, Mrs. Jerry Ahern, Mrs. John D. Moore, Mrs. Lou Hill, Mrs. Irvin Johnson, Mrs. George Kunkin, Mrs. Lawrence Geraghty and Mrs. Clovis Story. Mr. Charles Perry and Mr. Don Crawford will cover the business district.

An organizational meeting will be held next week, date to be announced later.

Please be prepared to give your donation when United Fund calls, it will be greatly appreciated, Chairman Felt announced.

Welsh Girl Speaks At Langell Church

LANGELL VALLEY—Episcopal women from Klamath Falls met with members of St. Barnabas Church at their parish hall in Langell Valley on September 29.

A potluck dinner was enjoyed at noon.

Reports were given on the triennial meeting of the International Episcopal Church held last month in Hawaii. Speakers and special guests at the all day meeting were Hazel Morrison of John Day; Mary Johns of Pendleton, president of the Eastern Oregon Auxiliary of Episcopal Women; Mrs. Eva Schold of Pendleton and Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson of Baker.

Hazel Morrison showed her slices which she took while in Hawaii.

Ann Pugh, a girl from North Wales gave a talk. She is in the United States on a scholarship.

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PICTURED WITH HIS FIRST BUCK is Mark Fair, 16-year-old KUHS senior, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Fair, 712 North Third. The big four-pointer was bagged Tuesday on the Bonanza ridge and dressed out at 229 pounds.

Country Church Plans Announced

Oregon's ninth annual Town and Country Church conference has been scheduled October 24 to 27 at Oregon State College and will feature talks by national and regional educators and religious leaders.

Theme for this year's public inter-denominational conference is "A Vital Town and Country Church." Emphasis will be on better community service, improvements in church buildings and landscaping, and better church programs.

Speakers include Dr. Raymond Miller, Harvard university professor of business administration and consultant for Food and Agriculture Organization; Dr. Gene W. Carter, Berkeley, sociologist of Pacific School of Religion; and Rev. Dean Collins, Los Angeles, western supervisor of migrant work for the National Council of Churches.

DEWEY FOR PAKISTAN

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP)—Former New York Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and his wife arrived today for a four-day visit to Pakistan. Dewey is on a month's tour of southern Asia.

Along NATURE'S TRAIL with Ken McLeod

In our last column we spoke of a study made by the International Institute of Agriculture sometime before World War II to determine the amount of agricultural land present in the world and pointed to the difficulty of making a strict distinction between the terms, "productive" and "nonproductive" when applied to the land itself.

The scientists of the International Institute of Agriculture did run into many difficulties in their more or less arbitrary classification of productivity but at the same time they developed for the first time a significant picture of the occupation of the world by man. This early research is now being refined by further studies by the United Nations organization.

The International Institute of Agriculture investigation only extended to 39 countries with an area of 24 million square miles which was slightly less than one half the land surface of the world. Of this area—31 per cent was classified as productive, 19 per cent as unproductive while the remaining 50 per cent of the area was classed as being unspecified or officially unknown. These unknown areas occurred chiefly in Russia, Australia, Canada and Africa.

The known productive land was estimated to be 1,931 million hectares, or approximately 7,500,000 square miles and at the time of the study this was approximately six hectares or 15 acres of land per person within the area. Of this area, however, only 3.7 acres per person was classed as being "productive," this statement does not mean that in using the word "productive" that the land was arable, viz. that it was annually plowed and put into cultivated crops.

There is a wide variation in the extent to which the land area of different countries is productively utilized. For example, in the pre-war days such countries

Women To See Colored Slides

LAKEVIEW — Members of the Lakeview Chapter of Business and Professional Women will be hostesses for the Southern Oregon district meeting to be held here on October 8-9 at the Hunters Lodge.

At the banquet on Saturday evening, Mrs. and Mrs. William Holloway will show their slides taken in Pakistan, announces Mrs. Dora Herwick, president.

Mrs. Clayton Bradley, music chairman, has arranged musical numbers for the banquet which will include accordion numbers by Layne Clifton; a vocal solo by Robert Shotwell; piano numbers by Gloria Ayouti, Barbara Fisher and Carol Allen.

Mrs. Beulah Elliott, Klamath Falls, district chairman, will preside at the workshop on Sunday. In charge of the workshop are two state officers, Dr. Eleanor Gutman, Portland, first vice president, and Mrs. Almyra Sappenfield, Salem, state parliamentarian.

Bonanza Bans Lost River Fishing

BONANZA—It was reported today that the city council of Bonanza has passed an ordinance prohibiting fishing in Lost River between the new bridge and the south boundary of Big Springs Park in what is known as the west channel of the river.

Reason given was the fact that the state game commission is scheduled to plant from 15,000 to 20,000 small trout in that section of the stream and council members felt protection for the small fish necessary.

The ordinance carries a penalty and will be strictly enforced.

as Germany, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Spain, France, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Poland and Czechoslovakia utilized 90 per cent or more of their total area.

On the other extreme, such countries as Canada, the Union of South Africa and Australia utilized less than one tenth their areas. The United States at the time had half of its land area in farms and a little more than half of this so-called farm land was improved.

It is only natural that people are interested in how the productive areas of the world are utilized to feed over a billion people. In general the researchers recognize four basic uses of the land in this connection: cultivated crops; natural meadows; fruits; forests and woodlands.

The largest dedication of the world's productive land is to the forest and woodlands which occupies 40 per cent of the productive area of the 39 nations that were covered in the study. There is a reason to believe that these areas are better utilized than the rest of the countries of the world because of this fact.

Forests grow in regions of greatest rainfall and therefore, generally speaking, in countries of greatest fertility, although in these countries the less easily cultivated areas are usually assigned for the production of forest growth.

Austria, Norway, Sweden, Japan and Russia in Asia possess extensive forests. It is difficult to comprehend but nevertheless it seems true that Japan with an area that is about half again as large as the state of Oregon and having a population almost fifty times as great would have more than 60 per cent of its land area in woodland and forest.

The woodland and forests within the productive area of the 39 countries studied by the International Institute of Agriculture were reported to have been approximately three million out of the 7,500,000 square miles. Another authority places the forested area at 25 per cent of the total land area surface of the world.

Natural meadows and pastures were estimated to occupy 23 per cent of the productive land area of the 39 countries studied. The cultivated area, also contains artificial meadows such as timothy, clover and alfalfa, so that grass

occupies 26 per cent of the productive area. Thus woodland forest and grass land makes up a total of 86 per cent of the productive land occupied by man.

The southern hemisphere is a great pastoral region which results in its being a great source of hides and wool. Great Britain and Ireland are distinctly grazing countries.

Trees and grass constitute the greatest use of the productive area and are a component factor in agriculture—indeed, grass has an importance beyond that indicated by statistics. The Flemish have a proverb:

"No grass, no cattle;
"No cattle, no manure;
"No manure, no crops."

The role of animals in maintaining the fertility of the soil has been often discussed, in fact it has been suggested that in countries where, like in Europe, through coarseness of time large mammals have eaten grass and as a consequence the surface soil contains adequate quantities of phosphoric acid, whereas, in countries like Australia where only small animals existed the surface soil was deficient in phosphoric acid.

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