



JOE MERCER took over as president of Modoc Toastmaster Club of Klamath Falls at installation ceremonies held recently at the Winema Hotel. Here, John Heyden (left), outgoing president, hands the gavel to Mercer as George Barth, new secretary-treasurer, and Bob Davies, new vice president and membership chairman, look on. Other officers are Grant Cosgrove, vice president and education chairman, and Leo Horner, sergeant-at-arms. At the dinner meeting, awards of merit were given five members, Barth, Heyden, Dr. William Holford, Dr. Raymond Tice and Dr. Robert Harrahall.

Connecticut Staggered By Disastrous Autumn Floods

By ED BUTLER

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP)—Floods, growing steadily but steadily in three days of autumn rain, staggered Connecticut again today. They brought death and destruction to areas untouched by the disastrous floods of August.

Five were known dead, seven missing and presumed dead. Reports indicated damage would run into the millions but would not reach the 25-million-dollar losses of the Aug. 19 floods, which killed 74.

Unlike the floods of Aug. 19, which came in flashes, these floods came with no suddenness. But they packed a vicious wallop in heavily populated and rich Fairfield County.

Service on the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad's key line into industrial New England was knocked out completely for the first time in the road's history yesterday.

The railroad resumed service on skeleton schedules 12 hours later. Today, the waters in the bulging rivers showed signs of receding.

The U.S. Weather Bureau at Hartford said the danger of flash flooding had lessened considerably. The Red Cross reported 4,129 Connecticut families were affected by the new floods.

Gov. Abraham A. Ribicoff, who flew back from a vacation in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va., asked and got from President Eisenhower assurance of more relief under federal disaster relief law.

Hartford hit was Norwalk (pop. 50,000), where Mayor Irving C. Freese, estimated the damage would exceed four million dollars, most of it to industry. The Norwalk River tore the backs off 10 Riverside factories. About 1,000 employees were out of work. Danbury, a city of 30,000 north of Norwalk, was isolated by the

nonde, 15 miles south of Danbury. The passengers were trapped more than 12 hours.

Army and Coast Guard ducks moved in to rescue people trapped by floodwaters in their homes in the towns of Georgetown, Weston, Wilton and Redding, all in Fairfield County near the New York state line.

The rain that caused the flooding began late Thursday night and did not end until yesterday afternoon. Danbury's had almost 11 1/2 inches from Thursday night to 2:30 a.m. yesterday. The rainfall

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Meg-Peter Tie Opposed In English Court Circles

By HAL COOPER

LONDON (AP)—Storm clouds loomed over Princess Margaret's romance with Peter Townsend today. Rumors of opposition to their marriage were reported from royal circles and some sections of the Church of England.

The Duke of Edinburgh, husband of Queen Elizabeth II, was said to be advising strongly against a union between the 25-year-old royal beauty and the divorced Royal Air Force hero, who will be 41 next month.

One newspaper quoted 83-year-old Princess Marie Louise, a granddaughter of Queen Victoria, as saying such a marriage would be unthinkable.

There were unconfirmed rumors that the Archbishop of Canterbury, the top prelate of the established Church of England, would voice his disapproval publicly if the supposed engagement was made official.

Members of the Anglican clergy began choosing sides. Some were willing to perform a Margaret-Townsend ceremony. Others said "No" in view of the church hierarchy's stand against the remarriage of divorced persons whose former mates are still alive.

Margaret and Townsend, after a weekend together at the Berkshire country home of her cousin Mrs. John Wills, were expected to

return separately to London during the day.

Margaret and Mrs. Wills interrupted the visit with Townsend to attend church with Queen Mother Elizabeth at Windsor Castle's Royal chapel. Unsmiling and tense, Margaret omitted her customary waves and smiles as she drove past the crowd of 400 curious waiting near the Wills home.

Townsend went for an early morning horseback ride today. To newsmen's questions about the romance, he replied sharply: "Leave it, will you?"

A servant at the Wills' forest lodge said Princess Margaret had ordered breakfast in bed.

There was still no official confirmation of what most of the public believed to be true—that the princess had said "Yes" to the handsome airman. But the four-million-circulation Sunday newspaper The People cautioned its readers that assuming the marriage had been arranged was "a big mistake."

Her friends in the court circle say that the meetings of the last few days are nothing more than a royal way of enabling her to say goodbye to an old friend of the family," the paper asserted.

The Rev. W. J. P. Cox, vicar of the Anglican church near the home of Townsend's mother, let it be known his parishioners are in for a disappointment if they think Margaret might marry Townsend there.

Townsend's divorce would make his second match "against church law," the Rev. Mr. Cox said, "and my bishop would not allow it."

But the Rev. Reginald C. Gaul of Rand, in Lincolnshire, asserted in his sermon that "any country parson has the right to marry this couple," whether the bishops like it or not.

The Queen leaves Balmoral for London tonight with her children, Prince Charles and Princess Anne. Wednesday night she, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Queen Mother and Margaret are having dinner with the Archbishop of Canterbury after a service dedicating the bomb-damaged chapel of the archbishop's London home, Lambeth Palace.

The Daily Herald and Daily Express came out with editorials vehemently defending Margaret's right to marry Townsend if she wishes.

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