

Oregon Continues To Feel Effects Of Deadly Storm One Year Ago

PORTLAND (UPI)—On Oct. 12, 1962, a Navy radar picket ship positioned some 300 miles off Northern California flashed a terse weather report to meteorological stations along the West Coast.

The coded message was the first inkling that the region—and particularly Oregon—was to bear the brunt of the most destructive windstorm in the area's history.

The insane wind, known simply as the Columbus Day storm or the Big Blow, killed 24 persons in Oregon and inflicted damage estimated at \$170 million.

The destructive aftermath of the wind, which peaked at 116 miles per hour here and higher elsewhere, will remain for years to come.

In the forests of Western Oregon and Washington, state and federal agencies continue to race against time to salvage an estimated 17 billion board feet of blown down timber before infestations of bark beetle reach epidemic proportions.

In Portland, families of two persons killed as a direct result of the disaster still mourn their

loss, as do two households in the tiny Willamette Valley community of Rickreall — and others elsewhere.

The Red Cross said some 84 homes were destroyed, 5,262 damaged severely and 46,672 damaged slightly in Oregon. Many areas had no power or telephone service for days.

In the fertile Willamette Valley — a natural funnel for the storm as it rushed northward — 32,000 acres of orchard land laid to waste will not begin to recover its full potential until the saplings and grafts of fruit and nut trees begin producing some 10 years or more from now.

The wind that toppled trees also echoed through the halls of an angry legislature. The state's civil defense agency was slashed from 18 persons to 3. Portland did away with civil defense entirely.

The toll of irreplaceable landmarks also was high. At Monmouth, historic Campbell Hall on the Oregon College of Education campus lost its tower. It has yet to be replaced. East of Salem, a barn used as a rendezvous by pro-slavery legislators in 1860 disintegrated.

The Clatsop Douglas Fir, which wrested the title of the world's largest from a claimant on Washington's Olympic Peninsula, rode out the storm with its weight of 1,000 years — only to fall victim to a lesser blow a few weeks later. Foresters said the big wind weakened the giant.

Another tree — the 136-year-old apple planted at Fort Vancouver by the Hudson's Bay Company — lost its top, but still survives. Not so the enormous dogwood which had bloomed for more than a century outside a Milwaukie home.

In Salem's Willson Park, Cham-

poeg, and other historic spots the story was the same—destruction of the historic and natural beauty of the Northwest.

Could it happen again? Experts are cautious. The factors which triggered last year's violence — moist warm air colliding with cold currents from the north, then churning out of a low-pressure spin-off from exhausted Typhoon Frieda — are often present off the West Coast. But whether the combination of factors will ever recur is pure conjecture.

But little children still are frightened whenever the wind kicks up. And anxious residents flood police, weather bureau and newspaper offices with calls — "Is it going to be another Big Blow?"

Needed: Automatic Machine To Change Typewriter Ribbons

By GAY PAULEY
UPI Women's Editor

NEW YORK (UPI)—What the world needs in this age of automation is a machine that'll change a typewriter ribbon.

Man's created machines to do about everything else for us—the automatic washer, the automatic dryer, the automatic turn-off of the oven when the roast is done. Machines have turned us into a batch of anonymous digits "computerizing" us for benefit of the company billing us for the gas and electric, for the bank account, the credit car, the office payroll, the subscription to the magazine or enrollment in a book club.

The anonymity grows in the numbers game with the Post Office department zone numbers and ZIP codes, with the telephone company, the vital statistics bureau and the Social Security system of the government.

One Human Battle
But the human element returns

when it's time to change that typewriter ribbon. Here, it's a case of man or woman in direct battle with machine and too often the machine is the winner.

Or, if you finally are the victor, the battle scars are there, hard to scrub off. The ink-blackened fingers. The damage done to the manicure and the temper! All by two simple spools joined by a narrow strip of inked ribbon.

The tale of one woman's exasperating encounter with a ribbon change appears in the current issue of Today's Secretary, a publication for the white collar girls.

Dorothy Crispo starts out calmly enough on her play-by-play account. Calmness is a must.

"Open box. Take out new ribbon. Place on desk," she says.

"Sit down and face typewriter. Even up carriage and remove covering plate.

"Take off one of the ribbon spools and unwind leftover ribbon. Time out to answer the phone, screen call, check with HIM and put call through.

"Now, we were unwinding spool— Time out to answer phone. Reply to silly question.

"Unwind—

"Oh, Cracy. HIS two-buzz dis-

tress signal. Drop spools. Run Get HIM the Carson file.

Keeping Calm

"Return to desk. Utwin—whoo (Calm). Who knocked spools off desk? Retrieve one from behind filing cabinet and the other from under bookcase. Gather up ribbon —all 1,250 yards of it—and throw in wastebasket.

"Go to ladies room and scrub off ribbon-ink from hands.

"Sit down and face typewriter. Unwind new spool and hook end of ribbon on hook on empty spool.

"Replace spools in typewriter as they were.

"Now, which side of the thing, a-ma-gig was the ribbon on? Time out to answer phone. Coffee? Sure. Make mine black. Now which side of the— oh, yes, there it is. Now, run ribbon through the little slot, then—

"Time out. Boy, is old platypus leaning on the buzzer today. Coming! Coming! Leave both spools on top of machine. Take HIM Gibson file.

"Sit down and face typewriter. Pick up spool—whooh (Calm). Who

knocked spools off? Ribbon all over! Phone ringing! Never get it wound up again! His buzz—untangle ribbon from feet. Coming! Ink all over new dress. Buzz. There goes another container of coffee—COMING!!!!"

COMPUTER DEALS
CHICOPEE, Mass. (UPI) — In less than 15 minutes, a \$1.5 million computer shuffled, dealt and made 12 printed copies of every hand to be played in the four-day New England contract bridge championships.

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Air Base Loses 'Taxi Trucks'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — For a bunch of wild blue yonder types, the fellows at Tachikawa Air Force Base in Japan did seem to require an unseemly number of trucks.

According to a report made public Tuesday by the General Accounting Office (GAO), some of the boys were using 1/2 and 3/4 ton trucks for taxis, in the advancement of their personal and cultural status.

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STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

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