

Handiwork Of A \$23-Million Tornado Which Killed Eight In Georgia



Massive Oak Snapped Like Matchstick at Columbus Baptist Church in Macon Shattered by Storm C-119 Cargo Plane Turned Turtle at Lawson AFB Fort Benning School After Gale Swept It

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Georgia Cleans Up Following Storms

ATLANTA (AP)—A small army of soldiers, airmen and civilians to-day formed a cleanup task force in the wake of weekend tornadoes which killed eight persons in central and west Georgia and did more than \$23 million dollars damage to property.

Three separate twisters whirled out of the night Saturday and carried their lethal force into Macon, where three died; to a rural area near the central Georgia city, killing three others; and to Lawson Air Force Base, adjoining Ft. Benning, where two more were killed. Four of the dead were children. Seventy persons were injured and 23 hospitalized.

West Georgia was hit first. What appeared to be the largest of the tornadoes tore a path 600 yards wide across the air base near Columbus. The powerful winds overturned several giant C19 Flying Boxcars. Eight of the 35-ton craft were destroyed and this contributed heavily to the 20-million-dollar damage estimate at Lawson Field and at Ft. Benning, the nation's largest Army base.

Twin tornadoes took parallel paths through the Macon area three hours later and accounted for most of the dead and injured. Macon hospitals still house 15 persons and 35 others were dismissed after treatment.

Wilson Plans Air Buildup, Reduced Army

By ELTON C. FAY
AP Military Affairs Reporter

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Defense Wilson gave Congress to-day some details of the military "new look"—continued "rapid buildup of air strength" and an Army slimmed down by three of its present 20 divisions.

Wilson outlined these plans for the year starting next July 1 in testimony prepared for the Armed Services subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee, considering the military budget.

He said the new military plans evolving from "the crash (emergency) program that was adopted following the beginning of hostilities in Korea" are "designed to improve our state of preparedness over an extended period of time."

He also said:

"The military programs evolving from the 'new look' provide for the rapid integration of new weapons as they are proven and become available."

NEW WEAPONS

And at another point he said: "Various new weapons have become available in increasing quantity and still newer ones are in the offing."

He did not elaborate. His comment could have referred to both new applications of atomic weapons and to various types of guided missiles, in use or still in test.

Saturday, a high government source who would not be quoted by name indicated U.S. nuclear specialists set off a few days ago at the Eniwetok test area the big-

RUNNING AGAIN



Jonas Files Candidate Fee For Congress

Charles Raper Jonas, nominated 10 days ago by the 10th District Republican convention in Charlotte for the seat he now holds in the House of Representatives, made his bid for reelection office today by filing as a candidate with the State Board of Elections in Raleigh.

Mr. Jonas, the only Tar Heel Republican in the U. S. Congress, has no opposition for the nomination.

On the Democratic side, one candidate has thus far stepped out to oppose him. That candidate is Marvin Ritch, Charlotte attorney.

Intense has been apparent in the Democratic ranks so far. David Clark, Lincoln, and Paul Ervin, Charlotte, were early mentioned as possible candidates. They agreed not to run against each other. Mr. Ervin withdrew, and then Mr. Clark also decided not to seek the job.

Mr. Sheldon Roper and Mr. Ritch announced their candidacies the same day, and 24 hours later, Mr. Roper withdrew, declaring he could not be a party to a primary campaign.

Judge Willard Gatling, urged to run by prominent Democrats, decided not to enter the campaign.

Mr. Jonas, generally regarded as an "Eisenhower man," rose into Congress on the Republican wave which swept most of the country in 1952.

He was the first Republican to represent this district since his father, Charles A. Jonas, turned the trick in 1928—and similarly on a wave of voter sentiment which carried Herbert Hoover into the White House.

The filing deadline for the May 29 primary is April 17 at 6 p.m.

Ike Set To Oppose Income Tax Slashes

ARMY VS. MCCARTHY

GOP Leaders Map Strategy In Fight

By G. MILTON KELLY
WASHINGTON (AP)—Republican leaders faced critical decisions today on strategy for ending the war between Sen. McCarthy and the Army and avoiding an outright break between the Wisconsin Republican and the Eisenhower administration.

McCarthy and GOP leaders seemed agreed that a showdown at which he and top Army officials would testify under oath is in order to get at the truth in the matter of charges and countercharges.

But where and when to stage it—and whether publicly or behind closed doors—remained undecided.

One major question was: Should the investigation be entrusted to McCarthy's own subcommittee?

After Vice President Nixon's speech Saturday night, with its passages obviously directed at McCarthy, the feeling spread on Capitol Hill that a showdown must come soon.

Nixon said "reckless talk and questionable methods" in fighting communism played into the hands of opponents of the administration, that the administration insists procedures used both in the executive and legislative branches must be fair and proper.

McCarthy set rigid time limits on any action this week.

He said last night he has room on his schedule for only one meeting of his investigations subcommittee this week—tomorrow. He

President To Broadcast Views Tonight

Feels Democratic Proposals Too Deep

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower was reported by congressional leaders today to feel that personal income tax cuts being urged by Democrats would endanger America's economic stability.

The President, who will address the nation on taxes tonight over major radio and TV networks, discussed his tax views with GOP legislative leaders for about an hour at the White House.

House Speaker Martin (R-Mass.) talking with reporters afterward, said tax cuts already made by

TAR HEEL WOMAN, 88, SEEKS TALENT TITLE

NEW YORK (AP)—An 88-year-old housewife in Red Springs, N. C. is entered in this year's America contest, the oldest woman ever to see the title.

She is Mrs. Alice Smith, wife of a machinist and mother of four children, according to the sponsors of the 16-year-old contest. The "kids" are 62 to 70 years of age.

To reach the finals, to be held at Ellinor Village, near Daytona Beach, Fla., April 21 to 25, Mrs. Smith must survive a state competition April 2 in Raleigh, N. C.

The Mrs. America contest stresses general homemaking ability as much as other talents. Fifty finalists from each state, the District of Columbia and Canada will demonstrate their abilities in cooking, sewing and cleaning.

They'll appear in bathing suits on the beach only one afternoon of the four-day period.

Mrs. Smith wrote in her application that she has been keeping house since she wed at 17.

French Rush Aid To Besieged Fort

By LARRY ALLEN
HANOI, Indochina (AP)—The French parachuted reinforcements today into the Dien Bien Phu fortress as the Communist-led Vietnams hurled thousands more troops into the savage battle to drive the French out of northwest Indochina.

The rebels bombarded the dust bowl fortress with artillery shells before they launched their new series of attack.

As the violent battle raged out its second day, the French high command in Saigon announced that a battalion of French and Vietnamese paratroopers had jumped onto the Dien Bien Phu airstrip to reinforce the French garrison.

Other reinforcements were airlifted from Hanoi.

The French high command in Saigon said the "situation well in hand" and were holding solidly against the "very violent" rebel attack.

A French spokesman predicted the fighting would last several days.

A three-hour cease-fire interrupted the fighting yesterday morning, while both rebels and French carried their dead and wounded from the battlefield. The French claimed at least 1,000 rebel killed in the initial assault Saturday night and early yesterday, and admitted dynamic, progressive program of their own losses were "appreciable."

The fighting resumed at noon yesterday with a heavy rebel bom-

Eight Children Perish In Fire

HOGANSBURG, N. Y. (AP)—The eight children of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cren, ranging in age from one to 15, died early today as flames roared through their frame house on the St. Regis Indian reservation.

The parents fled to safety, apparently from their second-floor bedroom, state police said.

Troopers identified the victims as Doris Susan, 15; Raymond, 14; Francis, 11; Thomas, 10; Merna, 9; Kenneth, 8; Joyce, 4, and Jennifer, 1.

Police said the parents apparently had been sleeping upstairs with their youngest child. The other seven children were trapped downstairs.

Special Section In Today's News

Today's newly reoriented Charlotte story is featured in The News today in a special 22-page section.

This Section C includes the complete Efrin's story in addition to a large advertising promotion of the many values offered for presentation this week.

Many Auto Drivers Have Defective Vision

BOSTON (AP)—One out of every six of the country's automobile drivers has eye defects without realizing it, an American Optometric Assn. official said last night.

Administrative Director J. Harold Bailey reported that Connecticut and Rhode Island, with the lowest death rates per mile of travel, have the highest driver's vision standards.



This Will Be Their Picture Window DESPITE A RAINY WEEKEND, PRESIDENT AND MRS. EISENHOWER CHECK ON THEIR FARM HOUSE AT GETTYSBURG, PA.

WHAT'S INSIDE

WHAT KIND OF A JOB are our public schools doing? A special series on the school system, its weak and strong points, begins today on the editorial page. Turn to Page 10-A.

GOOD AT CROSSWORDS? You'll find the daily puzzle on Page 20-C today. With it on that page are the serial story, Read and Remember and Better English. How's Your IQ is on Page 19-C.

TEEN-AGE JURY. Dr. George Crane asks for help in solving one of the problems brought to him. He would like teenagers to make believe they're on a jury and decide what to do with Jerry. It's on Page 2-B.

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Comic Dictionary

MAN
Woman's last domestic animal.

OUR WEATHER

Fair and cold today and tonight with frost tonight, Tuesday, fair and a little warmer.

Low temperature this morning 30 degrees.

Low temperature expected to night 23 degrees.

High temperature yesterday 58 degrees.

High temperature expected to day 47 degrees.

Sunrise 6:34 a.m.; sunset 6:30 p.m.

More Weather Data on Page 2-A

Watch For "The New Blue"

Ladies You Are in for a Pleasant Surprise!

Read Betty Boyer Wednesday in The GROCERY NEWS

Evening Prayer

O God, having tried all other ways of salvation, and having failed, give us grace to walk in the way of Calvary—in life eternal. In Jesus' holy name. Amen.

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A Muddy Walk Toward The House