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Trooper Drowns

CAMP LEJEUNE (AP) — An Army paratrooper drowned offshore here today marring an otherwise successful drop during Marine war games.

Wreck Kills 4

SHARON, Pa. (AP) — Four youths were killed and two others were critically injured early today in a collision involving three automobiles. State police said two of the cars had been racing.

German Gamble

BONN, Germany (AP) — Socialist Carlo Schmid today challenged Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's government to gamble for German reunification in "the poker game of international politics."

6 Die In Fire

GASPORT, N. Y. (AP) — Fire swept through a small frame cottage near this western New York community early today and took the lives of a mother and five of her children.

Europe Shivers

LONDON (AP) — The second day of spring found most of Europe shivering today. Blizzards, sleet, snow and biting cold gave the lie to the calendar.

HOCKEY TEAM ADDS ROARING SET OF 'FANS'

The Charlotte Clippers hockey team, engaged in a championship playoff, got a dozen new rosters today. And they're roaring rosters, too. They are the lions and tigers of the Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey circus which has its world premier here Wednesday.

The wild animals came in a van of trucks and trailers last night and today and some had a Charlotte breakfast of cold, raw meat.

The circus opens Wednesday for eight performances and rehearsals will start as soon as the Clippers' ice is removed tomorrow.

Housekeeping

Said Part-Time

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The president of the United Church Women claims woman's place is not necessarily in the home. "There isn't enough to do in a modern home to keep any intelligent woman busy," said Mrs. Theodore Wedel, of Washington, D.C. "Any woman who constantly busy with housekeeping is just poorly organized."

Mrs. Wedel is here for the state organization's annual assembly.

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Beautiful Philadelphia Snow's Just A Driver's Headache

East Counts 45 Snow Dead, Faces Major Flood Threat

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

The battered eastern seaboard from Virginia to Maine struggled today to get back to normal following the most devastating snowstorm in years.

However, hundreds of thousands of homes still were without heat and light as the storm — which started Wednesday, then made a mockery of the advent of spring Thursday night — continued into yesterday before tapering off.

Power crews were working around the clock to restore service to the areas hardest hit by the storm—eastern Pennsylvania, most areas of New Jersey, Maryland, and New York City's Long Island suburbs.

At least 45 deaths were attributed to storm-caused exposure, electrocution, traffic accidents, and excessive exertion leading to heart attacks.

FLOOD THREAT

As the storm itself waned, the Weather Bureau warned that "a sudden and extensive" thaw would pose a major flood threat for the potential areas extended from northern and eastern Pennsylvania northeast through eastern New York State and New England.

There was no immediate indication that there would be a sudden thaw, but officials were watching the situation closely.

The governors of Pennsylvania and New Jersey each proclaimed a state of emergency. Linemen worked through the night in Pennsylvania to clear fallen wires and restore service to about a million homes left powerless by the state's worst snow storm in 40 years. Snow in some sections of eastern Pennsylvania reached depths up to 40 inches.

The Bell Telephone Co. estimated the cost of restoring some 130,000 telephones at more than a million dollars.

FAST MELTING

In New Jersey the snow—which ranged in depth from 14½ inches at Newark Airport to 35 inches at Sparta—started melting fast as temperatures climbed above freezing yesterday afternoon. Many homes still were without power; about 25,000 in the Camden area, 17,000 around Trenton, plus other regions in South Jersey. Some 34,000 phones were still out — of a total of 82,000 cut off at the height of the storm.

New England was rapidly digging out and returning to normal today after snowfalls of up to 17 inches, but many minor roads were still choked with snow. Power failures affected some 250,000 families.

Rhode Island communications and power were the hardest hit since Hurricane Carol in 1954, but state officials said they expected to restore most services by tonight. High tides and heavy seas added to the state's storm headaches.

MUCH SNOW

In Connecticut as much as 10 inches of snow piled up in the southwest although this region was spared the brunt of the storm and only a few power interruptions were reported.

The snow was due to taper off over northern New England today and light flurries were predicted for the southern sections.

The Virginia-Maryland-Delaware area, first to be smacked by the storm after it moved in from the Carolina coast, was slowly getting back to normal.

Washington, D. C., and Baltimore, both staggered by at least 20 inches of snowfall, reported downtown streets cleared and minor amounts left in the suburbs. In the Baltimore area, electricity had been restored to 100,000 customers, but thousands of homes still lacked power and telephone service.

Ike Flees South To Find Sun

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Seeking a haven from wintry Washington, President Eisenhower flew here today for a weekend of warm sunshine and golf.

The presidential plane Columbine III landed at Bush Field at 10:33 a.m., making the trip from Washington in an hour and 48 minutes. The flying time was shorter than the usual two hours or longer. Augusta's weather was clear and brisk.

When the President left Washington he wore only a light topcoat against the cold wind. The sun was shining intermittently but the mercury was in the 30s.

Eisenhower was accompanied by William E. Robinson of New York, president of the Coca-Cola Co.; Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, president of the American Red Cross; Maj. Gen. Howard M. Snyder, White House physician, and Press Secretary James C. Hager.

Hagerly said Eisenhower decided to "get away from the weather" which forced cancellation of a planned flight yesterday to West Point, N. Y.

The decision to go came late yesterday. It is his 18th trip to the Augusta National Golf Club since his election in 1952.

His most recent visit to the club was for a weekend last January.

Evening Prayer

Our Father, we thank Thee for our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. We thank Thee for what it means to us. Help us that we may love Thee with a yet deeper faith. Be glorified in our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



This is Loch Raven Blvd., Baltimore, normally a heavily traveled highway, which turned into a river as snow began to melt yesterday. More than two feet of water-heavy snow fell in the area.

No Life Seen Near Light Craft

GRANTS, N. M. (AP) — A private plane with Producer Mike Todd and three other persons crashed and burned near this western New Mexico city early today. Aerial searchers said there was no sign of life around the wreckage.

State police in Albuquerque said the aircraft bore the identification marking N300E. Police said the craft was en route from Burbank, Calif., to Tulsa, Okla. It had left Burbank at 10:41 p.m. (PST) last night, they said.

An earlier report from New Mexico state police said there were three dead but this was not confirmed.

No reports have come direct from the scene of the wreck. Roughly 35 miles southwest of Grants, a uranium boom city in western New Mexico west of Albuquerque.

Todd's secretary, Dick Hanley, said in Los Angeles Todd, a pilot named Vernon, a co-pilot and screen writer Art Cohn were aboard the plane when it departed Burbank.

Todd was bound for New York, via Tulsa, Okla., for a testimonial dinner tonight.

Dick Lane, operator of the Grants Airport, spotted the wreckage and alerted state police to the spot.

The country is timbered, rolling and hilly. Lane said John Johnson, Civil Aeronautics employe at the Grants Airport saw a flash of light and called him to take a look.

Lane said Johnson told him the plane reported over the CAA station in nearby Zuni that it was encountering "moderate" ice at 11,000 feet. The pilot requested approval to change altitude to 13,000 feet.

LAST WORD

"Then it reached 13,000 and the last heard of," Lane said.

Lane said Johnson reported seeing the flash of light at 2:03 a.m. (MST) about 20 air miles from the CAA communications station at Grants.

He called me and I took off with Bill Hopwood as an observer.

We flew the direction John pointed out the flash. "After about 30 minutes, Hopwood noticed a column of smoke."

"We had trouble seeing very much of terrain because the ground was partly obscured by fog. Hopwood said this little column of smoke down in a small valley."

"It turned out to be the wreckage." "The surrounding peaks run up to about 9,300 feet."

"The peaks were covered with low clouds."

"I'd guess the valley floor is about 7,000 feet high."

"The outer portions of the wings and a small portion of the tail was all that was left. There wasn't enough left to see anything."

PASS SPOTTED

When Gordon brought out his wallet, he held it so that the boy saw his police pass. "You saw the pass and the word 'police' and looked straight me and said, 'Brother, if you're a cop you're gonna be dead soon,'" Gordon wrote.

I explained that the card meant I was a police reporter and that I had seen many boys



(AP Photos)

Firmly Held For Delivery

Flattened atop a stack of grocery carts, Harold G. Anderson, 38, is held for police after he tried to cash a check, then fled.

He was caught in the parking lot and booked by Los Angeles police for questioning in recent forgeries.

Suspects Quizzed In Monroe Slaying

MONROE — Police today are questioning several suspects in connection with the cold-blooded slaying of a local grocery store operator.

Floyd Stack, 68, was gunned down last night about 9:30 when he went to his store to get a pack of cigarettes, police said.

Ted Broome, identifications officer, told The News that blood hounds were called out last night shortly after Mr. Stack's body was found by a Monroe woman lying in front of his store at 9:50 o'clock.

"We've picked up several local people and talked to them about the shooting," Officer Broome said, but we haven't made any arrests.

FOUND ROBBERS?

"It looks as if Mr. Stack discovered robbers in his store last night when he went there to get a pack of cigarettes. He was shot in the chest and head with a .32 caliber pistol."

Mr. Broome said an unidentified woman spotted Mr. Stack's body and called police. He was dead when police arrived on the scene shortly before 10 o'clock.

"We made an intensive search of the area surrounding Mr. Stack's store," Officer Broome

said, "but we were unable to come up with any clues."

"We don't know whether there was more than one person involved in the shooting or not."

Officer Broome said police in Mecklenburg County were notified of the shooting last night.

"We had 35 men searching for the killer last night," Officer Broome said.

Police Chief A. A. Mauney has called in all off-duty patrolmen to work on the case.

RAINY, WARMER WEATHER SEEN NEXT WEEK

A low pressure system moving in from the Gulf of Mexico is expected to bring warmer temperatures to the Charlotte area by Monday or Tuesday.

However, cloudy skies and possible rain Monday will probably keep the mercury from climbing into the 80s.

High expected today was 54, reading with that to jump to a 56 by tomorrow. Yesterday's high was a chilly 47.

The rain and cloudy skies should bring the temperatures above freezing during the nights next week, according to the weatherman. He sees a 22-degree reading tomorrow morning. This morning it was a cold 29 degrees.

FBI Collars Wanted 'Man'

RALEIGH — (AP) — A dark-haired woman who had masqueraded as a man for years before employers, fellow workers and police, was held in lieu of bond here today pending trial on fraudulent check charges.

The FBI arrested Geraldine Grace Moore, 33, Thursday night and said she had been sought in one case for several years—only officers thought the accused was a man.

M. P. Chiles, special agent in charge of the Charlotte FBI office, said "We had been looking for a man for several years," but that the Moore woman's fingerprints showed her to be the suspect.

He said she had been running a small grocery store here and was wearing women's clothing when arrested.

THE CHARGES

She was charged with violation of interstate transportation of stolen property statutes. Specifically, she is accused of "fraudulently executing" checks at a Greensboro mill where she worked as a bookkeeper, and of taking them to Greensboro, S.C., and cashing them about Nov. 16, 1956.

At a hearing here yesterday she was ordered held in lieu of \$4,000 bond for trial during the June term of federal court at Greensboro.

The FBI said she was convicted and sentenced, as a woman, to 14 years on an embezzlement charge in Raleigh in March, 1952. She served part of the sentence at Women's Prison here and gained a parole.

She worked as a man from 1954 through 1956 at the Greensboro mill, said the FBI, under the name of John Leigh Moore Jr. It was there she allegedly made out the checks, each for \$81.33, and with an unnamed companion allegedly cashing them.

"A woman identified as Geraldine Grace Moore of Raleigh was arrested in Charlotte in June, 1957, on three charges of forgery and one of attempted forgery. She made restitution for bad checks and was given a suspended sentence."

Our Weather

Fair this afternoon and tonight. Freezing and frost tonight. Sunday increasing cloudiness and a little warmer. Low this morning 29. High tomorrow morning 52. High today 54. High yesterday 47. Low tomorrow 36. Sunrise today 6:24 a.m.; sunset today 6:36 p.m.

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