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The Wind Blew



AT AVALON, CALIF., a hattering surf whipped up by winds of gale force, pounded the sea wall at the harbor. Barely visible in the water is wreckage of a 40-foot sailboat torn from its moorings and beaten against the wall. (AP Wirephoto).

.... And The Snow Fell



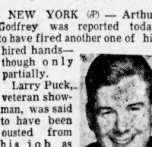
AT OKLAHOMA CITY, drought-stricken Oklahoma got rain and snow, and motorists unaccustomed to driving in moisture had a hard time getting to work. Employees ran as much as two hours late because of downtown traffic jams such as this. (AP Wirephoto).

Worst Of Winter

Storm Batters Western Area

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—The winter's worst storm battered parts of Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas last night, isolating major cities today and stranding motorists on snow-clogged highways. Bitter cold weather accompanied the storm in many sections. Some areas, such as Tulsa, Kansas City and northeast Texas, were still getting snow with a prediction of three more inches due at Kansas City by tonight.

Arthur Godfrey Reported To Have Fired Producer



GODFREY

NEW YORK (AP)—Arthur Godfrey was reported today to have fired another one of his hired hands—though only partly. Puck, veteran showman, was said to have been ousted from his job as producer of one of Godfrey's shows because he became engaged to the singing star, Marion Marlowe, some 30 years his junior. However, it was reported, Puck was retained as producer of another of the Godfrey programs. The reports were published in a New York Journal-American story written by Jack O'Brien. At the Columbia Broadcasting System, where Godfrey has his office, neither he nor spokesmen were available for comment. The Journal-American's ac-

count of the new to-do in the Godfrey-TV family revived memories of the celebrated firing of singer Julius La Rosa during a television show. Puck had been producer of the Wednesday night program, "Arthur Godfrey and His Friends," as well as the Monday night show, "Talent Scouts."

Miss Marlowe, former wife of an FBI man, is the singing star of the Wednesday night show. She is 25, Puck between 57 and 65. As a Christmas gift, it was said, Puck presented Miss Marlowe with a 5-carat emerald-cut diamond solitaire engagement ring.

Yesterday, shortly after Godfrey heard of the engagement, the report continued, Godfrey announced at one of his regular meetings of his troupe. "I will produce the Wednesday night show myself. He gave no reason, it was said. Asked what connection this had with her engagement, Miss Marlowe told O'Brien: "Golly, I don't know. I just couldn't say. I can't imagine anything like that."

OUR WEATHER

Cloudy and mild with occasional rain and scattered thundershowers today and tonight. Considerable cloudiness and colder tomorrow. High temperature yesterday, 64 degrees; high expected today, 70 degrees; high expected tomorrow, 58 degrees. Low temperature this morning, 61 degrees; low expected tonight, 45 degrees; low expected tomorrow night, 35 degrees. Sunrise, 7:15 a.m.; sunset, 5:19 p.m.

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Dying Boxcar Falls; Reported Killed

ALLIANCE AT STAKE

French Assembly Nearing Decision

PARIS — (AP)—The French National Assembly groped in discussions today toward its final decision about the problem of West German rearmament. The deputies convened at 4 p.m. (10 a.m. EST) for the showdown on the fate of both the Western defense alliance and Premier Pierre Mendes-France's government. A heavy police force stood guard outside the Assembly to prevent any mass demonstrations while the deputies came to the decision which they have delayed for four years. Andre Trooper, respondent in white tie, boiled shirt and tailed coat, sat in the President's chair on a platform to guide the debate. Premier Mendes-France sat in the center of the first row of the auditorium, with many of his ministers alongside him. The deputies have been called on to vote twice today. An adverse vote either time would force the resignation of Mendes-France and might lead the United States and Britain to forge ahead with the rearmament of West Germany without respect to France's opinion on the recruiting of a half million German troops for Western defenses. The Premier was expected to win, but by even narrower margins than Monday's 289-281 ballot to admit the Bonn government into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. A theory, no debate can precede a French vote of confidence, but the deputies can explain their votes. The rules say that only five minutes can be allowed for each explanation, but this rule is interpreted so liberally that the talk sometimes goes on for hours. The Assembly must decide today on two vital questions: 1—Entry of West Germany and Italy into an expanded Western European Union. This was turned down by the Assembly early last Friday, 269-239, but Mendes-France brought it up again as a new bill and hopes to get it approved this time. 2—Final action on the admission of West Germany into NATO, approved Monday in an article-by-article vote. Today's ballot will be on the whole bill.



BEGINNING HER SECOND MONTH of life today is Mary Elizabeth Campbell, a tiny baby born three and a half months too early. The baby, who weighs one pound, 14 ounces—six ounces more than her 4 1/2 month weight at birth—is given a fractional chance to live. Mrs. Ray Brunson, a nurse at the Memphis hospital where the baby was born, compares the incubator baby with a foot long ruler. The child is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Campbell of Michigan City, Ind., who were visiting in Memphis at the time of birth. (AP Wirephoto).

Plane Hits Mountain In Alabama

Troop Carrier From Air Base In Tennessee

NEW HOPE, Ala. (AP)—An Air Force C-119 Flying Boxcar plunged from low-hanging clouds into a mountain near here, and at least six of its 11 occupants were reported killed, another was alive, and two bodies were hanging in trees. It was not known immediately whether these were survivors or not. The plane was flying to Sewart Air Force Base, Tenn., from an undisclosed field. The crash occurred on North Point, east of Huntsville in northeast Alabama. Mrs. Will D. Davis, who lived on a farm near Shin Point, said a sheet of flame which lit up the countryside accompanied the crash. "I'm pretty sure I saw several parachutes and a lot of debris in the sky," she said. Military police jeeps and ambulances from Redstone Arsenal were sent to the wooded, hilly area where the crash occurred. Five helicopters also were reported being brought from Sewart Air Force Base to search for survivors.

Civil Service, Postal Workers

Ike To Ask Federal Pay Hike

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)—President Eisenhower will send a special message to Congress Jan. 11 recommending pay increases for federal civil service workers and postal employees. The message will also deal with the new reserve program outlined recently by Secretary of Defense Wilson. James C. Hagerty, White House press secretary, told reporters the proposals for civil service pay increases and adjustment of job classifications would add about 200 million dollars a year to present payroll costs. This figure is about 5 per cent of the present payroll for classified civil service workers, he said. Hagerty did not provide any figures on the increases being considered for employees of the Post Office Department and members of the armed forces. He did say, however, that the administration still feels that any increases for postal workers should come from increased postal rates, and that any legislation would include provision for such hikes. Hagerty declined to say whether Eisenhower would recommend a one-cent increase in the rate for first class mail, bringing the sealed letter rate to four cents. Congress has passed such a law at least twice in the last year. Eisenhower vetoed a pay hike bill for civil service and postal workers last August because it did not contain provision for postal rate increases. Hagerty said the civil service pay bill would not be linked in one bill. As now drafted, the recommendations provide for a minimum beyond his means."

'Lost' Trailer Finally Found

CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP)—Florida authorities are on route here to pick up a North Carolina trucker charged with embezzling a tractor-trailer and \$1,000 from a firm in Winter Haven, Fla. The man, arrested on the West Virginia Turnpike yesterday, was identified by state police as James Marion, 28, of Winston-Salem, N.C. Lt. M. C. York said Marion contracted to haul a trailer of citrus fruit from Winter Haven to Canada. Marion had his own tractor, York added, and the fruit and trailer were owned by Winter Haven Brokerage Co. The state police officer said the trucker, after delivering the fruit, drove to Ohio and Illinois instead of returning the tractor and the firm's money to Florida. Wanted notices had been circulated, and another trucker spotted Marion yesterday. Marion waived extradition before Judge Frank Taylor of Kanawha County Circuit Court.

HERE'S POOP ON THE OCTOPI OF THE HILLS

GRAFTON, W. Va. (AP)—Grafton folks felt mighty relieved today now that somebody has come up with a sensible explanation about how that octopus (and also a second octopus) happened to turn up in the hills of West Virginia. Four small boys found that octopus (and also a second octopus) in a stream here Monday. They were fairly good sized creatures—measured some 36 inches from tip to tip. It was a frightful find—ever if they were dead—and it had people around here wondering. But a supermarket man said he could guess where they might have come from. Maybe some gourmet lost his nerve. The store had received and sold all but one of a pre-Christmas shipment of frozen octopi.

Stock Market Pushes Ahead

NEW YORK (AP)—The stock market yanked ahead today with buying so heavy that price reporting facilities were swamped. Gains went to between \$1 and \$4 a share, with great frequency. Losses were few. Right after the opening, the ticker tape was as much as four points up. In recording the actual transactions on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, the Conger last week said that the longest such period this year. The market has been in a lull for the past 15 months, and since the November elections it has been booming ahead in an unprecedented manner.

Woman Had Taken Sedative

ATLANTA (AP)—An Atlanta doctor suffered a stroke while attempting to revive an attractive woman patient in the patient's home and later died in his wife's arms. An autopsy late last night showed that Dr. Paul D. Vella, 40-year-old endocrinologist and former paratrooper surgeon, died of a hemorrhage at the base of the brain. Detective Sgt. L.L. Haise said the death was listed as due to natural causes. An autopsy was expected to be completed later today on the body of Mrs. Avon Bonner, estranged wife of C. Brenshaw Bonner, southern sales representative of the Music Corp. of America. The doctor and his 44-year-old patient were found yesterday sprawled fully clothed on a bed in the Bonner home by Mrs. Vella. Detective W. E. Petty said seven empty or partially empty sedative bottles were discovered in the room and that Bonner said his wife had twice attempted suicide. Bonner told police he and his wife separated 20 months ago, but the doctor after 14 years of marriage and divorce had agreed to give her a self had made no statement on the

\$48,000 'Enjoyment' Embezzlement Reported

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)—The FBI says a tall and trusted bank official has admitted embezzling \$48,000—which went on "personal enjoyment, entertainment, and to his obligations." And, the FBI says, 45-year-old Robert F. Johnstone "attributed his downfall to an effort to live beyond his means."

Could Be The Polish Bakers Are Negligent

VIENNA, Austria (AP)—Polish newspapers received in Vienna today complained about some of the "ingredients" in rolls in Poland. Among items found in the breads, the papers reported, were cigarette butts, dead mice, spiders, hair, nails, a human tooth, rope, stones, coins, safety pins, screws and wire.

COSTLY FIRE

HAVANA (AP)—A fire of unknown origin in tobacco field yesterday caused damage unofficially estimated at \$120,000 at Foster, painted a picture of a man who kept falling deeper into troublous situations after making an initial mistake.

Doctor, Patient Found Dead

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MRS. AVON BONNER

subject. She could not be reached for comment. Mrs. Bonner previously had been a patient at a state mental hospital and only recently had her husband. See DOCTOR on page 2-A

MONKEY WASN'T ONLY ONE TO BE CONFUSED

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP)—An escaped monkey in the Hall of Mirrors left no time for idle reflection in the Pike Amusement Zone yesterday. Earl Miller, 19, was polishing glass in the maze of mirrors when he spotted the monkey and 19 reflections of monkey keys starting at him. The monkey saw 20 Millers staring back. Miller left for help. The monkey snarled and spat at his 19 freshly polished reflections. Concession workers, animal shelter officials and police arrived. Their reflections in the maze of mirrors added to the general confusion. The monkey leaped to the rafters and fled to the quiet of a rest room, where he sulked until captured.