

Total For Holiday I. C. MOTORISTS SET DEATH

Flood Waters Roll Over City Second Time

California Town Inundated Again

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Sudden snow from heavy rains, the flooding Feather River today washed for the second time over desolated and evacuated Yuba City peach growing center in north-central California.

Most other rivers in California and Oregon were receding after loss of at least 41 lives in a disastrous week of almost incessant rain and high water.

California toll: 2 dead and at least 19 more presumed dead. Oregon: 12 dead and 3 missing. The Oregon dead included a family of five crushed in a mudslide that buried their home at the coastal town of Kemzie.

At Yuba City, the rampaging Feather surged through a half-mile break in levees south of town of some 7,000. Several areas where the water had dropped were flooded again. However, the water was not expected to rise to its previous heights. Little additional damage was expected in the city—almost empty since its evacuation last week.

The Marysville Levee Commission estimated the flood crest would reach the Marysville-Yuba City area by early afternoon and that the water would begin receding again.

There were at least 41 flood dead, 29 in California and 12 in Oregon. In addition, at least 19 more were presumed dead in California. Three were missing in Oregon.

Damage was estimated conservatively at 150 million dollars. Elsworth Bunker, national Red Cross president, predicted between 4,000 and 5,000 families would look to his organization for "long-time" aid. He said he had assigned 115 trained disaster staff men to the flood district.

DANGER SPOTS
The delta area, where the San Joaquin and Sacramento rivers join east of San Francisco Bay, and Yuba City were the remaining danger spots.

Yuba City, almost abandoned since its Feather River levee broke Sunday, faces another crest today. Joe W. Sanderson, civilian defense coordinator, said water probably would return to earlier high marks, six feet up some walls.

The intensively farmed delta, with small streams, has been last stretch before floodwaters pour into the bay and on to the Pacific Ocean. So strongly have the floods been running that the Golden Gate was brown yesterday. Three islands were flooded in the delta yesterday. Levees were sandbagged to save others.

TOUR-BEGUN
Val Peterson, federal civil defense administrator, and high Army officials set out on a two-day tour of northern California areas ravaged by floods.

'State' Talk Set Jan. 5

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower's State of the Union message will go to Congress Jan. 5, two days after the lawmakers convene.

The White House announced this today as the President conferred in his office with Secretary of State Dulles and Gen. Walter F. Reade, chief of staff. Press Secretary James C. Hagerty declined to disclose the purpose of that conference. The State of the Union message will be read to the Senate and House this year by clerks because Eisenhower still is recovering from his Sept. 24 heart attack.

For the last three years the President has personally read to the lawmakers the message which outlines the administration's legislative program.

Our Weather

Partly cloudy and rather cold today and tonight. Party cloudy and somewhat warmer tomorrow.
Low this morning—38.
Low tonight—39.
High yesterday—57.
High today—52.
High tomorrow—55.
Sunrise 7:30 a.m.; sunset 5:15 p.m.
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PRESIDENT IN WHEELCHAIR
Year's top man made top story

Picked By Editors

Ike's Heart Attack Year's Top Story

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
AP General News Editor
President Eisenhower's heart attack was the land-slide choice of editors as the biggest news story of 1955.

Never has there been such an unanimity of opinion on the nation's top newsman that the nation's top newsmen have been voting in the annual Associated Press poll.

At year-end, reports and speculation of the president's condition still was the biggest news, leaving to be answered the single question that is sure to produce the momentous story of 1956: Can and will Ike run for and win a re-election?

'MODERATE' ATTACK
It was early on the morning of Sept. 24 that the President, visiting his mother-in-law near the summer White House in Denver, was stricken. His attack, a shocked and grieved nation was told, was a "moderate" one—somewhere between mild and serious. After only one slight setback, he rallied and improved under the care of eminent

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Many Repeaters Make '55 Men Of Year List

By SHERRY BOWEN
AP News Features Writer
Old favorites dominated the votes of AP newspaper, radio and TV editors for personalities of 1955, starting with President Dwight D. Eisenhower as man of the year.

The President's illness was the top story of the year, but he was a leading news maker in many other ways. Although hopes generated about the July summit Big Four conference were not sustained, Eisenhower's personality dominated the meeting. It was widespread.

Top Personalities
DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, man of the year.
WALTER RUTHERFORD, laborer.
HENRY FORD II, industrialist.
JOHN FOSTER DULLES, foreign minister.
DR. JONAS E. SALK, science.
BILLY GRAHAMI, sports.
JOHNNY PODRES, religion.
GRACE KELLY, entertainment.
HERMAN WOUK, literature.

ly regarded as a personal triumph for him. His proposal to exchange military blueprints with Russia continues as an important factor in United Nations debates. His atoms for peace proposals were indirectly promoted at the Geneva atom conferences. And his decisions were crucial in foreign policy dealing with Formosa, Viet Nam, the Middle East and other areas.
Preliminary jockeying for the 1956 election brought some acrimony and there were other disputes such as those over the Dixie-Votes power plan and the pay increase for postal workers. It all made news and the editors voted overwhelmingly that Eisenhower

Overall Accident Toll 771

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
The loss of life in traffic accidents in the nation's long Christmas weekend broke all holiday records.
The final tabulation today showed 797 traffic deaths. There were 87 deaths in fires and 105 from other accidental causes. The overall total was 799.

"How much longer?" asked the National Safety Council, "will a civilized nation endure such mass mayhem?"

It expressed the hope that the staggering statistics will flash a go-slow signal to motorists in the New Year weekend.

The old record for traffic death during any holiday period was established during the longer four-day celebration in 1952. It was 556. The 1953 Christmas weekend also set a new record for the number during a three-day Christmas period.

The all-time record for accidental deaths of all types was set in the three-day Independence Day holiday period this year. The total was 805.

The National Safety Council had predicted 592 American would be killed in motor mishaps during the 1955 Christmas weekend. Said Council President Ned H. Dearborn.

"We may have dreamed of a white Christmas but we have had a black one—a record of destruction and disaster on the highway by which no American can be anything but depressed, ashamed and frightened."

"We can only hope that the shock of this tragic and needless loss will have a sobering effect over the New Year's holiday and throughout 1956."

On Dec. 1 when the nation observed the second annual Safe Driving Day, there were 69 traffic deaths in 24 hours. In the first 10 months of this year traffic fatalities have averaged 102 per day.

The Associated Press, made a survey of 300 deaths during a non-holiday period—the weekend of Dec. 9-12. The count showed 364 motor fatalities in the 78-hour period.

In the two-day Christmas holiday in 1954—covering a period of 54 hours—there were 392 traffic deaths, 63 killed in fires and 60 killed in miscellaneous types of accidents, an overall total of 515.

Weather conditions at the start of the long weekend made driving hazardous in many sections of the country. The death toll rose steadily, with around 150 fatalities in the final 24 hours.

In Chicago, where 11 persons were killed there were more than 2,500 auto accidents, and 92 persons were arrested for drunken driving.

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'Didn't Even Send Greetings' Quints Spent Yule Away From Parents

NORTH BAY, Ont.—The parents of the Dionne quintuplets said today they didn't get even a Christmas card from the four surviving girls this year.

"All our other children either came home or called us on Christmas day," said Olivia Dionne, the father. "But not the quints. They didn't even send Christmas greetings to their brothers and sisters."

"A lot of people have asked me why the girls are not home for Christmas. Mrs. Dionne and I have given this thing a lot of thought and we decided it would be better if we didn't try to camouflage things any longer."

"We have seen it growing for a long time now. We suspected that they were trying to influence the quints some years ago, and we were sure of it by the way they acted after they left home, and then more so when they reached their 21st birthday and came into their money."

Dionne declined to identify the "outsiders."
CAME INTO MONEY
Two of the quintuplets, Yvonne and Cecile, are training as nurses at Montreal. Marie and Annette have been undergoing hospital checkups lately, but the father said he was informed they are fully recovered. Each came into almost \$250,000 when she reached 21 last May.



News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin—Hester

Unregistered, Unclaimed Bikes Stored At Police Station Did Santa Bring A Bike? Better Get It Registered

By DONALD MacDONALD
Charlotte News Staff Writer
That bicycle which Santa Claus brought Junior on Christmas day must be registered and given a license plate and City Police are planning three days of special bicycle registration this week.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.—two police officers will be on duty at the rear of police headquarters, between the police station and City Hall, to issue new license tags.

No registering of bikes taken after this week is necessary. But Capt. Lloyd W. Henkel of City Police estimates about 3,000 new bicycles were presented to Charlotte youngsters over Christmas, and those of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, "to differentiate the Communist Party from bona fide political parties in the United States."

The document quotes as typical an oath that the Reds in 1953 exacted from party members: "I pledge myself to rally the masses to defend the Soviet Union, the land of victorious socialism. I pledge myself to remain at all times a vigilant and firm defender of the Leninist line of the party, the only line that insured the triumph of Soviet Power in the United States."

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Persons having second-hand bicycles which have already been given tags should have their registration changed. This costs 10 cents.

Over 12,500 bicycles already have been tagged during the two years of this program. After this week, bikes will be registered each Saturday at police headquarters from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

See CRASH on page 2-A
**Aircraft Hits Autos
Charlotten's Son Dies
In Jet Trainer Crash**

The son of a Charlottean, a veteran, was killed when he crashed his jet trainer on a residential street in Charlotte, N.C., on Monday.

Capt. Cook, who was born in Swanton, England, just involved in the crash, also survived by his mother is Mrs. Cook. He was a son of Dwight M. Cook III, a crash in Los Angeles, Calif.

Capt. Dwight M. Cook Jr., 31, formerly of Charlotte and son of Dwight M. Cook of Poplar Apts., said today his jet trainer failed to brake to a stop in a landing at Los Angeles International Airport.

The plane plunged through a fence onto busy Sepulveda Blvd. and was involved in a three-car smash-up. Capt. Cook was on a cross-country flight from Niagara Falls, N.Y., Air Force Base.

Cook's plane struck an automobile driven by Mrs. Louise LaMontagne, 55, Oakland, Calif., and ended her car into that of her husband Martin, who was following her.

NOT HURT
A third auto, driven by Vernon Swanson, Ingleswood, just involved in the smashup, but neither he, his wife Helen nor their 3-year-old daughter Linda La were hurt.

Mrs. LaMontagne suffered a possible skull fracture and chest and neck injuries. Her husband, although unhurt, was suffering from shock. The couple was just arriving from Oakland to make their home here.

The control tower at the airport served the holidays and drove away several weeks ago. Though preliminary inquiry failed to locate Kilmann's whereabouts, a request is being sent to the Russians to look into the case.

American GI Disappears In Berlin After Wreck

BERLIN (AP)—An American top sign, and caused a collision with an East German car. An American investigation has shown the Army said that several people riding with Kilmann were given first aid at an East Berlin hospital and were then released.

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