

EIGHTY-SEVENTH YEAR

MIDWEST TORNADO TOLL GOES TO 248 KILLED

Many Still Missing; Loss \$237 Million

By the Associated Press The Midwest was still counting its dead today as the Palm Sunday tornadoes claimed their 248th victim.

The Red Cross said at least 5,000 persons were injured. Incomplete estimates listed damage at \$237 million.

Officials in Indiana, where 141 persons were battered to death by a series of twisters, combed through debris in fields, homes and businesses in a hunt for more victims.

Expect to Find More Bodies "I think we'll find more bodies," predicted Sheriff Woody L. Cafon of Elkhart County, Ind. The tornadoes claimed 66 victims in the county, 45 of them within one square mile.

Similar searches, coupled with vast cleanup operations, took place in Ohio and Michigan, where the grim Sunday twisters claimed 53 and 44 deaths, respectively.

Looting Breaks Out The cleanup operations were hampered by power shortages, damaged communication systems, highways strewn with debris and, in many places, heavy looting.

Hospitals and families were plagued by the possibility of water shortages and health perils. Many pumping systems failed to operate.

As the search for more twister victims went on, officials in Minnesota battled to contain the Mississippi River, which threatened to overflow at record heights.

Businesses Shut Down Riverfront businesses shut down, employees stayed away from work and school children from school as the flood threat grew in the St. Paul, Minn., area.

At least six persons have been killed and 20,000 made homeless by Minnesota and Wisconsin floods.

The Palm Sunday tornadoes first were sighted in Iowa and then moved to the east, increasing with intensity with every strike.

Two Towns Erased Elkhart, Ind., officials placed the tornado cost at \$100 million to \$150 million. Ohio estimated damage at \$50 million, Michigan at \$20 million, Illinois at \$12 million and Wisconsin at \$5 million.

The barrage of tornadoes was the worst disaster in Indiana history.

Two towns, Russiaville and Alto, were completely wiped off the map.

Some highways remained blocked 96 hours after tornadoes ripped three wide swaths through the central and northern sections of Indiana.

Battered bodies, many in night clothing, packed morgues set up in high school gymnasiums and stores.

"It's as close to hell as I care to be," said one weary newspaperman who toured the disaster area.

Face to Face with Twin Tornadoes

COLDWATER, Mich. (AP)—The tragedy which struck a 10-mile-long corridor south of here was almost beyond human endurance. Not one — but two — tornadoes raked the area within 30 minutes.

"The first had us reeling," said Branch County Sheriff Keith Wilhelm. "The second knocked us out."

The deadly game of follow-the-leader was played by the twisters down a two-mile-wide corridor on Palm Sunday.

Two Coldwater Lake resorts were wrecked, cars were tossed from a highway as far as 200 feet and a house trailer wound up 50 feet out in the lake.

When it was all over, the county had 20 dead, and at least 200 injured.

Even amid the death and destruction there was something to be thankful for.

The toll of dead and injured at the resorts — Pearl Beach and Crystal Beach — "probably

Lima Village Pondering Town Merger

LIMA, N.Y. (AP)—Taxpayers here will decide soon whether to slap a "going out of business" sign on their village government.

And it's all in an effort to avoid duplication of services for the village's 1,400 residents. The village is also part of the Town of Lima which has a population of 3,200.

The town was established in 1789, and the village was incorporated in 1867.

"It seems silly," says Village Mayor Gerald Pickens, "to have both a town board and a village board, a town attorney and a village attorney and other duplications of effort."

Pickens says he hopes by June 1 to present his proposal to the voters.

Viets Kill American Emissary

SAIGON South Viet Nam (AP)—An American aid official captured by the Viet Cong last Aug. 8 was shot and killed by his Communist captors on Jan. 12 after he escaped for seven days, a U.S. spokesman announced today.

The official was Joseph W. Grainger, 39, of Sumter, S.C. His mother, Mary F. Grainger, lives in West Hartford, Conn.

Grainger, an Air Force veteran, was the U.S. economic assistance mission's representative in Phly Ye Province, 230 miles northeast of Saigon.

He was captured in an ambush with a Filipino assistant and the Vietnamese manager of a sugar cane experiment station.

The U.S. spokesman said independent eyewitnesses had reported his death.

"The American mission on the murder of an unarmed civilian, weakened by hunger and unable to defend himself," the spokesman said.

"This is a violation of international law and accepted humanitarian principles."

"His murder is a wanton violation of the 1949 Geneva convention on the protection of civilians."

Seven Vietnamese air force Skyraiders bombed and destroyed the Thanh Yen bridge in North Viet Nam 70 miles north of the South Vietnamese border today, a Vietnamese spokesman announced.

Jamestown Man Dies of Burns

JAMESTOWN, N.Y. (AP)—Burton Lawson, 27, of Sinclairville, died today in WCA Hospital of burns suffered in an explosion and fire that destroyed his father's home.

The blast and fire wrecked the two-story, frame house Monday.

Firemen said they had not determined the cause of the explosion.

Lawson was alone in the house. His father, Albert, is a patient in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Buffalo.



IT WAS WINDY — Twenty-four First Graders of Mrs. Robert Ellison's class, their interest whetted by recent rocket launchings, sent helium-filled balloons into the stiff winds Monday. The balloons contain plastic bags with letters asking finders to return an addressed post card. Youngsters will map the landing sites. It was quite a launching.

Man Dies Of Injury In Crash

A 50-year-old Buffalo man, injured in an accident on Rt. 33, east of Pea Viner Corners, a week ago, died Monday night (April 12, 1965) at Buffalo General Hospital.

Lawrence Plant of 210 Jefferson Ave. apparently died of head injuries suffered in the crash which also involved two tractor-trailer units. The Erie County Medical Examiner's office said it was awaiting a physician's report before a death certificate could be issued.

Mr. Plant had suffered an apparent brain concussion, forehead lacerations and left hip injuries and was not believed to have been critically injured at the time of the accident. He was transferred from Genesee Memorial Hospital to Buffalo General Saturday.

The death raises to nine the number of fatalities on Genesee County highways this year, compared with seven at the corresponding date last year.

Scene of the accident was a half-mile east of the Griswold Rd. intersection. Mr. Plant's westbound car hit the left side of an eastbound tractor-trailer, then went out of control and struck a second tractor-trailer before coming to a rest on the shoulder of the road.

The truck drivers, Robert A. Kelley, 40, of Syracuse and George F. Heins, Jr., 34, of Brockport, were not injured.

Easter Bunny In Trouble

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Easter bunny will have to make his Southern California deliveries by rowboat and dog sled if the weatherman is correct.

Having enjoyed a bit of sunshine sandwiched between storm fronts Monday, more rain and snow are on the Easter week outlook for this normally warm and dry region.

A new front moving south from Alaska is expected to bring up to three inches of rain before the weekend and more snow to mountain areas already buried under as much as eight feet.

The current series of storms struck March 31 and have been dumping rain ever since, making it the wettest April since 1928.

Snow Plays An Encore In the Area

Winter paid a return visit to the Batavia area today in the wake of high winds which swept the sector on Monday.

The blowing snow this morning was a reminder that April can be a tricky month weatherwise. There were no reports of wind damage although there were some scattered power interruptions.

The outlook is for clearing tonight and a low about 32. Wednesday will see fair skies with slightly warmer temperatures.

Mahoney Gets Thruway Post

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)—The State Senate promptly and unanimously confirmed the appointment of former Senate Majority Leader Walter J. Mahoney to the State Thruway Authority.

The action was taken soon after Gov. Rockefeller announced the appointment Monday.

Mahoney succeeds Charles R. Diebold of Buffalo in the \$17,000-a-year post. Diebold resigned March 9.

Mahoney, also of Buffalo, had served in the Senate 28 years. He was among a number of Republicans defeated in the Democratic landslide last November.

Demolition Is Next Week, Avoiding Pre-Easter Rush In Jackson St. Sector

Demolition of the Family Theater building at 22 Jackson St. will be delayed a week to eliminate restriction of parking in the downtown area this week.

The Batavia Urban Renewal Agency Monday agreed to withhold the razing of the building for a week to co-operate with downtown merchants at this busy time. The agency has completed the purchase of the theater building and a parking lot adjoining it and it will be required to close the lot for two weeks while the demolition is in progress.

Urban Renewal Director Walter D. Webdale told the agency the demolition contractor, Socio & Della Penna, Inc., had agreed to begin the project next Monday.

The agency also adopted a recommendation to the City Public Works Dept. suggesting the hiring of the operator of the parking lot, Frank B. Doran of Elba, as demolition site inspector to oversee the razing of the theater building. The inspector would insure that the specifications for the removal of the building and the filling of the lot were fulfilled.

Mr. Doran would be paid \$1.92 per hour for all time spent on the job. It is expected to require about two weeks. The Dept. of Public Works would be reimbursed by the Urban Renewal Agency.

It is planned Mr. Doran will continue to operate the parking lot for the city when it is reopened and a financial arrangement was discussed. Mr. Doran has previously operated the lot on agreement with the Marine Trust Co.

Schools Face Borrowing In Aid Lack

Unless there is immediate action on approval of a state budget, Genesee County school districts may not receive more than \$2 million in state aid due this week.

No problems are expected, however, since school districts have good credit ratings and will be able to borrow anything they may need until a budget is approved.

The City School Dist. is to receive \$450,000 while \$250,000 is due in Le Roy and \$1,574,215 in the six schools in the Genesee Supervisory Dist.

Theodore A. Surowka, business manager for the City Dist., said there are no immediate problems, but the district would have to borrow funds if the check does not arrive by next week. The district must meet a \$100,000 payroll Thursday and Friday and also has a \$110,000 bond issue payment due May 1. These are in addition to operating expenses.

In Le Roy, Dr. Donald E. Horr, superintendent, said the district has some money due from an interest account at this time and will be able to meet its payroll with no difficulty. He said a note is due next week and the district might have to borrow about \$15,000.

In the Supervisory Dist. Supt. H. W. Vanderhoof said he expected that most districts will have to borrow money if the state checks do not arrive "very soon." All have payrolls to meet on Friday.

Aid due to the central districts is:

Alexander \$269,920; Oakfield-Alabama \$283,228; Pembroke \$350,149; Byron-Bergen \$267,944; Elba \$177,072 and Pavilion \$225,902.

Shop Center Is Sought Near Plaza

Four cases, including one for a shopping center adjoining Eastown Plaza, will go before the Zoning Board of Appeals when it meets at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday in the conference room at City Hall.

Included is a request from Ryan-DeWitt Corp. for a rear yard and parking variance to permit construction of a 62 by 221 foot shopping plaza for stores and offices on property it owns on the west border of Eastown Plaza. The rear yard variance is required because the firm has 30 feet while the minimum required is 35 feet.

In connection with this, the Board also will consider the request from Humble Oil Corp. for a rear yard variance on its service station which is at the front of the Ryan-DeWitt property on East Main St. When Ryan-DeWitt sold part of the property to Humble Oil the rear yard left from the service station was only 12 feet instead of the required 35 feet. The Humble firm seeks a variance to waive the rear yard requirement.

Also to be considered is a request from David H. Gatzens, operator of the Batavia Coin-O-Matic Laundry at 249 West Main St. for a variance to permit placing a sign atop existing signs by the driveway. The ordinance calls for a 10-foot setback for signs, but the existing signs preceded the ordinance.

Up for reconsideration is the request of Louis Viole for construction of a storage shed on his property at 61 Swan St. This was tabled last month. The commercial and residential boundary line goes through the Viole property and Mr. Viole seeks to place the storage shed in the residential area since he already has two non-conforming barns in that area. A three foot side variance will be required along with the non-conforming use extension.

Crash Hurts Passenger Critically

Three persons were injured, one of them critically, in a two-car collision at 7:45 p. m. Monday at the intersection of Rt. 33 and the Mill Rd. in the town of Stafford. The scene is just east of the bridge carrying Rt. 33 over the Thruway.

In critical condition at St. Jerome Hospital is Charles Maddafferi, 50, of 124 Lyell Ave., Rochester. He has a possible crushed chest and head and facial lacerations.

State Police said he was a passenger in a car driven by John Addante, 49, of 250 Ellison St., Rochester. Mr. Addante was released after treatment at the same hospital for lacerations of the forehead and right hand.

Driver of the second car, Mrs. Victoria McAllister, 47, of Holley is in the same hospital suffering lacerations of the face, head and neck. She is in "fair" condition.

State Police said the Addante car was westbound and Mrs. McAllister was eastbound and making a left turn into Mill Rd. The Rochester vehicle slammed into the right front section of the Holley woman's car.

The accident report at Troop A Headquarters lists an improper turn on the part of Mrs. McAllister as the cause of the accident. Troopers said action is pending.

TOWN TO DRILL WELLS, ASK CITY ASSISTANCE

R. T. Byrne To Instruct In Japan

Raymond T. Byrne of 256 East Ave., chairman of the Science Dept. at Batavia High School, will go abroad again next Summer to assist teachers of another nation.

Mr. Byrne said today he will spend August in Japan at seminars at three universities in instructing teachers in new methods of chemistry teaching.

Mr. Byrne plans to leave in mid-July to fly to the West Coast and to Hawaii before going to Japan. The Japanese trip is being sponsored by the Japanese Chemical Society and the Asian Foundation. Universities in Tokyo and two other large cities will be the centers for the seminars.

Assignments have not yet been detailed, Mr. Byrne said.

Mr. Byrne was asked to instruct in Japan last year but had a prior commitment to go to India where he spent part of the Spring and Summer in instruction at Poona University.

House Lost To Flames In Stafford

Loss has been set at more than \$12,000 in the fire which Monday afternoon virtually destroyed the two-story frame residence occupied by Mr. and Mrs. John Bartholomew at 5576 School Rd. in the town of Stafford. Cause of the fire has not been determined, Sheriff's Deputy Joseph A. Joy reported.

Raymond J. Branton, Stafford dairy farm operator and a member of the Stafford Fire Dept., was injured when he fell through the kitchen floor into the basement. Mr. Branton suffered cuts of the right side of his face and cuts and burns of the forehead and face. He was given first aid at the scene and later received treatment at Genesee Memorial Hospital.

Deputy Joy said the flames apparently erupted near the kitchen and spread upward through a rear partition.

Mrs. Bartholomew had been in Batavia to shop and pick up her husband from work and was en route home when fire trucks passed her car. She followed the trucks to find the home ablaze. She had left the house at 2 p. m. He is employed by the New York Central Railroad.

Deputy Joy said the fire was discovered at 3:45 p. m. by Mrs. Bartholomew's sister-in-law, Mrs. Dominic Bartholomew, who lives in a trailer near the home. She saw the flames when she went to get a newspaper from the mail box.

Included in the loss was between 70 to 100 dozen eggs suspended in wire baskets from the basement ceiling. The couple sells eggs commercially.

Stafford firemen were aided by volunteers from the town of Batavia, Byron and South Byron. The Bartholomews are staying with the Dominic Bartholomews.

Board Unanimous In Two Efforts On Water, Sewers

The Batavia Town Board Monday night authorized the expenditure of funds to drill test wells and is requesting city co-operation in the extension of water and sewer service to various areas of the town.

At its regular meeting, the board unanimously adopted a resolution authorizing the expenditure of up to \$8,000 for drilling wells to locate a water supply for town residents. The action is in accordance with the recommendations of Kenneth G. Woodward of Webster, town consulting engineer.

Unanimous authorization was also given sending a letter of intent to the city asking co-operation in the extension of services, as requested, to areas adjoining the city. This was also a suggestion of Mr. Woodward in the proposed plans for providing additional water and sewer service.

Increased services have been supported by the Town of Batavia Businessmen's Assn. and 16 members of that group appeared at the meeting in the Town Hall to reaffirm its stand.

Glen R. Morton of 5036 Ellicott St. Rd., an attorney, acting as spokesman for the group, said there was a "desperate need for water and sewer service in the town" and commented that it was "the responsible function of government to undertake a remedy for this need to preclude the stalling of growth in the community."

Mr. Morton asked the board to adopt a three-point program which included the two measures later adopted and an additional item calling for the appointment of an independent citizens committee.

The committee would investigate public support for a water and sewer program and would survey the residents for the extent of the service desired. No action was taken on this proposal.

Mr. Morton told the News today he felt the board would give the committee proposal further consideration and hoped action would be taken at the next meeting.

"We feel that it is imperative to the formation of a water and sewer program that the public be kept well informed and that an extensive cross section of their opinion be taken into consideration," he said.

During the 45-minute discussion of the matter, Gerald Shepard of the Clinton St. Rd. questioned the delay in action when the engineering report was received in February. Supervisor John E. Howe replied action had been taken as soon as a joint meeting of the board, the engineer and the businessmen's committee could be arranged.

Mr. Shepard also asked the feeling of Supervisor Howe and Councilman Carl B. Boyce on the matter prior to the vote and both indicated they favored it. Councilman Robert Branton and Justices E. Harry Miller and Kenneth Hodgins also supported the measure.

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Wyoming Board Moving On Mental Health Program

A local law for the creation of a Wyoming County Community Mental Health Board was introduced this afternoon at the regular meeting of the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors in Warsaw. Passage was indicated.

The introduction of the law was the first step in the creation of a county-wide mental health program. It appeared the board was moving toward the adoption of the measure at the May session following the required public hearing.

Creation of the program is in accordance with the State Mental Hygiene Law which specifies the appointment of a nine-member committee. The county health commissioner and the county welfare commissioner must serve as members and two of the remaining members to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors must be physicians practicing in the county.

A source close to the supervisors said the solons consider the creation of the program as a matter of "some importance."

Similar programs in other areas cost counties from \$30,000 to \$85,000, annually, depending on the extent of the use of the program and the services offered.

Half of the cost is in state funds as with the public health program.

The matter of a co-operative program between Genesee and Wyoming counties has been discussed at a meeting of members of Wyoming County and Genesee County supervisory representatives. The program would involve the sharing of certain employees, as is done with the Health Departments of the two counties.

It is expected the mental health program will be discussed Wednesday at the meeting of the Genesee County Board of Supervisors.