

CROP DAMAGE MOUNTS AS RAIN SETS NEW HIGH FOR 3-MONTHS PERIOD

Fall Heaviest in April, May, June Since 1919

Area farmers continued to pray for good weather today as they worked to save as much as possible of crops battered by almost continual rains during the past week climaxing the heaviest rainfall for the three months of April, May and June in 21 years.

Most farms have been the most seriously hit as the almost daily showers have saturated the soil, drowning plants, and preventing replanting. But even crops that have not suffered from water damage, according to reports from farmers and farm bureau officials,

Nearly all surrounding areas have had more than their normal share of rain during the past three months with the Newark and Marion areas getting extra large doses of the rain. Rainfall readings taken by Lyle Thraves, superintendent of Lock 28B, Newark, indicate that rain has fallen here on the average of every other day for the past three months with 16 days of rain listed for May and June, and 12 for April.

Records furnished by Thraves reveal that 12.86 inches of rain fell in this area during April, May and June, the largest total for these three months since 1919 when 14.10 inches were tabulated. The 1940 rainfall readings here for the three months were April, 3.54 inches; May, 4.6 inches, and June, 5.31 inches.

Heavy soil section is the so-called "jungle" mucklands north of Whiting's Corners where a storm of near cloud-burst proportions three weeks ago wiped out many plantings and cut others heavily. Farmers in that area elsewhere have had no crops since, and where replanting has been made, new seedlings have taken new ground.

It is estimated by Lloyd Curtis, Newark county agricultural agent, that muckland yields will be down from 30 to 40 per cent due to the unfavorable weather. He also revealed that bean crops in the Montezuma Swamp area, had suffered frost damage about 10 days ago to add to the difficulty of setting that section.

The constant downpours have seriously affected upland farms. The muckland, Curtis said, is a natural delay in the planting of the corn. The rains have caused washing and culling in the fields, and the wet spots where seeds and plants rotted. Curtis reported that heavy showers in the Newark area over the week-end had badly washed out plantings of tomatoes, with several farmers reporting up to 50 per cent loss.

Wayne County's fruit crop will be affected by the wet weather, according to Curtis, as the field will be normally dry this year following last year's heavy crop.

Bible School to Close Friday With Program

Newark's Daily Vacation Bible School will come to a close this Friday with a program presented by the children at the First Baptist Church at 7:30 p. m. In addition to exercises by the school departments based on Bible stories and a display of artwork made during the school period, certificates will be awarded children who have maintained an attendance and who have done accredited work. The public is invited to attend.

Army Opens Daily Enlistment Service

A daily recruiting station for army enlistments in all branches of the United States Army, both foreign and domestic, has been established at the Newark Post Office. William J. Rehler is in charge and will be on hand daily from the hours of 8:30 a. m. to 4 p. m., Saturday until noon.

Legion Backs Lockley for District Post

Endorses Williamson Man as Candidate at State Convention

Wayne County Committee, American Legion has endorsed Alfred A. Lockley of Williamson, past county commander, as a candidate for seventh district commander. The election takes place at the state convention to be held at Schenectady in August.

Mr. Lockley has had a distinguished record as a legionnaire, first serving as commander of his own post in Williamson and then as county commander. Besides, he has served as chairman of numerous committees both in his own post and in the county. Recently he was appointed district vice commander.

Speaking of Mr. Lockley's candidacy, Cornelius A. Vandermortel, present commander of Wayne County, said: "Alfred Lockley is one of the outstanding legionnaires which Wayne County has produced. His record shows him to have been exceptionally active in the American Legion over a period of years. The legionnaires of Wayne County are unanimous in presenting him as a candidate for district commander."

Frank W. Carroll, past department vice chairman said: "I have known Mr. Lockley ever since he and I joined the American Legion and consider him one of the most able officers which our county has ever had." As the custom has been to rotate the office of district commander among the counties of the seventh district, and Wayne County is in line this year for commander, the legionnaires of this county are confident that he will be elected at the state convention in Schenectady.

Scout Day Camp To Open Monday At Perkins Park

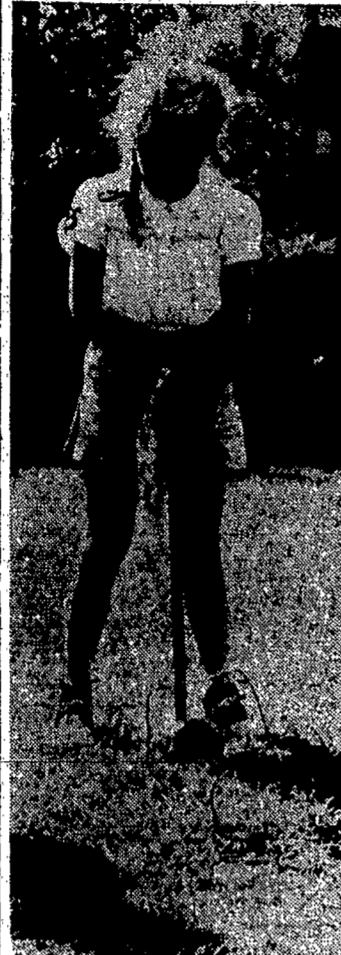
The Day Camp, sponsored by the Newark Girl Scout Council, will open at Perkins Park next Monday and continue for three weeks with sessions on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. All girls, 7 or more years of age, whether Girl Scouts or not, are invited to take part in the Day Camp activities. There is no charge for attendance. Mrs. Robert L. Soper is in charge of the camp assisted by Mrs. George Chapman, Mrs. Robert Van Dusen, Mary Louise Healy and Julia Walsh.

Farmers Offered Fertilizer Under Soil Plan Program

Farmers in Wayne County enrolled in the 1940 Agriculture Conservation Program have the opportunity of obtaining 20 per cent superphosphate for the use in the program at a cash outlay of only \$1.40 per ton. Vernon S. Cator of East Palmyra, chairman of the county committee, states that arrangements have been made so that this fertilizer is available through the ACP in the same manner that lime has been. The cost is deducted from the soil-building allowance of a farm at the rate of \$17.00 per ton. The only expense to the farmer is the initial charge of \$1.40 per ton to cover expenses.

Cator points out that, for the farmer who does not expect to earn all of his possible payment by completing other soil-building practices, this is an excellent chance to get fertilizer at a low cost. It can be used on hayland, pastures, sods in orchards, or with seedlings made without a nurse crop, he declares. Applications are being taken at the county office in Sodus. Any Girl Scouts who wish to go to the Girl Scout Cabin this summer must notify at least a day in advance. Mrs. Richard Holmes or Mrs. Fred Burgreen, according to officials.

Youngsters Learn, Enjoy Games in Playground Program



Perkins Park was a busy place Monday as youngsters opened annual Summer Playground Program. Above H. W. Hatsell, supervisor, instructs group in plaiting leather belts; below, Douglas Winchell measures ball in turf bowling match.

with William Allen, Anthony Mancuso and Johnny Burgeen. At left, Mary Doane concentrates on croquet, and at right Jean Brightman goes up for a high one in badminton tilt. Big crowd of children enjoy program daily.

URGE UNITY ON 'FOURTH'

Mayor Joins in Plea for National Unity

The people of Newark are urged to join in a nationwide declaration of national unity by reaffirming their allegiance to this nation's basic principles of freedom and equality, in connection with the celebration of Independence Day this week.

As part of the nationwide movement, Mayor R. E. Chittenden, in common with the mayors of other municipalities, has issued the following statement concerning the occasion: "Independence Day has greater significance this year than ever before. Always an occasion of rejoicing, it has become a festival of thanksgiving, a call to rededication, a symbol of hope.

"For today, war and tyranny have overwhelmed many foreign nations; disloyal elements within our borders undermine national unity by fomenting racial hatred and religious bigotry; anti-democratic forces seek to abrogate civil, political and economic liberties; dictatorships abroad and traitors at home assail the very ideals of freedom and equality on which this nation was founded.

"These ideals and the institutions derived from them, however, are no less precious to the American people today than in 1876. They are our treasured heritage, our most sacred trust. They still make life worth living. They are still worth defending. If need be, they are still worth dying for.

"It is therefore fitting that on this Fourth day of July, 1940, we Americans renew the covenant of our forefathers and reaffirm among ourselves and before all mankind: "That all men are created equal. "That the freedom of Americans—which assures liberty of conscience, of speech, of assembly and of the press—is vital to the defense of our country against foreign and domestic foes. "That the equality of Americans—which includes all races, creeds and colors—recognizes the contributions of each to upbuilding the nation, and makes loyalty to our country the only test of Christian or Jew, white or negro, native or foreign-born.

"That on these principles of freedom and equality, the American people stand united, in defense of our national unity—whatever difficulties and dangers lie ahead—we, as did our forefathers, mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor."

Summer Playground Opens, Offers Varied Activities

Hundreds of Newark youngsters this week began enjoying the advantages of the annual Summer Playground program, which opened at Perkins Park on Monday. Although hampered by inclement weather, the program got off to a good start and many children are visiting the park daily, according to H. W. Hatsell, playground director.

Sponsored by the local Board of Education, the playground has been gradually built up until now it offers a large variety of recreational diversions for the children. Hatsell is in attendance as supervisor daily from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., directing games, use of equipment, and the making of handicraft articles.

Most recent addition, gift of Newark Lions Club, is a set of bowling balls for "turf bowling". Hatsell and Neal Pells, park caretaker, are now constructing sand alleys near the tennis courts for this bowling. Hatsell also announced that Newark Rotary Club has donated an outfit for "goal-hi", a game similar to basketball but with one basket and no backboard. This outfit has not yet been received, he said.

Airport Committee Seeks Local Field Extension by U. S.

At a meeting of the Newark Airport Realty Committee held Monday evening, A. N. Christy was elected chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Robert Bloomer was elected secretary and treasurer. F. B. Kelley and Gordon Meyers tendered their resignations. The trustees now consist of Stuart Hallagan, Clifford Newton, A. N. Christy, Robert Bloomer and Frank Baltzel. Christy states it is the intention of the new Board to liquidate present real estate holdings as quickly as possible. The Board of Trustees represents the fifty local business men who backed financially the original purchase of the Newark Airport. Most of the land was later purchased by the Village and is leased by the Village to the government as an emergency Airport.

Christy says that LeRoy Wright and Gerrit Fremouw, local engineers and Congressman John Taber are working with him on the plan to interest the National Defense Committee in enlarging the ground space and lengthening the run-ways of the airport here so as to make possible the landing of larger airships here.

Wayne Schools Cut \$46,501 in State Aid During Past Year

A drop of \$46,501 in state aid to all school districts in Wayne County during the past year, as compared with the 1938-39 school year, is indicated in a report of County Treasurer S. E. Wood of school moneys received from the state the past year. The total amount paid to county schools, both rural and village, was \$946,524.41 this year, as compared to \$993,026.33 paid last year.

In the Village of Newark (Dist. 8, Arcadia) the amount of state aid dropped \$6,677.04 this year. Total payments to the local district were \$63,008.08, as compared to payments of \$77,682.12 last year. The 1939-40 aid included \$62,764.80 for village students and \$6,243.28 for non-resident tuition. State payments to all high school and centralized districts in the county amounted to \$551,234.71 for the year, and rural districts received \$95,289.70. The 19 Arcadia districts outside of Newark were paid \$16,750.11, which is \$59.22 less than the \$17,239.33 paid last year.

Largest amount for the past year went to Wolcott centralized district No. 1, which received \$89,153.37, while Williamson received \$62,227.21 and Marion got \$56,829.33. Complete list of state aid to high school and centralized districts follows:

Galen, Dist. 2, (Clyde), \$36,822.72; Lyons, Dist. 6, \$43,047.05; Savannah, Dist. 10, \$11,046.18; Dist. 8, \$673.46; Rose, Dist. 2, \$39,747; Wolcott, Dist. 1, \$89,153.37; Dist. 3, \$31,862.75; Macedon, Dist. 13, \$13,872.93; Marion, Dist. 1, \$56,829.33; Palmyra, Dist. 1, \$32,694.08; Dist. 2, \$5,376.84; Walworth, Dist. 1, \$12,455.47; Ontario, Dist. 6, \$20,748.37; Sodus, Dist. 4, \$25,167.88; Williamson, Dist. 2, \$62,227.21; Arcadia, Dist. 8 (Newark), \$69,005.08.

WELFARE AIDE RESIGNS

Miss Katherine Dromozos, for the past year executive secretary of the Arcadia Family Welfare Society, has resigned that position to become a senior social worker in the New York State Department of Social Welfare for the Rochester area. She began duties in Rochester on Monday.

COUNTY GOP MEET SET

Committee to Endorse Candidates Friday

Campaign for Republican candidates in the general election next November will be opened for Wayne County this Friday when the county GOP committee meets at 2 p. m. in the County Court House, Lyons, to endorse candidates for several offices of this district. The committee has been called by Charles A. Noble of Lyons, chairman.

Importance is attached to the session, not only because of the impending presidential election, but also because it will mark the start of Wayne County's drive to land its own candidate on the Republican ticket for Supreme Court Justice of the Seventh District. County Judge Lewis A. Gilbert of Newark is expected to seek the post and to be endorsed by the committee Friday to fill the \$15,000 post formerly held by the late Justice Clyde W. Knapp and now held by John W. Miles of Lyons for the remainder of this year.

One other candidate for the nomination has already appeared with the endorsement of Austin W. Erwin, Genesee attorney, by the Livingston County GOP committee. Four delegates, and four alternates will be elected by the Wayne committee Friday to support Gilbert at the Republican district judicial convention in August, in which eight counties participate and nominate the party candidate.

Also to be endorsed by the Wayne committee are candidates for Member of Congress from the 36th District to succeed John Taber of Auburn, State Senator from the 42nd District to succeed Henry W. Griffith of Palmyra, County Assemblyman to succeed Harry L. Averill of Palmyra, and County Coroner to succeed Dr. Arthur Besemer of Marion. It is believed all incumbents will be endorsed for re-election. The committee will nominate 11 delegates and 11 alternates to represent the county at the state Republican convention in Albany.

WINDOWS BROKEN IN NEARBY HOMES AS BOLT HITS TREE

A score of windows were shattered in nearby houses when lightning struck a large ash tree in front of the home of Mrs. Sarah McEvoy at 345 E. Union St. Sunday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock. The flash also struck overhead electric lines blowing out fuses in the fire department quarters in City Hall and setting off the fire horn, which was heard almost simultaneously with the blast of thunder that followed the bolt. Windows were shattered in the homes of Ray Higgins, John P. Abram, Teller and Marvin Rice.

NEW NEWARK-PALMYRA STATE HIGHWAY SLATED FOR START ON MONDAY

P. O. Receipts For First Half Set 2 Records

Marks for Six Months and One Quarter Broken, Report Shows

Business records continued to be smashed at Newark Post Office this year when the total receipts for the first six months of 1940 and receipts for the second quarter set marks as the greatest in the history of the local office, surpassing last year's peak figures. This is revealed in the six-month report made yesterday by Postmaster Frank J. Baltzel.

The Postmaster said receipts for the first half of this year, which include postage, registry, and insurance, amounted to \$158,376.78, an increase of nine per cent over the same period last year, when the total was \$145,153.51. Since 1939 business was the largest on record here, indications point to an even better record for 1940.

"Although the year began with a slight drop from the 1939 receipts," Baltzel said, "a 36 per cent jump for the month of April and steady increases in May and June brought our six-month total well over last year's record." Receipts for the first quarter were \$156,025 less than the first three months of 1939, but an all-time record for one quarter established in April, May, and June totaled \$133,779.29 more than that quarter last year.

In 1939 the first quarter total was \$65,893.29, while this year it was \$85,727.27. During the second quarter a year ago receipts were \$79,270.22, and this year they jumped to \$92,649.51, which is \$6,678.35 greater than the record for one quarter hung up during the last three months of 1939. Peak month so far this year is April, when receipts of \$34,287.44 were 36 per cent more than April 1939.

Complete totals for each month of 1939 and 1940 are listed by Baltzel as follows:

Month	1939	1940
January	\$ 25,057.83	\$ 23,097.16
February	17,252.82	18,961.05
March	23,572.64	23,669.06
April	25,188.21	34,287.44
May	31,043.17	33,130.87
June	23,038.84	25,251.20
Totals	\$145,153.51	\$158,376.78

Town Clerk Lists \$4,939 in Fees for First Six Months

A total of \$4,939.45 in fees were received by E. C. Bond, Arcadia town clerk, in the first six months of 1940, with \$777 returning to Arcadia as the town's share. The report shows that during the first half of the year the Town Clerk issued 40 marriage licenses, an increase of 27 over the same period last year, 655 combination hunting and fishing licenses, 229 fishing licenses, 52 hunting licenses, 36 trapper licenses, and 977 dog licenses, and collected fees for filing 361 conditional sales contracts and 244 chattel mortgages.

Report for June totalling \$293.60 included 9 marriage licenses, \$11.00; 13 dog licenses, \$33.25; 46 combination hunting and fishing licenses, \$103.50; 42 fishing licenses, \$69.30; 2 hunting licenses, \$3.30; 1 non-resident fishing license, \$5.50; 80 conditional sales, \$40.00, and 77 chattel mortgages, \$19.25.

WNY Therapy Group Re-Elects Newarker

Miss Dorothy A. Pollock, chief occupational therapist at Newark State School, was re-elected president of the Western New York Occupational Therapy Association at the annual meeting of the group at Gowanda State Hospital last Thursday. Other members of the Newark State School staff attending were: Mrs. Floyd Fitzpatrick, Mrs. George Adams, A. J. Bradley, E. L. Hart, Ralph Finchman, Francis Darrow, Chester Pells, John Strain and Robert Soper.

NO FIREWORKS ALLOWED

Police Chief William Scheerens, deluged by phone calls on fireworks for the Fourth, again states that his department will strictly enforce a village ordinance forbidding manufacture, sale, possession, or use of any fireworks of all kinds within the village any time during the year.

Work on \$274,757 Job Will Begin at Palmyra

Work on the new Newark-Palmyra state highway will start next Monday, July 8, according to word from John Bellardino, Inc., Seneca Falls, who was awarded the contract for construction of the road following his low bid of \$274,757.25 on the project.

Bellardino, whose bid was \$94,663 less than the state engineer's estimate for the 6.49-mile stretch, said his force will start at the Palmyra end of the Route 31 strip Monday. He expects to complete about four miles of the road this year and the remainder next summer, within the deadline of Sept. 1, 1941, set by the state.

The contractor said he will hire most of the common labor on the job from this vicinity, as well as trucks and drivers for hauling materials and excavated earth. He will maintain traffic on the road generally throughout the construction period, Bellardino said.

Detour Route Designated

Ralph J. Storm, county assistant engineer to the district engineer, said the state has designated the official detour during the project as Route 88 from Newark to Phelps, Route 2 to Manchester, and Route 21 to Palmyra. A special state engineer will probably be assigned to work with the contractor on the project.

Contract for the highway calls for a 22-foot pavement on a 45 to 51-foot roadway, with space to be left on each side for a possible addition of another 12-foot strip of pavement, and with six-foot shoulders on each flank. Sharp curves at Cook's Corner, Galloway's Bridge, Pea-ke's Bridge, and Albertson's Hill will be cut down and much of the Erie Canal bed along the Widewaters will be filled in to allow for the broad roadway.

Rights-of-Way Cost \$21,000

The Wayne Board of Supervisors has obtained options on all parcels of land needed for the revised route at an approximate cost of \$21,000, according to Levan B. Barnes, county highway superintendent. Payments for these parcels will probably be spread over the next two years, he said, so that the county will not be forced to borrow money for the purpose.

Other bidders on the project and their amounts were: Warren Bros. Roads Co., Cambridge, Mass., \$276,928; C. P. Ward, Inc., Rochester, \$289,416.50; Depey Paving Co., Inc., Depew, N. Y., \$292,226.05; D. W. Winkelman Co., Syracuse, \$297,078.80; Bero Engineering and Construction Corp., N. Tonawanda, \$309,079.85; Frank Stento & Son, Birmingham, \$312,435.25.

Main items in building the highway are excavation of 245,000 cubic yards of earth at an estimated cost of \$85,750, laying 16,225 cubic yards of cement concrete pavement at an expected cost of \$94,105, use of 25,070 barrels of Portland cement estimated to cost \$61,421.50, furnishing and spreading 14,000 cubic yards of topsoil estimated to cost \$11,200, and 77,050 square yards of metal reinforcement for concrete pavement at an estimated cost of \$20,803.50.

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