

Tornado Rips West States

Twister Thundering Out Of Canada Takes Toll Of Ten Lives

GRAFTON, N. D., July 4.—(AP)—A tornado that thundered out of Canada and swept across the Red River valley killed 10 persons and injured at least 45, eight critically, a survey of the ravaged areas showed today.

The twister struck first at Windy, Minn., on the Canadian border last night. One man, identified only by the last name of Mikolajewski, was killed.

The twister then cut a path into the United States, moving across the northeast corner of North Dakota, and swept into the Red River Valley. It blew itself out in Minnesota.

Near the end of its path, the tornado hit a farm house four and one-half miles east of here, killing six of the 20 occupants. The house was wrecked and the other 14 occupants were injured. Nineteen of the occupants were members of a family of migratory workers of Mexican descent who had come from San Antonio, Tex., to work in the sugar beet fields on Luther Lyden's farm.

Couple Killed—Mr. and Mrs. Martin C. Anderson were killed on their farm near Oslo, Minn., and Frank Rogalla, about 70, Minto, N. D., was killed at Warsaw, N. D.

Witnesses said the heaviest damage was done by high winds that fanned the tornado. At Warsaw, which was not hit by the twister, high winds leveled every building except a Catholic church and one other structure, observers reported.

The twister also hit near Oslo, Minn., but a heavy toll was prevented because a crowd of approximately 400 persons attending a baseball game saw the storm approach.

The spectators and players raced to safety. After the storm passed, they formed rescue squads and hurried the ravaged area, rushing the injured to a hospital at Warren, Minn.

QUEEN OF STUDENT NURSES AT BEACH

Miss Alice Geraldine Maxwell Arrives For Holiday As Guest Of SENCBA

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH, July 4.—Miss Alice Geraldine Maxwell of 1947—Miss Alice Geraldine Maxwell—to you, arrived at the Edgewater hotel here this afternoon to spend a week's vacation with the guests of the Southeastern North Carolina Beach Association.

"It's just wonderful, I was never so surprised in my life," she told the guests. The pretty 20-year-old student nurse at the Baker-Thompson Memorial hospital at Lumberton, said she was planning to spend a week of sunshine and have lots of fun while visiting the beach.

Miss Maxwell is a professional nurse with brown eyes and is five feet four inches tall, weighing 119 pounds. She has been a student nurse at the Baker-Thompson hospital for 34 months and expects to graduate October 25, 1947.

Miss Grace Maxwell, a sister of Miss Maxwell, and herself graduate nurse, accompanied the winner of the state-wide contest here. She is working at the Baker-Thompson hospital as a supervisor.

They have not made any plans yet, she said. "But I have lots of friends here at Wrightsville Beach and I expect to spend a lot of time with them." Miss Maxwell has visited here often, during her vacation period from the hospital.

"You know, the senior nurses don't get a vacation, and this year I am a senior and winning the contest gave me an opportunity to have this swell vacation," she said.

Racford Native—Miss Maxwell is a native of Racford and she said tonight that she plans to take a post graduate course in surgery when she graduates. When asked about boys, she said that she expects her "boy friend" to come down the first of the week.

She was crowned Miss North Carolina Student Nurse of 1947 by the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority at Raleigh Tuesday night. Nine prizes from hospitals throughout North Carolina were represented.

3 DIE IN CRASH—AMDEN, N. J., July 4.—(AP)—Father and two young children he took on a holiday ride in a rental airplane died today in the crash of the plane in a thickly populated section of East Camden.

The Weather

FORECAST: North Carolina and South Carolina—slightly warmer Saturday; continued warm Sunday.

(Eastern Standard Time) Raleigh Tuesday night. Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.

TEMPERATURES: Wilmington, 7:30 a. m. 71; 1:30 p. m. 76; 7:30 p. m. 78; Maximum 85; Minimum 66; Mean 76, Normal 75.

HUMIDITY: Wilmington, 7:30 a. m. 44; 7:30 a. m. 71; 1:30 p. m. 70; 7:30 p. m. 60.

Flying Saucers Set Paucity of Theorists

"Unexplained" Described As Eye Spots, Space Snips, New Navy Planes; Reports All Coincide As To Their Shape

Chicago, July 4.—(AP)—The "flying saucers" apparently were celebrating Independence Day in their own way.

They flashed across the skies above California and brought forth new ideas as to what they are. Robert L. Jackson said he and William Baker were at a naval air station in San Diego when they saw three flying "discs" traveling about 400 miles an hour about half way from the horizon. Both are Navy chief petty officers.

Meanwhile Mead Layne, also of San Diego, publisher of an occult magazine, said the flying "saucers" seen throughout the country are etheric bodies from another world.

Layne, who last November reported having had contact with a "space ship" which was seen over San Diego, said he had received a message from the people aboard the "saucers" through a trans-control, or medium.

"These visitors are not extraneous humans but are human beings, living in their own world," Layne explained. "They come with good intent. They have some idea of experimenting with earth life. That is coming to live on the world for awhile."

The Los Angeles Daily News said the "saucers" may be the "space ships" reported by the "saucers" on Page Two.

Bevin Warns Russia Against Provocation

THOUSANDS ENJOY HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Concert By Municipal Band, Prayer, Speeches Held At City Hall

By JOHN RALSTON Star Staff Writer

Strings of lights made brighter by their reflection against the whiteness of the city hall, illuminated more than 2,000 persons last night as they listened to music and prayer and a plea for this nation to be of service to other countries at Wilmington's first Fourth of July observance in many years.

On a flag bedecked platform atop the stairs to the city hall, sat the speakers.

At the bottom of those stairs the city's municipal band played. In the street in front of the building paraded, in varied formations, the red and white uniformed Wilmington state championship American Legion drum and bugle corps. Spectators stood, sat at vantage points about the stairs, along the sidewalks and on the curbs on both sides of Third street.

Howell Sounds Call—It was the Rev. Andrew J. Howell, the city's historian, who sounded the call for aid to other nations.

"We have never lowered our flag before any nation," he asserted. "May God give us a courageous spirit to face the future with confidence and grow stronger in our purpose to be a good neighbor to other peoples. Let us never tolerate any misgivings as to our national strength."

Through a loud-speaker system while police kept traffic off the street, Councilman J. E. L. Wade, presided at the program. It opened with the singing of America and an invocation by the Rev. R. L. Sturgis, newly seated American Legion chaplain for this post.

Five-Minute Talk—In his five-minute talk on the meaning of independence day, the Rev. Mr. Howell told of the first victory of the American forces in the Revolutionary war, February 27, 1776, at Moore's Creek bridge near Wilmington.

Independence Day means, declared the speaker, that we have as a nation, ourselves to be remarkably capable, because each man has entire freedom of thought and can progress in knowledge and achievement and because rule by a majority is always the safest government.

The reason the United States has been able to hold its place in the world is because "we have always been able to mass our intelligent and energetic people."

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ANTI-FIRECRACKER LAW WELL OBEYED IN NEW HANOVER COUNTY

Wilmingtonians yesterday really obeyed that new state law forbidding the sale and shooting of firecrackers.

The Fourth of July passed without a single arrest or complaint on their use. At least last night police and deputy sheriffs said they had no trouble enforcing the law placed in effect in North Carolina this year for the first time.

The nearest to any complaint was from a resident on Chestnut street who reported hearing the shooting of firecrackers. But investigation disclosed it was only house-wreckers pulling lumber from the side of an old structure.

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