

Damaging Thunderstorm Crackles Into Pontiac

One Confederate Vet Remains



When Memorial Day was born, on May 5, 1868, the Grand Army of the Republic—those who fought the battles to preserve the Union—was many thousands strong. Year by year, time took its inevitable toll. The parading blue ranks thinned as their members ascended to the Valhalla of warrior dead. And time also took its toll of those warriors in gray, who so bravely fought for the cause they believed in. In comradeship beyond the grave, the sons of the Stars and Bars paired with the Boys in Blue as they fell in the last ghostly muster. The last Union survivor was Albert Woolson, of

Duluth, Minn., who, on August 2, 1956, joined the comrades-in-arms who had preceded him into immortality. Today, out of the hundreds of thousands who fought the war of brother against brother, there is but one left—Walter W. Williams, Confederate States of America. Although actually confined to bed in his Dallas, Tex., home, he is shown at right, figuratively joining in homage to his former foes, his long-gone comrades and the fighters of later days whose valor proved equal to foreign challenges against this free—and undivided—Republic.

Local Man Lifesaver in County Cave-In

A Pontiac man saved a Livonia construction worker's life yesterday, when a cave-in buried him in the septic tank hole he had been digging in Farmington.

Wilburn Earle, 27, of 530 DeSota Place, fought desperately to keep the dirt away from the face of co-worker Robert Gawlas, 25, an employee of the Superior Septic Tank Co., 3505 Auburn Rd., Auburn Heights.

Nearby workmen arrived to assist Earle when the dirt had reached Gawlas' nose, and he was extricated in 20 minutes. Taken to Redford Medical Center for treatment of a cut over his ribs where he was nicked by a rescuer's shovel, Gawlas was later released.

Williams to Take Income Tax Plan to People Tonight

DETROIT (AP)—Gov. Williams will appeal tonight on the air for public backing of a personal state income tax based on seven per cent of federal liability.

He will ask citizens to take paper and pencil and figure how it would hit them—simply by figuring seven per cent of their federal income tax payment.

"Common sense has begun to break through the wall of prejudice and partisanship. This bipartisan house program would raise the money to put Michigan back on an even financial keel and end these recurrent state financial crises."

"It would be so simple, so easy to collect and enforce, so easy to pay and so obvious that I believe you will accept this program," the governor will say.

Sen. Hart Speaks at Cemetery

City Parades in Memorial

Thousands of area residents were downtown this morning as a colorful and impressive parade made its way through the heart of downtown.

Veteran groups, reservists, math clubs, and marching bands came up Saginaw street from Whittemore to School streets in the annual Memorial Day parade, under the auspices of the Pontiac Memorial Day Association.

Highlight of the procession, which began at 10 a.m., was a crack Navy drill team from the Grosse Ile Naval Air Station, The Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and National Guard were represented in the parade by Pontiac reserve units and recruiting station personnel.

Sen. Philip A. Hart delivered the day's major address at a ceremony at the Perry Mount Park Cemetery veterans' plot.

Participating in brief services at the Civil War memorial, Saginaw and Oakland, and then at the veterans' plot, were other officials including Mayor Philip E. Rowston, city commissioners, the Rev. Galen E. Hershey, president of the Pontiac Pastors Assn., and Larry Payne, president of the Memorial Day Assn.

Parade marshal was Floyd E.

Must License Boats

LANSING (P)—Resident and non-resident boat owners have been warned by Secretary of State James Hare they must have a Michigan boat license and have their numbers affixed to their craft before using inland waters in the state.

Notice to Readers

Beginning Monday, June 1st, The Pontiac Press will be eight cents a copy on the street and at newsdealers, instead of seven. The home delivered price will be forty-five cents a week.

This is the first price advance in seven years. The costs of everything that go into the production of a newspaper have been advancing steadily throughout those seven years. Newspapers across the country have been taking similar steps as far as a year back. Many have increased more. The Press will strive to produce an even better newspaper in the period ahead.

2 Teenagers Die in Early Holiday Traffic Mishap

Youth, Girl Hit While Riding Motor Scooter Friday Evening

The hopes of area law enforcers for a death-free Memorial Day weekend was shattered before the official holiday period was three hours old as two Troy teenagers died in a collision accident Friday evening.

Dead are Betty Lou Brinkey, 13, of 6364 Adkins St., and Robert Seng, 18, of 150 E. South Blvd. The girl is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brinkey. Seng's parents are Ms. and Mrs. Hans Seng.

Two other traffic fatalities have been reported in the state since 6 p.m. Friday, according to State Police, who began bracing for the heavy traffic at noon yesterday.

Seng was driving a motor scooter on which the girl was a passenger. They were traveling south on Livernois road when struck from behind by a car just south of South boulevard, in Troy.

Driver of the auto, Michael E. Hines, 18, of 1156 Portsmouth St., Avon Township, was not injured.

Oakland County Sheriff's deputies and Troy police said the Brinkey girl was killed instantly. She was pronounced dead at the scene by Deputy Oakland County Coroner Dr. Isaac Prevetti and her body taken to Price Funeral Home, in Troy.

Seng was rushed to St. Joseph hospital where he underwent emergency surgery for a basal skull fracture and what deputies described as "extensive brain damage."

He died shortly before 3 a.m. today.

Deputy Raymond A. Bill said that witnesses stated that the scooter had no headlights or tail lights.

"Hines said he didn't see the scooter ahead of him at all," Bills problem which could be put forth reported. The driver was not held with any reasonable assurance of and is scheduled to make a state success.

Bills measured 42 feet of skid marks up to the point of impact. The scooter was imbedded a foot deep in the front of Hines car and officers but must confine themselves to their basic responsibility off the road. Both riders were thrown from the scooter.

The accident occurred shortly after 7 p.m. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

World at a Glance: Of Monkeys and Men

WASHINGTON (P)—America's two nonchalant space monkeys face their public today. Newsmen and photographers will stare and flash bulbs at Able and Baker at a news conference. Hams that they are, the two should take it all in stride. The female monkeys, who survived a 1,500-mile trip into space Thursday, exhibited their ho-hum attitude Friday night when they arrived here.

WASHINGTON (P)—The White House has denied a published report that Lewis L. Strauss has offered to resign as nominee for secretary of commerce. The copyrighted report by the New York Daily News also said that President Eisenhower promptly rejected the offer.

HAYS, Kan. (P)—An Air Force pilot parachuted 15,000 feet Friday night through hail and turbulent winds and escaped with only face and neck bruises. Lt. Robert A. Stewart, 27, Belton, Mo., bailed out of his F102 jet interceptor aircraft shortly after his engine flamed out at 42,000 feet.

LANSING (P)—Two Michigan State University students, described as the largest single source of marijuana in central Michigan, have been ordered held for circuit court trial. William V. Reich, 23, of Chicago and John M. Harper, 20, of McHenry, Ill., were arraigned in Ingham County Circuit Court yesterday on charges of illegal possession of narcotics.

WASHINGTON (P)—The United States, in separate statements, has accused both the Soviet Union and Communist China of in-

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Eastman Speaks in Seattle, Urges Street Youth Laws

(Special to the Pontiac Press)

SEATTLE, Wash.—Public Safety Director George D. Eastman of Pontiac, last night called for strict measures against juveniles who break traffic laws.

Eastman was the chief speaker at the third annual International Juvenile Officers' Conference held at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel. His address came at the conclusion of the three-day conclave.

"It is a ludicrous process we follow when we give a boy 16 the privilege of driving an auto and deny him the responsibility for its proper control," Eastman declared.

"This has special reference to their not appearing in traffic courts which process adult drivers," he stated.

At the same time, Eastman said there is no single solution to the problem which could be put forth reported. The driver was not held with any reasonable assurance of and is scheduled to make a state success.

"Certainly there is no cure-all," he added.

Eastman, once Seattle's police chief, said "policemen should not be youth counselors or probation officers but must confine themselves to their basic responsibility off the road. Both riders were thrown from the scooter."

More than 1,000 juvenile officers throughout the nation were on hand for Eastman's speech.

Trees Toppled, Streets Flooded by Downpour

No Deaths Reported Due to Pre-Holiday Rain and Hail Cloudburst

A severe electrical, hail and thunderstorm crashed into the Pontiac area at mid-afternoon yesterday, toppling huge trees like matchsticks, flooding streets and basements, and putting an early damper on the Memorial Day holiday.

Although there were no deaths traced to the brief but sudden storm, considerable property damage was reported.

Winds which reached gusts between 45 and 75 m.p.h. buffeted Oakland County and the rest of southeastern Michigan.

During the height of the storm, the mercury plunged rapidly from 84 degrees at 2 p.m. to 63 degrees at 4:15.

Hailstones as big as golf balls pelted scattered areas around Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills.

Traffic, much of it headed to cottages and lakes for the two-day holiday, was brought to a crawl during the heavy torrential downpour. Many streets became impassable, the storm sewers unable to absorb the heavy rains.

Emergency crews were called out in many cities and throughout Oakland County to remove trees which blocked many roads.

Utility wires caused a sprinkling of home fires and proposed a hazard as utility crews were called back to work to remove hot wires. Many of which had fallen and blocked roads.

Deaths Mount Across Nation

Many residents of the Island and Lower Long Lake areas in Bloomfield Township were forced to go without lights, telephones, and water after lightning hit Detroit Edison lines directly on Wabek road and Kirkway drive. They were without lights until service was restored at 11 p.m.

In the same area, four large trees were uprooted on the estate of Charles E. Wilson on West Long Lake road.

Members of the Bloomfield Hills Country Club believed the center of the storm was precisely around the club house. Men in the locker room watched out over the eighth fairway when the wind and rain reached such intensity the lake could not be seen.

Later, the eighth green was entirely covered with hailstones, one golfer reported.

Oddly enough, while some areas were being whipped by the heavy

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260 Expected to Die Over Holiday as Big Crashes Mar Start

By The Associated Press

Traffic deaths 35
Drownings 4
Total 39

Holiday traffic deaths, boosted by a series of costly multiple-fatality accidents, mounted steadily today on the nation's highways.

The Memorial Day weekend—the first warm weather holiday and traditional opener for heavy auto travel—brought out hundreds of thousands.

The National Safety Council, in estimating weekend travel by some 40 million autos, said traffic accidents may cause 260 deaths.

The council's estimate covered a 54-hour period from 6 p.m. (local time) Friday night to midnight Sunday.

During the early hours of the weekend, 15 persons lost their lives in four separate collisions.

Near the North Dakota town of Towner, four persons were killed and six others injured in a head-on crash of two vehicles.

A dentist, his wife and two teenagers perished in another head-on collision just south of Knoxville, Tenn.

Four persons were killed and two others injured when a car and tractor-trailer collided near Pee Dee, S. C.

Still another multiple-fatality accident saw three high school students returning from a prom burned to death when their car left the road and exploded near East Livermore, Maine.

Last year, 371 traffic deaths were reported during the three-day Memorial Day period. There also were 132 deaths by drowning and 88 miscellaneous accidents for an overall tally of 591.

Partly cloudy tonight and tomorrow with some showers or thunder-showers likely tomorrow and possibly beginning tonight is the U. S. Weather Bureau's prediction.

The low tonight will be 60 degrees and the high tomorrow will be 80.

Showers are expected to end Monday and it will be cool.

The lowest recorded temperature in downtown Pontiac, preceding 8 a.m. was 62. At 1 p.m. the reading was 71.

News Flashes

INDIANAPOLIS (P)—A huge crowd that may be the biggest in the 48-year history of the 500-mile auto race poured into the Indianapolis Motor Speedway today in sultry, sunny weather. The vast infield parking lot was about 90 per cent filled an hour and a half before the 12 a.m. (EDT) starting time for the four-hour grind for 33 veteran drivers.

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TIMBER! — This huge and old tree on Cranbrook road in Bloomfield Hills toppled during yesterday afternoon's wild wind and rainstorm. It fell and narrowly missed the home of Henry S. Booth, 700 Cranbrook road. It did considerable damage to an old brick wall surrounding the Booth estate.