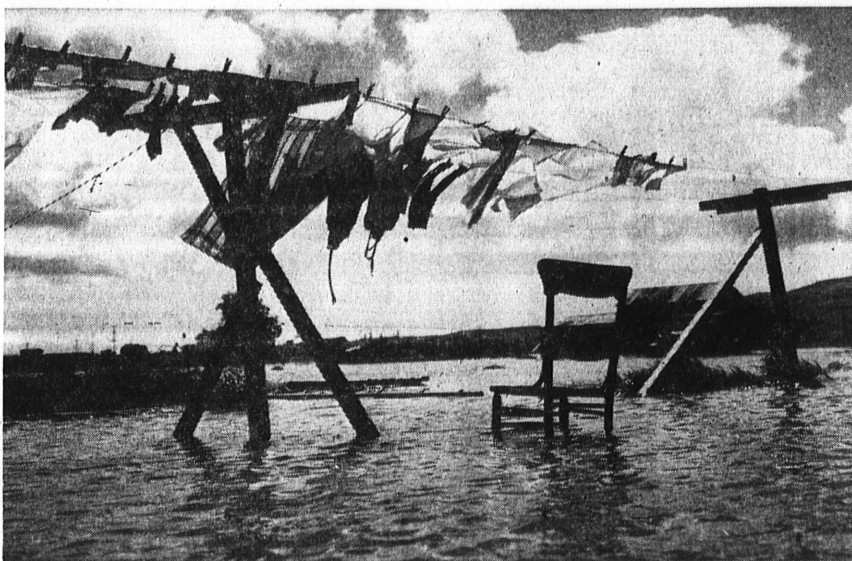


TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 1952

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Damage Toll Mounts As Cleanup Started

Heavy rains and gusty winds brought havoc to the area over the week-end and up till yesterday it looked like there was little relief in sight. The weatherman said that winds will be increasing today and there is possibility of slight sprinkles only near the mountains.

Most serious damage was done in the upper Lomita-Harbor City regions where water-laden pine trees crashed to the ground throughout the three-day storm. One car and one house were damaged by the falling boughs.

In the Walteria region, the Red Cross yesterday was seeking temporary new homes for at least two families—both with small children.

One family, living in a trailer, were afraid that their 18-month-old son would open the door, fall out of their house and drown.

On Torrance Blvd., 70-foot eucalyptus trees crunched across the pavement, keeping street crews busy throughout the day and night.

Rising water on Paseo de Gracia in the Hollywood-Riviera section did considerable damage to one home and a garage. A portable pump was set up in the street to keep the water from doing further damage.

Arlington Ave., between 166th and 174th Sts., was flooded and impassable. Lomita's 218th St. was a flowing stream as was Pennsylvania Ave. north of 218th St.

Assistant Director of Civil Defense George Powell yesterday toured the Walteria-Ellinwood Slough area and said that he will make recommendations to the City Council after he confers with City Manager George Stevens. He was accompanied by a Red Cross field worker, who talked with families seeking homes.

Other problems facing power and street crews during the rains were at:

Eshelman Ave. and 237th St., Edison pole nearly down; 242nd St. and Neece Ave., tree down; Avalon Blvd. north of Carson St., flooded; 263rd St. between President and Governor Sts., tree down; 2019 Reynosa Dr., tree manhole cover blown off; Engracia and Cota Aves., tree down; 16504 Ardath Ave., lightning struck Edison pole; 1121 Felbar Ave., tree down.

Also, 1613 El Prado, tree down; 26334 Governor Ave., tree across road; 26336 Athena Ave., tree on car; 2256 Torrance Blvd., tree down; 2019 Renosa Dr., tree limbs down; 263rd St. and Eshelman Ave., tree down; 263rd St. and Fairview Ave., tree against house; 262nd St. and Alta Vista Ave., tree blocking driveway.

The week-end rains brought 1.21 inches to Torrance and 2.03 inches to Lomita. Yesterday morning's sprinkles brought .20 inch more. Season totals are 16.71 inches and 17.79 inches, respectively.



NOT TODAY, KIDS . . . Three-year-old Eugene Stonebreaker and his sister Jannette, 1½, look longingly out of a window at their tricycle rusting in the foot of water surrounding their home at 22726 Earl St. The Red Cross is attempting to find them a better house in which to live. (Herald photo).

Rain or Shine, It's Washday

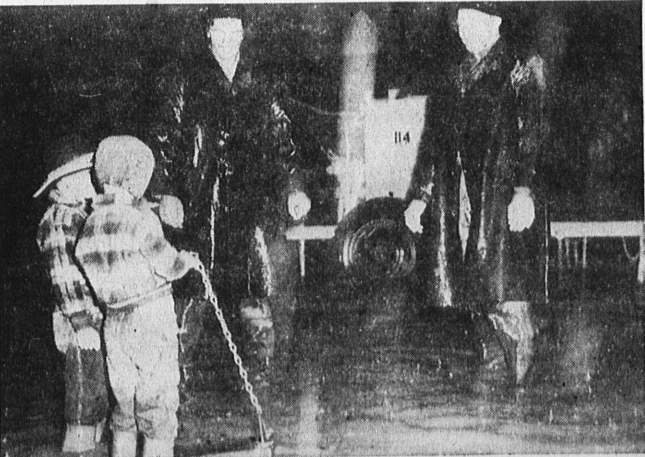
MONDAY BLUES . . . When the homemaker whose clothes are shown here whipping in the breeze goes out to her lines to hang her clothes, she needs two things: clothespins

and boots. Last weekend's rain flooded her back yard and considerable other areas in west Torrance. (Herald photo).



LAKE FIVE POINTS . . . A motorist braves the storm to coax his gas buggy across Cravens Ave. at Five Points during height of Saturday's rain. The water flowed up over

the curbs and came within inches of running into nearby store buildings. Pedestrians didn't have a chance.



HEY! WHAT'CHA DOING . . . Mike and Craig Robbins attempt to find out what street department men Everett Wallace and Tex Williams mean by pumping all of the boat-floating material off Paseo de Gracia in Hollywood-Riviera. The water rose to runinboard level. White streaks in the picture are—yep—rain drops.

AIRMAN SERVING AT SAN YSIDRO

Serving with Utility Squadron 7 at the Auxiliary Landing Field, San Ysidro, Calif., is Philip F. Wall, airman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wall of 22015 Howard St.

The squadron was moved from the U. S. Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Miramar, Calif., when Ream Field was reactivated.

Civil Defense Official Addresses Gardena PTA

George Powell, assistant director of Civil Defense and first aid chairman of the Torrance Red Cross, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Gardena Elementary PTA last week.

Air Strip Meet Slated to End Buzz Complaints

Property owners are scheduled to meet with state officials tomorrow at the local flight strip to bring an end to complaints of low flying aircraft in the Lomita area. The session will be held in the airport lounge.

R. M. Doolin, director of aeronautics for the state, will confer with members of the Lomita Property Owners and Registered Voters Association headed by Mrs. Victoria Phillips.

Complaints by citizens that buzzing planes are creating a nuisance to adjoining homes, have been received by the state and by police officers for nearly two

years. But R. M. Byrne, member of the State Aeronautics Commission, stated last week that following a three-weeks survey of the area he was convinced that no real problem existed. Sheriff's deputies, he said, have

received complaints but they, too, had not found one case of illegal low flying in the area. Most of the plane license numbers are airships registered at other fields and are merely stopping over at the local field for fuel or "lunch," it was stated.

New Steel Strike Threat Imminent

Eastern steel mills began closing yesterday as the steel industry prepared for a strike of CIO Steelworkers set for midnight Sunday. The Columbia-Geneva plant here was still oper-

ating last evening. Steelworkers, according to the union, are asking for an 18½-cent hourly wage hike. Industry members Tuesday night agreed to a 13.7-cent raise but wouldn't go the full amount.



TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT . . . Kenneth Neilsen, Harbor City and his 3½-year-old son, Danny, were traveling homeward in Saturday afternoon's storm when, oopps— and the car was hurtled over a bank into a slough at East Rd. and Vermont Ave. Neilsen luckily saved his son from drowning. Neither was badly hurt. CHP Officer R. O. Bossart inspects the damage. (Staff photo by Reid Bundy).



FIRST TO FALL . . . This giant tree might have won the purple heart with pine cone clusters, if such awards were given to the woody specimen, for it was the first to fall in week-end storms. Road crews were called in to free the driveway so hubby could get to work. It fell lat 262nd St. and Alta Vista Ave.

Hearings Open On Rate Hike

Protests against an application by the Associated Telephone Co. to hike residence phone rates 20 cents on a two-party line and 30 cents on a one-party line will be heard today following presentation of the company's case before a member of the California Public Utilities Commission.

Hearing in the application for rate hikes will be concluded today in the Mirror Bldg. at Second and Spring Sts. in Los Angeles, according to Commissioner Peter E. Mitchell.

The application of the company given an opportunity to be heard on conclusion of the company's presentation, Mitchell said.