

New Tornadoes Lash Texas And Kentucky

DALLAS (P)—Dallas suffered new anguish from raging thunderstorms and twister threats yesterday after Tuesday's tornado which killed 10 persons and laid waste 60 blocks—the worst destruction in the city's history.

Nearly 200 persons were treated at hospitals for injuries. The tornado was part of a storm wave which swept across Texas and Oklahoma, Tuesday, killing 16.

A tornado killed one man in the northeast Texas community of Ben Franklin, and other twisters took five lives in Oklahoma—two at Little City, two at Durant and one near Ardmore.

Gym Roof Blown Off
Yesterday a tornado ripped a third of the gymnasium roof off the little Cypress School in deep southeast Texas near Orange, but none of the 800 students were injured.

Other tornadoes, rumors of tornadoes, and windstorms swept East Texas, but there were no immediate reports of deaths or major damage.

In Kentucky
Tornadoic winds and severe thunderstorms also lashed widespread portions of rural western Kentucky last night. Houses were unroofed, barns toppled and a drive-in motion picture screen destroyed.

No injuries were reported as the winds skipped from one area to another.

State Police district headquarters reported a small twister struck about eight miles south of Bowling Green and headed southwest along U. S. highway 31-W toward Franklin near the Tennessee border. No damage was reported.

At least six barns were toppled in the Bandana section
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Girl Escapes From Reformatory

BOSTON (P)—The Massachusetts Correction Department announced yesterday a 16-year-old girl, Sumate had escaped from the Women's Reformatory at Framingham.

The girl's name was not disclosed. R. C. Davidson, deputy commissioner, said the girl was sent to Framingham March 19 from Suffolk Superior court after she had escaped from the Youth Service Detention Center.

Davidson said the girl was found to be missing at roll call about 4:10 p. m.

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WHERE BERSERK GUNMAN KILLED TWO, WOUNDED TWO
Methuen home of Antonio DiDio, who may die

Crazed Methuen Man Shoots Self After Killing One, Wounding 2

METHUEN (P)—A 62-year-old man went berserk in the "Little Italy" section of Methuen yesterday, police said, killing another man and himself and wounding a third man critically and a little girl slightly.

Dead is Emil A. Slombo, 38, proprietor of an oil company across the town line in Lawrence; and Michael Bascio, who Deputy Police Chief Christopher Devine said did the shooting.

Antonio DiDio, a neighbor of Bascio, was in serious condition at Bon Secours Hospital. Associate Medical Examiner Paul A. Oskar said DiDio, 67, shot in the stomach, may die. Oskar said Bascio shot Slombo through the heart and fired a .32 caliber bullet into his own brain.

The girl, 4-year-old Gail DiNoto, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sebastiano DiNoto, suffered a compound fracture of her right arm when struck by a bullet.

Devine said Slombo was at the scene by accident, doing another oil dealer a favor who was unable to make delivery because of a truck breakdown and Slombo volunteered to deliver the oil.

Methuen Patrolman Monroe K. Bean said Bascio was drinking.

Fellowman's Account
Bean gave this account of the shooting: Slombo was delivering oil at DiDio's home. He was accompanied by a helper, Albert Torrisi, 19, of Methuen.

After Slombo had wheeled his

truck into DiDio's driveway and connected his hose, Bascio appeared at a fence separating the two properties. He carried a gun.

Bascio started to talk, then moved along the fence and into the DiDio driveway. Slombo picked up a four-foot pipe and advanced toward Bascio.

At that point, from what Patrolman Bean could learn, the oil man was not sure whether the gun Bascio carried was real or a toy, and if real, whether it was loaded.

Bean's story went on:
Greeted by Neighbor
As Bascio entered his neighbor's house, he said, he

knock your head off."

At that, said Bean, Bascio fired. The bullet struck Slombo in the left side of the chest. The oil man staggered toward the DiDio home and collapsed outside the door.

Torrisi, the helper, ran inside to telephone police. Bascio followed.

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To Tie Driver License Renewal to Birthday

By WALTER SMITH,
Telegram Staff Reporter

BOSTON — The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles will inaugurate a new licensing renewal system July 1.

On and after that date driving licenses will be renewed on the licensee's birthday. They will run, as they do now, for two years.

The Registry is instituting the new program because of the unevenness of the present system, Edward L. McDonough, administrative assistant to Registrar King, said yesterday.

Initial Driving Tests
Most beginning drivers, he said, take their initial driving tests in the summer and early fall. From then on their licenses become due during

those periods. As a result, he said, the administrative branch of the Registry, at 100 Nashua St., has a huge number of renewal forms to send out then.

Also, he said, the 1948 change from one-year licenses to two-year licenses resulted in 1,500,000 renewals falling due in one year and only 500,000 in the next.

The new system, he said, will spread out the renewals more evenly.

After July 1

Current licenses expiring after July 1 McDonough said, will be renewed until the licensee's second birthday from that date.

During this transition period, if the renewal runs for more than 12 months but less than 18, it will cost the driver \$3.50. If it runs between 18 and 24 months, the full two-year rate of \$5 will be charged. Licenses will not be renewed for less than 12 months or more than 24 months.

After the transition period, which will last until June 30, 1958, licenses will run two years from the date of the driver's birthday.

Change in Appearance
The new system of licensing will be done entirely on International Business Machines.

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Expressway to Run East of Millbury St.

The Worcester Expressway—a six-lane highway from Broadnhan square to Lincoln street—will be constructed along the route endorsed by the state earlier this year, state Public Works Comr. Carl A. Sheridan announced yesterday.

The announcement was made in a release issued yesterday by the state Department of Public Works.

Removal Sought
It was promptly followed by a demand for Sheridan's scalp from Sen. William D. Fleming (D-Worcester), who called the decision "arrogant and high-handed."

Fleming said he would ask Governor Furcolo to remove Sheridan.

A hostile crowd of some 500 businessmen, home owners, tenants, club members and others vigorously opposed the route last month when Sheridan held a public hearing in Classical High School auditorium.

Much of the opposition came from the members of the Polish Naturalization Independent Club on Foyle street, and the Lithuanian Naturalization and Social Club on Vernon street, as well as Millbury street merchants.

They urged the path of the expressway be shifted to west of Harding street.

The route decided on by the

state Public Works Commission will run east of Millbury street.

Run Parallel
Millbury and Harding streets run parallel, separated by about 30 yards, along the path of the expressway.

The state DPW said yesterday that Sheridan has instructed consulting engineers to make an immediate start on plans and specifications, so the department can proceed with land taking and be ready to start construction at the earliest possible moment.

Sheridan, at the Worcester hearing March 12, said every

request, made at the hearing would be studied and considered.

Requests Studied
"This was done and the route outlined at the hearing was deemed to be in the best interests of the greatest number of people," said the state DPW.

It added that the commission had promised the route's location would be decided by April 1, and that the project would be ready to seek contract bids by late this year or early in 1958.

The DPW said Sheridan missed the April 1 date be-

cause it wasn't until Tuesday that he got a letter from the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads approving the route as an interstate highway.

U. S. to Pay 90 Pct.
The federal government will pay 90 per cent of the expressway's construction cost and the state will pick up the rest of the bill.

The expressway is part of a planned 20-mile highway from Auburn to Southboro connecting at both ends with the Massachusetts Toll Road. Partly overhead and partly depressed, the expressway from Broadnhan square to Lincoln street would have bridges at various street crossings and access ramps at strategic points.

Federal Approval
The letter to Sheridan stamping the federal government's approval on the project was signed by John A. Swanson, federal district engineer, who stated:

"We believe that to select a location for the expressway in this thickly settled urban area with churches, schools, hospitals, industrial development and homes complicating the problem has been one of the most difficult the state has had to contend with."

"May we compliment the department on the thoroughness

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Patrolman Bennett Resigns From Force

Patrolman William J. Bennett of 227 St. Nicholas Ave., resigned yesterday afternoon from the Police Department.

He submitted his letter of resignation to City Manager McGrath.

Previously, Bennett had been given a 30-day leave of absence without pay after department officials questioned him about alleged irregularities while on cruiser duty March 17.

Bennett was relieved of his gun and badge last Saturday after a high school boy and girl walked through the ranks of a lineup of more than 50 policemen, studying faces.

Requested Leave
After a conference with police officials he requested the leave of absence. Later, McGrath said an investigation into the alleged irregularities was continuing to determine whether department charges would be brought against the policeman.

The manager said last night



WILLIAM J. BENNETT
No Charges Brought

the case is closed so far as he and the Police Department are concerned.

He said no formal charges either within the department or outside were brought against Bennett in connection with the alleged irregularities.

Police Let Buddy Share Cell of Arrested Man

Police relaxed the rules a bit yesterday a buddy could be locked up in a cell with his friend who was picked up for drunkenness.

In fact, when time for lunch came, police even ordered an extra meal for the cell occupant's buddy.

It started when police got a call to pick up an inebriated man at Chandler and Irving Sts. When the wagon got to the scene, complications arose.

With the man was his buddy, a 14-year-old brown and white ringer spaniel, who seemed quite hurt that he wasn't going to be allowed to go along for the ride.

Patrolman Armand Molisan and Phillip J. Bourget, civilian driver, agreed that if the dog wanted to go along, it was all right with them.

They opened the door and the spaniel jumped in beside his buddy.

Offers No Protest
When police put the man in a cell at police headquarters, the spaniel followed him. When the door was closed and locked, the dog offered no protest. He just sprawled out on the floor and went to sleep.

Discharged Today
Both the man and his buddy will be discharged today without arraignment, police said.

Israel Plans Gaza Barrier Against Egypt

JERUSALEM (P)—Israel threatened yesterday to erect her own barbed wire fence along the Gaza Strip border to keep out Arab infiltrators and suicidal Fedayeen raiders.

Declaring Israel's dissatisfaction with arrangements with N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold made with Egypt to suppress a cross-the-border

raids from Gaza, a Foreign Ministry official said his government wants a physical barrier for the 26-by-6-mile strip.

He said Israel is discussing with representatives of the U. N. Emergency Force the erection of two rows of barbed wire 30 feet apart, with the area between mined and floodlighted.

Plans Own Barrier
If the discussions do not result in implementing such an idea, he added, Israel is considering erecting a barrier of her own along the border, now marked over most of its length only by a plowed ditch.

The official made the statement in connection with an

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Furcolo's Track Tax Plan Dumped

By PAUL DRISCOLL,
State House Reporter

BOSTON — A Democratic controlled legislative committee has quietly given the heave-ho to one of Governor Furcolo's major tax recommendations, the Worcester Telegram learned last night.

The governor had proposed a 20 per cent increase in the state tax on race track bets. Instead, the Taxation Committee yesterday recommended that the present race track taxes be continued for another year.

Draft Own Bill
The committee's report, which included a tentative draft of its own bill, also disposed of four others.

Three, filed by legislators, called for varying increases in the race track taxes.

The fourth was the governor's recommendation. This meant that the governor's plan, if the report is to be finally accepted, was dead, would not come up for debate, and was unlikely to be brought to public attention.

The committee report will go next to the House Ways and Means Committee.

It was filed at approximately the same time the governor was returning from a Florida vacation.

One of the governor's ad-

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