

Lumber Firm Looses Roofs In Last Week's High Winds

Thunderstorms and heavy rain, accompanied by high winds, hit the Birmingham area between 5 and 8 p.m. last Thursday, causing extensive damage to public and private property.

High winds, which did little damage except to the Birmingham Lumber and Supply company yard at Eton and Holland about 5:30 p.m., according to John H. Rosso, president of the firm. The gale lifted a 200-foot wooden roof off a cedar-block building, scattering sections of it about the yard and driving 20 splinters as deep as two feet into the ground. One building wall was destroyed.

THE ROOF of another building was torn off and carried more than 200 feet across the yard. Two cars, parked in the yard, were damaged when portions of the "flying" roof landed on them.

Rosso said the only damage done by the wind was to "exterior siding." Eton park was also the scene of costly damage. High winds tipped over a construction trailer, damaged a shed and blew down a dug-out and a backstop on a baseball diamond.

ALTHOUGH A COUPLE of trees were blown down, the city department of public works said flying limbs and branches were a bigger problem. The department said that several streets were flooded temporarily. They received 14 reports of flooded basements.

A Michigan Bell Telephone company spokesman said 1,200 telephone lines were out, affecting between 1,400 and 1,500 people in Southfield, Birmingham and Royal Oak.

THE DAMAGE to the lines was caused by lightning striking them, allowing water to seep in and short-out the circuit, according to the phone company spokesman. Contrary to several reports, the U. S. Weather Bureau said there were no construction trailers damaged. Birmingham firemen said they saw a dark, low-rolling cloud, but no one sighted a funnel.

THEODORE SZYMKE, 1116 Buckingham, and nine young boys were in Eton park when the storm hit. His son, Craig described the storm:

"We (the White Sox, a Little League baseball team) were out on the field, waiting for our coach. It started to rain but we kept on playing because it wasn't raining hard. Then it started to rain harder and it began to hail. We went into the dugout to wait for the rain to stop.

"It got very dark, so dark that I could hardly see the backstop. There was a little hole in the dugout and it was raining so hard that we all got wet from the water that came through the hole.

"The wind was blowing so hard that Dad said if we went out of the dugout it would blow us over. We were all scared and some of us laid on the floor of the dugout."

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ham high schools and at Barnum junior high. Mrs. Ransier has been a favorite of elementary school children for 14 years. She opened Pierce cafeteria; has worked at Torry and Beverly schools. They were honored at the cafeteria workers annual coffee hour.

In Oakland County . . .

Opponent Charges County Prosecutor

A charge of inefficiency on the part of the present prosecutor was repeated last week by Birmingham Attorney George J. Fulkerson when he filed formally as the Democratic candidate for Oakland county prosecuting attorney.

The charge brought a challenge from Prosecutor George F. Taylor (R).

"I invite him to come into my office, and if he can find gambling going on in this county, I will even make him a special prosecutor to prosecute it," Taylor said. Taylor told The Birmingham Eccentric there is, "some numbers gambling going on, but with one investigator, how am I going to police this county?"

"THE PRESENT prosecutor," Fulkerson declared, "has not developed an office to keep pace with the demands and requirements of our rapidly expanding county."

Fulkerson pointed out, "it is that it would be difficult to get approval for the additional salaries."

"Additional funds would help, of course," he said. "However, a great deal can be done under the existing budget. With proper leadership and direction the present personnel and facilities can be used to the maximum, if they are being used by the present prosecutor."

"IN ADDITION," he commented, "the prosecutor must have the respect of his staff to do a good job. The present prosecutor cannot expect to have this respect when he dodges responsibility for acts solely his own."

Fulkerson continued: "I refer to a case I have cited earlier (June 4 speech)—a serious gambling case in 1958 and 1959. The present prosecutor was in charge of the case—he turned it over to two assistants at the last minute when the going got rough and it became apparent to him that his case was weak."

Fulkerson concluded: "The prosecutor determines by his actions in the office how well law enforcement will function in Oakland county. When a prosecutor shirks his duty, whether it be from incompetence or corruption on his part, the well-being of every citizen of the county is affected."

Taylor retorted, "If Mr. Fulkerson wants to go into a mud-slinging campaign, I am not going to go into it with him."

Fulkerson had charged earlier that Taylor mishandled a case involving a Pontiac gambling ring. Taylor replied that he had not been prosecutor at the time the case was tried, and that two other assistant prosecutors had handled it.

Candidates File For County Race

Two veteran county officials, three young newcomers to legislative campaigns, and a Democrat Feenstra, all accomplished a strong objective: (1) Broaden inpatient facilities for acute polio in Oakland County, alleviating a stringent situation existing at the present time, (2) provide and maintain a complete Physical Therapy Department in conjunction with Pontiac General Hospital, which heretofore has lacked such a department, and (3) increase the inpatient and outpatient services of the Kenney Foundation approximately 100%.

George Seanlan, chairman of the Oakland county Bagwell Booster Organization, announced today that Bagwell dinner to be held at Northwood Inn, Berkley, Monday, June 27, 1960, at 6 p.m. Some 500 persons are expected to attend this event welcoming Paul Bagwell, candidate for governor, to Oakland county. This will be the first of several appearances of Bagwell in the highly important and second largest county of Michigan during this year's campaign. Prior to the banquet, a gigantic car caravan will parade through Berkley's business district to Northwood Inn. Everyone attending the banquet will meet Bagwell personally.

Dinner tickets are being sold at \$6 per person and may be obtained by calling Seanlan, of 2280 Bacon, Berkley.

Don Adams Seeks County Bench Seat

Nominating petitions have been filed for Donald E. Adams, of Waterford Twp., for the office of Probate Judge of Oakland County for the next two-year term, a position created by action of the State Legislature during the 1960 session.

Mr. Adams has practiced law in Oakland County since 1936, and has served as Justice of the Peace in Waterford since 1937, except for the year 1940 when he was commissioned as an officer in the U. S. Naval Reserves.

He has been active in a variety of civic affairs in Oakland County, and is a member of the Oakland County Bar and Michigan Bar Associations, and numerous service and fraternal organizations.

A member of the Pontiac First Presbyterian church, he resides with his wife and 15-year-old son on the family farm on the shores of Silver Lake, where he was born 47 years ago.

Oakland Gets Two More Court Posts; But Not Till 1962

Oakland county is eligible to have two additional circuit court commissioners, but can't elect them until 1962. They won't take office until 1963.

The reason, according to election commissioners in Pontiac and Lansing, is the 1960 Federal census won't be official, it is expected, until after the Nov. 8 election. State law provides that counties with 500,000 or more persons have four circuit court commissioners rather than two. Oakland's unofficial 1960 count is 687,711.

However, according to Probate Judge Arthur E. Moore, head of the Oakland county election commission, and Robert M. Montgomery state election director, election of additional commissioners must be held at a general election after the census is certified.

Montgomery said he has been told that the census will not be certified until Nov. 30.

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John B. Swainson At Dem Meeting

Lt. Gov. John B. Swainson will be heard by several local Oakland county Democratic clubs. Lt. Gov. Swainson is seeking the Democratic nomination for governor. The meeting will be held Wednesday, June 22 at the Birmingham community house at 8 p.m.

and frequently represents the governor at conferences and meetings. Participating in the June 22 meeting were Democratic club of Bloomfield, Birmingham, T.roy, Royal Oak, Milford, Ferrandale and Berkley.

SWAINSON, of Plymouth, has served as Michigan's lieutenant governor since Jan. 1, 1959. Swainson was chosen for the state's second highest political office after serving two terms as a member of the Michigan senate from the 19th district. He was Democratic floor leader during his second term in the senate.

AS LIEUTENANT governor, Swainson serves as president of the Michigan senate and as a member of the state administration board. He has served as acting governor upon several occasions.

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