

**WEATHER REPORT**  
Temperature for 24 hour period ended at 5 p. m. Thursday: Maximum 64, minimum 49. Rainfall .51 of an inch. Wind 52 MPH.  
Monterey Bay Area — Light rain late tonight and Saturday. Southwest wind 15-20 MPH tonight.

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# Heavy Ground Swells Damage Beach

## 52-MPH WINDS CAUSE EXTENSIVE DAMAGE

### Lots Of 'Small' Damage

Storm damage in the city and its suburbs was certain to run into thousands of dollars today as hundreds of individual incidents totaled up into a picture of small-scale but wide-spread havoc.

Shingles blown from roofs, glass panes broken, shrubbery uprooted, and water damage to streets was reported from one end of the area to the other.

Repairmen of glass and roofing companies, and city street department workers were kept busy throughout the afternoon and evening.

The street department hauled away more than five truckloads of debris, according to Superintendent Don Bruce. Some 25 workers had most of the strewn limbs cleaned up by 8 o'clock last night, except the intersection of Taylor and Myrtle streets which was still blocked by a fallen tree this morning.

The Union street steps had to be torn up to relieve a plugged sewer line. Total damage to the city amounted to some \$1500, Bruce estimated.

A big limb crashed down near the Trident building at the high school. Other street department workers cleaned up the Coast road near the slaughterhouse where a large tree fell.

On Fair avenue, a moving car was narrowly missed by a falling eucalyptus branch. Three big trees were down near the Chicken villa. Much work was required at Branciforte creek, and was still in progress this morning.

Shrubs and flowers, particularly poinsettias, took a heavy beating in the storm. So did roofs. One roofing company reported some 30 emergency calls, most of them for composition

### Waves Damage Beach Homes In Rio Del Mar Area

Although Santa Cruz county was buffeted by winds that reached a 52-mile-per-hour velocity late yesterday most damage from the storm was caused by huge waves which swept up across Aptos beach drive at Rio del Mar beach.

It was the strongest wind since the damaging 'little hurricane' of Feb. 9, 1938.

The 15-foot combers knocked down fencing along the low lying drive and force of the water carried fence posts smashing against residences. At least one window was broken.

The Pacific ocean, or too many gallons of it, put an inch of salt water in the living room of a home owned by Mrs. Anna M. Sambuck reminiscent of the big storms of 1942-43 at Rio Del Mar.

The waves came about the foundations of more than 18 swank beach residences this morning. The waves reached their intensity between 10 a. m. and 11 a. m. High tide was at 10:24 a. m.

Mrs. Sambuck was in San Francisco but was notified of damage by servants. It was reported there was an inch of water in the living room which washed in through a broken plate glass window. Caretakers continually swept out the water but there was damage to rugs, furniture, and walls.

Mrs. Frank Nisetich of Rio del Mar said the huge waves "hit like a cyclone."

Yesterday's big blow created lots of work for Coast Counties Gas and Electric company line crews. Manager J. Galen Foster said there were numerous power failures in the county. One of the longest was on Glen Haven road near Soquel. Residents said they were without power from 4 p. m. to 6 a. m.

Foster said 45 men in seven line crews worked most of the night to rectify storm damage. Most of the trouble was due to trees and limbs falling on lines.

John E. Wallace of 24th ave-



Some of the breakage which occurred at the Seaside company's boardwalk under the relentless pounding of tons of waves can be observed in the above picture.

Part of the wood floating near the steps is from the supports under the beach bandstand, all of which were swept away by ground swells, leaving only metal braces to support the stage.

This shot was taken in the forenoon. Earlier in the morning, and

## WHARF EVACUATED AS WAVES CAUSE 'CRACK'

### \$20,000 Damages At Boardwalk, Pleasure Pier And Bandstand

Orders to evacuate a portion of the Municipal wharf were issued today by City Engineer Alex Russell after "unusually heavy ground swells" pounded the structure for several hours this morning following yesterday's 52-mile-an-hour-gale.

While damage was not considered severe, officials feared a continuation of the swells could extend the damage.

Russell said that while there was no particular danger to the wharf at this time, the move was taken as a precaution to prevent possibility of personal injury. A fire hazard, caused by the possibility of a break in the wharf gas main, as well as in electric lines along the wharf also entered into consideration.

"The wharf has withstood heavier blows than this," Russell said, "but we want to take all measures necessary to protect life and property."

At the same time workmen labored feverishly to prevent further breaking up of the Seaside Pleasure Pier, after several feet of its center planking were torn away by pounding combers.

As a crack 50 feet long appeared down the center of the far end of the municipal wharf, city officials rushed to turn off the gas lines serving the businesses there.

Simultaneously, police officers were stationed at the wharf's entrance to prevent any further automobile or pedestrian traffic.

At Look's Den, a curio shop, the water beneath could be seen thru cracks which appeared when the final section of the wharf started to sway at the apex of the high tide, about 11 o'clock.

Fishermen and officials estimated that at the high tide point, when the wharf underwent a terrific lashing from ground swells, the section of the wharf which angles off from the Look's Den point swayed as much as two and three feet.

President Louis Jenkins of the Seaside company said that a preliminary survey indicates that damage to the Pleasure Pier, the bandstand, and to the steps and boardwalk may reach \$20,000. A section of heavy flooring was ripped from the dip in the middle section of the Pleasure Pier, but the 12-inch pipe which supplies ocean water for the Plunge did not appear in danger.

All of the wood framework beneath the bandstand had been washed away by this morning, and

## 2 Killed In Storm

Portland, Ore., Oct. 27 (AP) — Gale-force winds raked the Pacific coast states last night and early today, claiming at least two lives, injuring scores and causing heavy property damage.

From southern California north into Canada the wind snapped trees, power and telephone poles, and sent torrents of water cascading down streets.

Near Bodega Bay, north of San Francisco, 22 small boats were beached by winds which reached 60 miles an hour.

In Sacramento, one gust of wind was recorded at 74 miles an hour. The gale ripped to shreds a \$75,000 tent at the state fair grounds.

The wind lifted the roofs off three units of a veterans housing project at Yuba City, north of Sacramento, leaving 24 families homeless. They were being taken care of in temporary quarters.

Felled trees and floods caused by the heavy downpour combined to block traffic on several highways. Some Sierra passes were reported blocked by heavy snow piled up by winds which reached 75 miles an hour at Donner Summit.

## Red Opposition Stiffening Near



shingles had been blown off. At the residence of R. D. Husband, 120 Geoffroy drive, part of the entire roof was destroyed, and the torrential rains partially flooded the house.

A side in the Ghio garage, 309 Bay street, was torn away, and fish nets stored in the building were soaked.

A limb crashing through a sky light at the Lund residence on Ocean street barely missed Mrs. Lund who had been sitting under it only a few minutes before.

About ten calls were booked by another roofing company, and 15 by a third.

Glass companies said that about 10 to 15 calls were received reporting broken glass panes in residences.

Television aeriads had a hard time. Two out of three 45 foot aeriads were blown off the roof at Television center, 877 41st avenue, in Opal Cliffs. The Burdick radio shop on Soquel avenue lost its 60-foot aerial, but said that parts can be salvaged. The Burgess radio company on Water street took its aerial down when it became apparent that it would collapse.

Mountainous waves smashed three holes into the lower side wall of the Castle dining room on East Cliff drive. No basements were flooded, because the water could drain off.

Other waves pounded across East Cliff drive at Corcoran's lagoon and Moran lake, covering the road with sand and mud.

The car of Edgard W. Lawrence, 101 Prospect Heights, was severely damaged when a tree fell across its hood at Pacheco avenue and Prospect Heights. The car was parked at the time and no one was injured.

Overflowing storm drains flooded the Ocean and Barson streets intersection.

Between 13th and 17th avenue, the Twin Lakes sewer collapsed on East Cliff drive, taking some of the road with it, according to the sheriff's office. An unidentified car drove into the hole, but was pulled out.

A four foot boulder fell on the west lane of the Los Gatos highway near the summit. A car hit the boulder, but suffered only minor damages, the sheriff's office said.

A tree blocked Rocky Falls road, and another tree fell on Love Creek road. A third fell on the Bonny Doon road outside of Felton.

The county road commission said that its crews are now busy cleaning up numerous small trees and branches which fell along East Cliff drive.

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Mrs. John F. Wallace of 24th avenue whose home faces Monterey bay, said her chimney blew down, a large cypress tree was uprooted, and a living room plate glass window blew in.

A large radio aerial blew down at the home of F. J. Niederauer a block away on 25th avenue. Mrs. Wallace said she had tried to get in touch with her neighbors but they are away from home.

Duane Wells, Sentinel-News motor route carrier on Rural Route F, narrowly escaped being hit by a falling tree at the entrance of County Big Trees park. Wells heard the roots giving way and managed to put on his brakes in time. The tree crashed over the road ahead of his car.

Art Yount, carrier on the Bonny Doon route, had to chop through tree limbs and skirt about debris on the road several times. Joseph Rivard, Aptos motor route carrier, had the same experience.

Big waves carried kelp a block from the Capitola Esplanade. Waves went up over the seawall carrying sand and debris into the streets. It was reported that the foundation of the beach merry-ground was damaged.

Gusts of wind blew over sections of the fence at the Encina drive-in theater on the Soquel highway. Damage was estimated at \$2000 by Manager Jack Lowry.

Waves came within a few inches of the KSCO antenna apparatus in Corcoran's lagoon and across the highway into Moran's lagoon.

## Scotts Valley Wettest Place

Most places in Santa Cruz county have had rain daily since last Monday. Here are rainfall figures for 12 locations from Watsonville to Boulder Creek for the past 24 hours:

Scotts Valley	1.80
Boulder Creek	1.71
Eureka Canyon	1.65
Empire Grade	1.41
Paradise Park	.85
Cave Gulch	.75
Soquel	.70
Santa Cruz	.61
Watsonville	.57
Aptos	.36
Felton	.35
Davenport	.04

## First Tax Bills In Mail Today

The first of 45,000 county tax bills were mailed today, according to Sidney Carter, Santa Cruz county treasurer and tax collector.

Carter said that the first bills mailed were to taxpayers who live outside the county. He stated that he hoped to have all the bills in the mail by Monday or Tuesday.

He reminded taxpayers that no tax payments are to be made before November 1. Carter also said that any taxpayer who has not received his bill by November 10 should contact his office.

Tax Collector Carter also emphasized that the county is using a new form for the bills this year and taxpayers are urged to return the whole bill with their payment.

This shot was taken in the forenoon. Earlier in the morning, and during last night's storm, waves reached such heights they washed over the entire area on which the spectators now are standing.

Seaweed lay on the lawn around the Wishing Well outside the Casino building, and sand lay over the sidewalk edging the nearby beach to show how far ashore the waves had reached during the night.

## Christmas Store Opening December 1

Santa Cruz merchants will welcome the Christmas shopping season with a city-wide night opening on Friday, December 1.

The decision was made during a meeting of the merchants committee of the chamber of commerce last evening. Chairman Ernie Dillon presided.

Fourteen major stores were represented at the meeting. The merchants also decided to remain open on the evenings of December 8 and December 15, all Fridays—as well as every evening between December 18 and 23, inclusive.

There will be no overhead street decorations this year. The merchants decided against them after hearing reports on the cost of such a project. However, all individual stores were urged to decorate their own stores to present a festive picture along business thoroughfares.

The committee made no recommendations about the observance of Armistice Day, but said the stores should remain open beginning next year.

Adrian Jensen, Sam Leask III, and Carl E. Helin were appointed to prepare for a children's party and arrange for music on the Christmas opening, December 1.

## Election Workers Will Take State Loyalty Oath

The state loyalty oath will be administered to precinct judges and clerks of the 143 election board on election day by the inspectors, County Clerk Harry Miller said today.

Miller said that the inspectors will be notified individually when they are to appear to take the oath.

Deputy Clerk William Carmean so far has given the loyalty oath to more than 500 county employees.

## Postpone Girl Scout Campfire

As winds and heavy surf made a swamp out of the river picnic grounds, the Girl Scout ceremonial campfire has been postponed, it was announced today by Scout Director Margaret Wales.

The campfire, which was to be held tomorrow night, will be held Saturday night, November 4.



John A. Johansen survey the damage to his trailer at the Riverbank Auto and Trailercourt at 259 Water street received in yesterday afternoon's storm.

A large branch tore through the trailer's aluminum and plywood roof making a shambles of its interior and causing it to be considered a total loss. Johansen, who is the caretaker at the camp, said the vehicle was not insured and had a value of approximately \$2000. Twelve other trailers were also damaged at the court, with Warren Byers' trailer also being considered a total loss. The other movable homes suffered broken windows, small holes in their roofs and torn and broken awnings.

## Chamber Assumes Responsibility On DeBenedetti Fill

Chamber of commerce directors last night assumed the responsibilities previously shouldered by three individual chamber members to pave the way for construction of the Wrigley chewing gum plant here.

President Earl Cady said that the chamber directors voted to pay for the \$1800 filling job to be done on the Maddox property which will accommodate the J. L. DeBenedetti company plant, whose present site will be taken over by Wrigley.

When negotiations for the Wrigley plant became critical on October 6, three individual citizens guaranteed payment of the cost to bring the new DeBenedetti site up to grade. The Leo Cardwell Construction company has agreed to make the 4500 yard fill for \$1800.

President Cady said that the chamber considers assumption of this financial responsibility an "excellent investment in industry," and that this is one of the functions for which the chamber is constituted.



Torn loose by pounding waves, the steps to the Stagnaro boat landing on the municipal wharf were hanging precariously at noon today. ♦ ♦ ♦

## Slight Delays In Postal Service

Postmaster Orin T. Howard said there was no real dislocation of mail service due to the storm but there was more than 30 minutes' delay in dispatching the mail due to the power shortage. Due to

lack of power from about 4:20 p. m. to 5 p. m. the cancelling machine could not operate.

Seven pouches of mail were not received here from San Francisco which the postmaster attributes to

ger. All of the wood framework beneath the bandstand had been washed away by this morning, and high waves, washing over the concrete walks at the beach had forced water under the doors to the concessions.

Near the bathhouse at the mouth of the San Lorenzo river, water stood 18 inches beneath the high water mark reached February 27, 1940. The Southern Pacific saved a tractor and other equipment under the nearby railroad bridge by securing them with heavy steel cables.

Twin Lakes beach also felt the effect of the ground swells. High waves rolled over East Cliff drive and washed against the cafe at the corner of Fifth avenue and the Drive, owned by Mrs. Joseph Etzkorn. In the forenoon a grader was sent out to scrape away the deposit of silt and sand left by the water.

Risho Ghio of the C. Stagnaro company said "it was the worst wind and visibility I've experienced in nearly 40 years on the wharf." Joe Stagnaro reported that the 15-minute squall which struck about 4 p. m. yesterday was the worst he had seen.

## County Must Pay State Sales Tax

Santa Cruz county will be required to hold a seller's permit and pay back state sales tax from the first quarter of 1943, District Attorney June Borina announced today.

The district attorney said that the decision was made at a hearing of the state board of equalization in Sacramento this week.

According to the district attorney the state board had submitted a claim earlier asking for unpaid sales tax of \$1480 on sales of \$44,000 worth of maps, surplus materials and other items sold by the county from October 1, 1933 to September 30, 1949.

At the hearing this week, which had been requested by the county for a re-determination of the claim, the board decided that the county was not liable for sales made from 1933 to the first quarter of 1949.

But they said that Santa Cruz must pay back taxes from the first quarter of last year and carry a seller's permit. The district attorney said that no estimate of the amount that would have to be paid is available. "The state board is sending down an auditor to check our books in the near future," she said, "and we won't know until he completes the job. It will be less than their original claim."

Attending the Sacramento hearing and representing the county were Assistant District Attorney Bernard J. Favaro, County Auditor George Kriz, and County Purchasing Agent Al Horton.

a power shortage there. However, the highway post office and contract carriers carried out their schedules.

## Red Opposition Stiffening Near Manchurian Border

By Associated Press  
Seoul, Korea, Saturday, Oct. 23 (AP)—American and Allied forces began a big push in northwest Korea Friday against suddenly stiffened Red opposition as reports grew of Chinese Communist participation on the battlefields.

At the same time a Korean Republican spearhead which had raced to the Yalu river boundary facing Red China's Manchuria on Thursday was forced to pull back because of supply problems.

U. S. Eighth army headquarters in confirming the pullback emphasized that it was not because of enemy resistance.

Simultaneously, winter burst upon the war fronts with snow and icy blasts, and bypassed North Koreans in rear areas made widespread nuisance raids.

## Receive Petition On Valley School Reorganization

A petition to unify the San Lorenzo Valley and Brown school districts into one district was presented to members of the Santa Cruz County Council on School Reorganization yesterday, Miss Edith Fikes, county superintendent of schools reported.

She said that the council took the petition under consideration and decided to call a meeting of the augmented committee, which includes the trustees of the districts involved, for November 10.

Members of the regular council include Richard Snyder of Santa Cruz; Carl Connelly of Ben Lomond; Linton Forrester of Freedom; Mrs. Dorothy Skoegard of Soquel; and Paul Wellstein of Boulder Creek.

## FOUR KILLED IN CRASH

New Orleans, Oct. 27 (AP) — An air force twin engine navigation training plane crashed into Lake Pontchartrain in heavy pre-dawn fog today killing the four men aboard.

## BERAN MISSING

Vatican City, Oct. 27 (AP) — The Vatican radio, quoting Czechoslovak refugees, said today that Archbishop Josef Beran of Prague has disappeared from the Episcopal building and is believed to be in Prague's Pankrac prison.

## BULLETIN

San Francisco, Oct. 27 (AP) — The Weather Bureau said today that another storm is moving toward the coast, but its center is farther north.

It was not expected to cause as much rain or wind as the storm which hit the coast yesterday.