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Defends CNR Reduction In Passenger Service Locally

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During a Guardian interview yesterday, Mr. Fairweather asked "Would we be good trustees of the people's money, if we were to continue to operate trains which were not being patronized?" Continuing he said, "I am not saying that people should patronize the trains in the summer time, but I must point out that all we can do is to try to give as much service as possible within the limits of common sense."

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Tornadoes Kill 12, Injure Hundreds Over Weekend

MCGREGOR, Ont. (CP)—In a terrible few minutes at the height of a storm Saturday night a tornado lashed a two-mile belt across north Colchester township south of Windsor, wrecking several buildings and injuring 17 persons.

Eleven persons, family and friends of Charles Root, 25, were spending a quiet evening in Root's one-storey frame home. Outside the wind began to howl. A moment later the house was demolished.

Provincial Police, on the scene soon after, said some persons crawled from the wreckage and others had to be rescued.

"It was just lucky the house was of light construction or we might have had a real disaster," said Cpl. C. F. Eford of the Essex detachment.

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL
All eleven were taken to Windsor Hospital in ambulances called from Windsor, Harrow and Amherstburg. Mr. Root and his wife, Betty, 31, most seriously injured, remained in hospital suffering

cuts and shock. Their baby daughter, Cathy, 2½ months, though not severely injured was also admitted so she could be with her mother. The others were treated and released.

The hospital treated 17 persons in all. Mrs. Fay Walls, 52, was the only other person admitted, suffering from cuts and shock. She was injured when the roof was blown from the home of Ernie Dorey, 55, where she is employed as housekeeper. Mr. Dorey and his three children received minor injuries.

SWEPT WIDE PATH
The tornado, sweeping a 500-foot wide eastward path two miles south of this village, struck at 9 P. M. ADT during a severe electrical storm. It was one of a series which Saturday skipped through Michigan state, killing six and injuring 200.

Damage here was estimated at \$100,000. Police said 10 constables were required to control traffic Sunday

as thousands of curious motorists streamed into Hamlet, 15 miles south of Windsor to see the tornado's aftermath.

Tornadoes, possibly the same one, also touched down at La Salle, just south of Windsor, and at Amherstburg, 10 miles further south on the Detroit river. A general store at La Salle was swept into Turkey creek. Other damage in the areas was limited to trees and wires. No injuries were reported.

CHICAGO (AP)—A rash of weekend tornadoes exploded across parts of the eastern half of the United States Saturday and threatened new blows Sunday. At least 12 persons were killed, more than 275 injured and property damage was in the millions of dollars.

Canada had a taste of the savage twisters. Seventeen persons were injured in McGregor, Ont., a town 15 miles south of Windsor.

The savage twisters killed six and caused more than \$1,000,000 damage in Michigan, killed six more and inflicted \$1,000,000 damage in the Cleveland area and caused \$500,000 damage in Duquesne, Pa.

Wins of tornado force caused heavy damage in the Omaha area.

The U. S. weather bureau in Chicago warned that severe thunderstorms and possible tornadoes were in prospect for the southern Great Lakes area Sunday night.

At least 60 twisters carved into the southern Great Lakes area Saturday night and early Sunday.

TORRENTIAL RAIN
The torrential downpour which accompanied what the weather bureau called Michigan's worst night in history, swelled the Flint river out of its banks in downtown Flint, an eastern Michigan city of 160,000.

A similar flood was threatened at Grand Rapids, Mich., where the Grand river neared flood stages.

Thunderstorms without the specific threat of tornadoes cracked over much of the country's mid-section, from the Rocky Mountains to the Appalachians, and extended northward into New England.

Three twisters hit almost simultaneously Saturday at Flint where 116 died in Michigan's worst tornado in 1953. Three were killed there, including a couple who died in the wreckage of their home. A woman at Ithaca was killed in the collapse of a barn, and other storm deaths occurred at Muskegon and Saginaw.

More than 200 homes were reduced to rubble in the Flint area and some 500 families have been evacuated from flood-threatened areas along the Grand river east of Flint.

Besides some 200 injured in Flint and two Detroit suburbs—Allen Park and Lincoln Park, others were hurt in Windsor. The Detroit weather station said 19 tornadoes in all struck in Michigan.

Eisenhower's Heart Said Well Healed

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower got a doctors' report Saturday that his heart is "well healed" and his general health good.

A report issued after two days of head-to-toe tests at Walter Reed Hospital said the president "has shown good tolerance to increasing physical activity" in the six months since his discharge from hospital in Denver. It was there that he was treated for the coronary thrombosis he suffered Sept. 24.

Coming Events

Regular Dance, Bonshaw Inn, Tuesday night. Burns' Orchestra.

Dance Orwell Hall Monday, May 14th.

Rummage Sale, Heartz Hall basement, May 15th, at 2 p.m.

Dance Mount Stewart Memorial Hall Tuesday night. Rollie MacKenzie's orchestra.

Pantry sale Simpson-Sears Friday evening at 7 o'clock. Kingston W. I.

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See Indian River Festival Play in Emerald Hall, Monday, May 14th, at 8:15.

Farmers — cleaning time by day. MacGuigan and Boyle, Hunter River, P.E.I.

For best results book your clover seeds with us. MacGuigan & Boyle, Hunter River.

Wellington players presenting, "Maid of Money," Grand River Hall, Tuesday, May 15th.

Irishtown variety concert in French River Hall Wednesday, May 16th. Proceeds in aid of St. Thomas Church.

Les MacDowell commence hauling cream to Whitshire Factory on Tuesday, May 15th once weekly until further notice.

See "Aunt Minnie from Minnesota" presented by the Ladies Auxiliary in Legion Hall, Borden, Friday, May 25.

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Frozen Food Plant To Be In Operation Here May '57

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Mr. Cullen said that the Company which was the first to package and freeze vegetables and fruit for the consumer trade, is the biggest frozen food processing organization in the country.

He said they are now planning to take over the partially completed building at Sherwood. Work on the building will begin about September 1 and the plant will go into operation on May 1, 1957.

The crops to be processed include peas, green and waxed string beans, asparagus, strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, brussel sprouts, broccoli, cauliflower, carrots and spinach.

The Minister said the Dominion Experimental Farm at Charlottetown during the present summer will carry out extensive tests for variety, culture insect and disease problems while the Provincial Department of Agriculture will provide field tests under farm conditions at various points near the Sherwood plant.

Mr. Cullen suggested that farmers interested in the trial growing of any of the vegetables mentioned should contact the Department of Agriculture as soon as possible.

NEED LARGE QUANTITIES
For the first year's operation (1957), the plant will require 400 acres of peas; 50 to 75 acres of green and wax string beans, 25-35 acres of asparagus