

BUILDINGS AT BOULDER CITY RAZED; LOCAL DAMAGE GREAT

80-Mile Gale Rips Across
Hoover Dam Reserva-
tion to Wreak Havoc

TENTS BLOWN DOWN

Frame House in Las Ve-
gas Is Crumpled By
Force of the Wind

LAS VEGAS and Boulder City and points in between suffered considerable damage thruout the morning from the high velocity wind storm which hit this section shortly after 5 o'clock.

Boulder City reported an 80-mile gale blowing intermittently thruout the day, forcing a complete shutdown of construction work on buildings in that area, razing the walls of the new Boulder City Motors building of A. C. Grant, blowing the roofs from dormitory porches, seriously crippling the electric distribution system within the city, and wrecking a large number of the tent houses being used by the New Mexico Construction company as quarters for their men.

LUMBER WAS being blown about the city in a rather menacing manner, but up to a late hour this afternoon no serious damage had been done, and no one was hurt, although the concrete walls of the Boulder City Motors in collapsing, temporarily jeopardized the safety of two carpenters who were working on a scaffold at the time.

The high velocity of the wind was demonstrated conclusively in the damage done to the roofs of the F. T. Crowe residence and the executive mansion on the hill, where scores of tile were ripped from their places despite the fact that each piece was sewed on with No. 12 copper wire.

THE PORCH roofs on dormitories numbers five, six, seven and eight were badly damaged, and at times it was impossible to see across the street because of the heavy dust blown ahead of the storm.

In Las Vegas the damage was more serious, and several isolated instances testified to the high velocity of the wind.

Shortly before 6 o'clock the two-room frame house of Jack Fender, at First and California streets in the Boulder Addition was swept from its concrete foundation, the four walls and roof being deposited in the back yard of the Jim Foxley residence adjoining, while the floor was carried onto a vacant lot further on. No one was in the building at the time.

THE RECENTLY built city barns on the fair grounds of sheet metal construction, and approximately 60 by 100 feet, used to house the city street equipment, were razed by the wind and will have to be completely rebuilt.

AN UNIDENTIFIED pedestrian, walking along Fremont street in front of the Eagles hall had a narrow escape from serious injury, when one of the pieces from the tile roof, grazed his face as it crashed to the sidewalk and was broken into bits.

J. P. King, city street supervisor, reported that a car attempting to turn into Fremont street at Eighth, was caught by a gust of wind and skidded across Eighth street being stopped only by a pile of dirt. The driver of the machine was powerless to check the mad flight.

The Las Vegas Office Supply suffered heavy damage when one of the large plate glass windows was blown out by a particularly heavy gust of wind, while those using the sidewalk near the Mesquite Grocery were saved from injury by the timely discovery that the coping on top of the building was just ready to topple onto the walk. Workmen were dispatched to the roof and pulled the tottering mass of concrete inward.

SCORES OF TREES were uprooted, radio aerials blown down, and scores of tents razed in Hoover City and along the South Fifth auto camp frontier.

Late reports from Boulder City told of the plight of scores of residents living in tents in Hemenway Wash, who had moved all their belongings into their cars, together with the women and children, and with windows up awaited the abatement of the high wind.

NINETEEN TENT homes had been rendered uninhabitable by the wind, and other were damaged.