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Home Crashes Into Rampaging River



TORRENTIAL RAINS have put the entire central and western parts of Massachusetts under water today. Aerial view shows home crashing into rampaging river here as rushing torrent hurlis masses of debris against walls of nearby buildings. 13 lives were lost in this flood which was claimed to be the worst in state's history.

Rain And Wind Break Intense Heat In City

State Benefits As Rain, Wind Arrive To Aid Sufferers

BULLETIN
The unofficial temperature on the Daily Democrat thermometer at 2 o'clock this afternoon was 80 degrees compared with 95 degrees at the same time Sunday.

Adams county's second intense heat wave of recent weeks has been broken, at least temporarily and almost an inch of rain fell in Decatur during the early morning hours today. A strong west wind, starting about 2:30 o'clock this morning heralded the temperature break after a high of 96 degrees was recorded Sunday afternoon.

At 6 o'clock this morning the temperature in Decatur had dropped to a comfortable 70 degrees and the rain continued until about 8:30 o'clock.

Weather forecasters predicted that the temperature would rise to perhaps the middle eighties today, but it was generally believed that the intense heat was side-tracked at least for the present.

Temperatures in the 90's were recorded in Decatur and Adams county every day last week. The only difference between the present hot weather and that of the few weeks ago, was that a slight drop was recorded at nights, during the past two weeks.

Cooler temperatures were predicted today for all of Indiana. Many Hoosier spots recorded near 100 degree readings Saturday and Sunday. Fair and cooler also was forecast for Tuesday in Indiana.

New Storm Seen

MIAMI (INS) — A new disturbance located about 450 miles east south-east of Miami was watched carefully today on the possibility that it would develop into a tropical storm.

Cecil Gentry of the Miami Weather Bureau said the easterly wave extended from the southeast end of the Bahamas Island chain into the Caribbean Sea. It has a "50-50" chance of turning into a tropical storm — the forerunner of a hurricane.

The disturbance is believed to be an outgrowth of another easterly wave spotted in the Caribbean last week.

Gusts of winds up to 35-40 miles per hour were clocked in parts of Cuba as the wave moved westward at about 25 mph.

Soil Demonstration Reset For Wednesday

The Soil Conservation demonstration scheduled for today at the Sherman VonGuntner farm near Berne has been postponed until Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

All those planning to attend are asked to note the change in schedule due to heavy morning rains.

INDIANA WEATHER
Mostly clear north and central scattered shower extreme south tonight. A little cooler north and central tonight. Tuesday fair a little cooler extreme south. Low tonight ranging from 62 to 68 north to 68 to 74 extreme south. High Tuesday 85 to 90.

D. H. Callow Named To District Post Heads Broadcast Group Of Church

D. H. Callow, Stiebel Grain Co., Decatur was named Lutheran Hour director for the Northern Indiana district of the Lutheran Laymen's League at a meeting of the board of governors held Sunday afternoon at Van Wert, O.

Callow succeeds John Bleeke of Fort Wayne, who has been appointed to the national Lutheran Hour operating committee. The Northern Indiana district includes 139 congregations in northern Indiana and northwest Ohio.

As Lutheran Hour director, Callow heads a committee with representation from each of the 10 zones in the district. Each congregation has a local director.

This committee assists national headquarters in promoting the Lutheran Hour and the Family Worship Hour. It monitors the various broadcasts from area stations.

The Northern Indiana district sponsors broadcasts each week from two South American stations.

The board also approved plans for the annual convention which will be held at New Haven Sunday September 18. William Selking represented the Decatur zone. Herman Kruekeberg and Louis Jacobs, both of the Decatur church also attended.

Four Auto Mishaps Are Reported Here

Two Arrests Are Made For Speeding

City police investigated four accidents, made one arrest and recorded one state police arrest over the week-end. Saturday was the big day as there were three accidents and one arrest.

A car driven by Charles E. Owens, Centerville, Iowa, hit an auto operated by Bob Oschsenreider of this city. Oschsenreider was backing into a parking place on Second street and as Owens attempted to pass him, he hit the right front fender of the Ochsenreider auto with his left rear fender. Damages to each car were estimated at \$75.

A U. S. mail truck driven by A. P. Schrock Jr. was hit while parked in the alley bordering the A & P parking lot by an auto operated by Leonard A. Schwaller of Monroe, as the latter backed from a parking place. Damages to each vehicle were judged at \$15.

A parked car owned by Vivian M. Miller of Decatur was hit by a hit-and-run driver while parked on Madison street north of the court house. The vehicle inflicting the damage was identified as a green pick-up truck. Damages to the left rear fender of the Miller car amounted to \$30.

Robert F. West, Hubbard, Ohio, was arrested east of Decatur by state police for speeding. West was fined five dollars and costs totaling \$19.75 in Justice of the Peace court.

One arrest was recorded Sunday. Joan Harrell of route three Decatur, was arrested on south Thirteenth street for speeding. A one dollar fine and costs amounting to \$15.75 was assessed by Justice of the Peace Floyd Hunter.

An unusual accident occurred (Continued on Page Two)

Tribe Violence May Cost Lives Of Over 1,000

French Troops To Aid Of Europeans In African Riots

CASABLANCA (INS) — French troops aided by tanks and fighter planes today attacked Berber tribesmen who had slaughtered Europeans during the weekend.

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The French attacked the tribesmen who were entrenched in the hills above the razed Moroccan town of Oued Zem, 30 miles south of Casablanca and the scene of Saturday's bloodbath.

First reports said that the French troops met determined resistance, but gave no estimate of casualties.

Two fresh battalions of French troops, made up of conscripts, were flown into Casablanca from France Sunday night to join French foreign legionnaires and elements of the fourth light infantry regiment and a Spanish armored cavalry regiment.

In neighboring Algeria, scene of the greatest number of week-end killings in the Arab Nationalist drive for freedom from France, officials announced the total destruction of nine Algerian hamlets.

Women and children were evacuated and the troops then destroyed the East Algerian hamlets because it was said the men not only harbored rebels but joined in mass attacks on some towns and were (Continued on Page Three)

Contract Rejection Reasons Are Given

Local U. E. Leader Says, "Why Rush?"

President Henry Stauffer of UE Local 924, which presently represents the workers at the General Electric plant in Decatur, today issued the following statement on the wage and contract proposals made by GE to both UE and IUE-CIO, and which has been accepted by IUE-CIO national leaders.

"The first question we in UE must ask of other union members who are considering this GE offer is - what is the rush? This is the first offer made so far by the company. As in all previous years we are in the trade union movement know that to negotiate means to discuss, to give and to take. It does not mean grabbing the first offer by the company, which was obviously right.

"In addition to proposals on wages, insurance and pensions which the Company has adequately publicized, it is important that the people of our community also know that GE has made these proposals contingent upon our acceptance of provisions which would go far to support our present contract.

"GE further proposes a five year contract. Large sections of the labor movement, especially in the auto industry, have just rejected continuing the five year contract practice as doing injury to the workers it represents. In fact UAW-CIO Allis Chalmers workers have just turned down a four year contract (Continued on Page Two)

Over 34,000 Families In Eastern Flood Area Routed From Homes

President Will View Disaster From His Plane

Plans Temporary Headquarters For Aid To Homeless

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Mr. Eisenhower personally announced his plans before television and newsreel cameras at the summer White House shortly after returning back to work from a Rocky Mountain fishingtrip.

He appealed to Americans to contribute generously to the special Red Cross fund drive to aid victims of the most savage floods in the history of the northeast.

Speaking from a briefing room at Lowry Air Force Base, Mr. Eisenhower declared:

"The heart of America is not going to stand still while other Americans are in distress and in need of help . . .

"My own reaction is that we will, of course, pitch in and help."

The President gave the Civil Defense Administration a "blank check" today to use as much money as necessary from his \$12,000,000 disaster fund to aid flood and storm victims.

Mr. Eisenhower will set up an emergency office at Hartford, possibly aboard his plane, for conferences with the governors, Civil Defense Administrator Val Peterman, E. Roland Harriman, chairman of the Red Cross, and other officials.

He had planned to take off from Denver Tuesday morning for a stopover in Washington en route to Philadelphia, where he will deliver a major speech. Instead, he will leave Denver about 9 p.m. MST tonight with his flight timed to take him over the flood area shortly after sunrise.

WASHINGTON (INS) — The Small Business Administration today designated the entire state of Connecticut and nine counties in Rhode Island, New York and New

Ohio Woman Killed 10 Hurt In Mishap

Accident Occurs East Of Van Wert

VAN WERT, O. (INS) — A 28-year-old Latty, O., woman was killed and 10 others — including her husband and three small children — were injured in a collision which demolished two cars at a county road intersection about 20 miles northeast of Van Wert early Sunday evening.

The dead woman was Mrs. Dema Rae Sexton, of near Lattry, in Putnam county. Her husband, Stanley G. Sexton, 50, and their two-year-old daughter Dema Ann are on the critical list at the Parkview hospital in Ft. Wayne, Ind., where they were taken after receiving first aid treatment at the county hospital in Paulding. They have possible skull fractures and other injuries.

Their five-year-old son, Francis, suffering from a broken collar bone and severe lacerations of the face, and their eight-year-old son, were held at the Paulding hospital.

However, negotiations between the company and the CIO United Auto Workers were resumed today.

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Miller suffered a fractured jaw. His passengers were:

Albert Smith, 48, lacerations; Smith's wife, Loretta, 45, broken left hip and right arm; their daughter, Bernice, 5, severe bruises; another daughter, Virginia, 10, severe injuries to both legs; and their 20-year-old daughter, Mary Lou, shock.

All were taken to St. Rita's hospital in Lima, after emergency treatment at the Paulding county hospital.

The Smiths live near Ft. Jennings, about 15 miles west of Lima.

Mrs. Myrtle Strock Dies At Bluffton

Local Lady's Mother Ill Several Years

FUNERAL SERVICES for Mrs. Myrtle Langston of Decatur, who died Saturday afternoon at South View nursing home Bluffton, will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Black's funeral home here with Rev. Ray J. Walther, pastor of the First Presbyterian church officiating. Burial will be in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at Roanoke.

Mrs. Strock had been ill for several years and critical the last two weeks. She was born July 27, 1873 at Roanoke, daughter of DeRoy and Malissa W. Weich.

The deceased was married in 1895 to Alexander M. Brown, who died in 1901. In 1912, she married W. H. Strock, who died April 30, 1928.

Mrs. Strock resided with the Langstons in Decatur for more than 10 years. In addition to the daughter, she is survived by two sisters. They are Mrs. T. K. Biggs, Delphos, O. and Mrs. B. H. Smith, Fort Wayne. Two grandchildren and two great grandchildren also survive. Two brothers and a sister preceded Mrs. Strock in death.

Friends may call at Black's funeral home today and until time of the funeral services Tuesday.

Legion Meeting Set For 8 p.m. Tonight

First meeting of Adams post, American Legion under its 1955-56 officers is scheduled for 8 o'clock tonight at the Legion home. Following announcement of committee fees for the coming year and the business session a chop suey luncheon will be served.

All members are invited to attend both the meeting and the luncheon which will follow.

Planes Act As Observers For Struck Plants

Governor Warns Against Violence At Perfect Circle

NEW CASTLE, Ind. (INS) — Indiana National Guard planes flew over the strike bound Perfect Circle Corp. plants at New Castle and Hagerstown today.

And National Guard observers, headed by Col. Howard S. Wulff, were in action on the ground.

Governor George N. Craig Saturday withdrew state police from the strike area but warned emphatically that he would declare martial law and send guardsmen to the plants affected in New Castle, Hagerstown and Richmond, if violence continues.

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Peter Everett Dies At Vet's Hospital

Was Veteran Of First World War

PETER EVERETT, 67, Decatur route three, died Saturday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at Veterans hospital, Fort Wayne, where he had been a patient for 28 days. He had been in ill health for three years.

A son of Barney and Mary Passwater Everett, the deceased was born October 9, 1887, in Blue Creek township. He was a retired farmer; a member of the American Legion and a veteran of World War I.

Surviving are two brothers, Joseph C. Everett, Decatur, route three and Grover C. Everett, Troy, O. Two sisters, Mrs. Frank Delling, Decatur route six and Mrs. Anna Longenberger, Decatur route five, also survive.

The body was removed to the Zwick funeral home here, where friends may call until the time of the funeral. Services will be held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, with Rev. Harley Davis, officiating.

Graveside military services will be conducted and burial will be in Tricker cemetery.

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Geneva Girl In Top 4-H Demonstration

Best In State To Take Part At Fair

One of the finest programs during the 1955 state fair will feature the state's top 18 demonstrators by 4-H girls Thursday, Sept. 1. One of the demonstrators will be Nancy Jo Liechty of Geneva.

Miss Edna Troth, assistant 4-H leader at Purdue university, says these demonstrations represent the best of 25,000 demonstrations given in the local clubs and at county and district contests.

The five high placing demonstrators will receive a week's trip, sponsored by the state fair board, to Washington, D. C. the United Nations and other points of interest.

Demonstrators are Jeanne O'Shea, Washington; Nancy Tower, Campbellsburg; Almeda Kemp, Wheatland; Louise Mueller, route 9; Evansville; Miss Liechty, Geneva; Linda Schermerhorn, Waukesha; Judy Rees, Columbus; Dorothy Carter, Brownsburg; Judy Stipe, New Ross.

Janet Chambers