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## Great Plains Paralyzed By Holiday Blizzard; Many Towns Isolated

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A holiday blizzard paralyzed the Great Plains today and sent howling blasts of cold, snow and sleet into the Mississippi Valley.

Safety officials posted dangerous driving warnings as highways coated over with ice or disappeared altogether beneath the 11-inch snowfall and four-foot drifts.

The storm isolated towns, trapped livestock in farmland pastures and apparently swallowed seven persons missing in four small airplanes somewhere in the vast blizzard area.

The storm centered in eastern Nebraska and spread blizzard conditions from northwest Kansas through western Nebraska, extreme eastern Wyoming, Montana and most of the Dakotas.

The storm was expected to bite to the Midwest today, bringing heavy snow, high winds and drifts to Minnesota, Wisconsin and northern Michigan.

Sleet and freezing rain were to produce dangerous driving conditions in northwest Illinois and northeast Iowa.

Snowfalls mounted to 11 inches in western Nebraska, where whistling 60 m.p.h. winds reduced visibility to zero.

In the Southwest, Silver City, N.M., was isolated by its third big storm in 16 days. Sheriff John Turney banned all travel from the beleaguered town when eight inches of snow and four-foot drifts blocked highways in the vicinity.

Two pilots were safe after being reported missing in the storm.

Warren Racine, 25, Denver, Colo., walked to a ranch after spending 18 hours in his crashed airplane.

A pilot believed lost near the Kansas-Nebraska border turned up safe at Crete, Neb.

Arthur Wilke, Sioux Falls, S.D., told authorities he was forced to land at Washington, Kan., where he spent New Year's Eve. He took off again Friday for Yankton, S.D., but heavy snows forced him down once more at Crete.

The U.S. Weather Bureau predicted a belt of freezing rain or rain and snow from northern Missouri and eastern Iowa across northern Illinois and Indiana into southern Michigan today.

Other rain was expected to stretch eastward from the storm-bound Mississippi Valley into the central and southern East Coast areas.

More snow flurries and cold weather were forecast over western mountain areas, with rain in the Pacific Northwest.

### Rome City Man Held For Killing Infant

KENDALLVILLE, Ind. (UPI) — A mentally disturbed man hurled his ailing 14-month-old son to the cement floor of a hospital corridor Friday, then kicked the prone body. The baby died a short time later, his skull fractured.

Paul D. Young, 27, Rome City, was subdued by five hospital visitors and attendants at McCray Hospital here and placed in a straitjacket.

The child, Roy Lee Young, was slain just after the hospital released him following four days of treatment for convulsions, ear infections and pinworms.

Young and his wife, Paralee, 26, called at the hospital to take the child home. Young collapsed in a waiting room and was given medical attention. He apparently recovered and walked to a hospital

### Seek To Avert Resumption Of Steel Strike

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Eisenhower administration worked behind the scenes today trying to head off a resumption of the steel strike Jan. 26 but no progress was reported toward settling the seven-month-old dispute.

Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell held special conferences Friday with union and management officials in the government's step-up effort to find a solution before the Steelworkers are free to walk out of the mills again.

Mitchell conferred separately with Steelworkers President David J. McDonald and chief industry negotiator R. Conrad Cooper. Union attorney Arthur J. Goldberg sat in on the Mitchell-McDonald session.

Federal Mediation Chief Joseph P. Finnegan earlier this week suspended his efforts to bring the two sides together.

Mitchell and Vice President Richard M. Nixon disclosed recently that they had been holding a series of meetings with both union and company officials as part of the administration's behind-the-scenes effort to find agreement.

Nixon was expected to join in the conferences again after he returns from the West Coast, where he attended the New Year's Day Rose Bowl football game.

According to Nixon, President Eisenhower is being kept fully informed of developments. But so far it appears there has been little to report.

Chances are remote that the controversy will be settled before the Steelworkers vote Jan. 11-13 on the company's final contract.

McDonald has predicted the 500,000 Steelworkers will vote overwhelmingly to reject it.

The balloting is required by the Taft-Hartley law before an 80-day back-to-work order expires Jan. 26.

crab where his wife was dressing the boy.

Young, police said, took the child from his mother's arms and walked to a corridor crowded with ambulatory patients and New Year's Day visitors. There he grabbed the baby by its heels and dashed it violently against the floor, kicking the body repeatedly until he was subdued. Mrs. Young's screams brought hospital attendants on the run.

The child died three hours later.

Authorities took Young to Parkview Memorial Hospital at nearby Fort Wayne and placed him in a psychiatric ward. A temporary charge of assault and battery with intent to commit murder was lodged against Young.

Mrs. Young told authorities her husband was confined to a Knoxville, W. Va., mental hospital twice after being involved in traffic accidents in 1956 and 1958.

The Youngs moved to Rome City last June. They have four other children ranging in age from 2 to 7.

Mrs. Young told police her husband seemed very nervous the last week but had not harmed or threatened any of the family.

## Traffic Death Toll Mounting

By United Press International  
Safety officials warned today that the fast-rising traffic death count might break the highway slaughter record for a New Year's holiday.

American motorists were killing themselves off at a clip that threatened to crack the all-time high for a three-day New Year's holiday of 358, set in 1955.

"If the toll continues at its present rate the nation will wind up with its worst highway record for a New Year's in history," a National Safety Council spokesman said.

"We can only hope," he said, "that the enormity of the toll will shock the nation into more sober,

### Budget Heads Meet With Ike

#### At Least Eight Die In Indiana Traffic

United Press International

At least eight persons were killed in Indiana traffic during the first 24 hours of the 78-hour New Year's holiday weekend.

Four persons were killed New Year's Eve, boosting the 1959 highway death toll to 1,113, or 54 more than the final total for the year before.

Four others were killed during the first few hours of the new year.

Leroy (Red) Ownes, 36, Lansing, Ill., the first reported victim of 1960, was killed Friday in a two-car crash at Hammond at 1:30 a.m. c.s.t. Ownes was a local radio personality who broadcast from a Hammond station (WJOB).

His foreign car collided with another car at an intersection. Robert Leon Dudley, 25, Bloomington, was killed Friday in a three-car crash north of Bedford on Ind. 37.

Edwin Thalman, 29, Gary, was killed Friday when his car crashed into a sign and utility pole at Michigan City.

John Patrick Sned, 25, Rolling Prairie, was injured fatally Friday in a head-on crash on U.S. 20 east of New Carlisle.

Killed New Year's Eve were Roland H. Rosby, 22, Starbuck, Minn., a Bunker Hill Air Force Base airman, near Peru; Darrell Penick, 20, Fremont, in Steuben County; Alvin Holpp, 58, Evansville, near Evansville, and Charles Weaver, 69, Syracuse, at Syracuse.

Rosby was killed in a two-car crash on U.S. 31 near Peru.

Penick was killed near Angola, only 800 feet south of the Indiana-Michigan state line.

Holpp was hit by a car as he walked along a road. Driver of the car was identified as Gilbert Kramer, 56, Crestwood, Mo. Holpp died at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville about three hours after the accident.

Weaver also was a pedestrian. He was struck by a car driven by Harry Seaster, Millersburg, on Ind. 13 in downtown Syracuse. He died in a Goshen hospital about two hours later.

In the accident which killed Dudley, George Deckard, 21, Bedford, was injured.

Thalman was the first traffic victim inside Michigan City in more than a year. His death occurred shortly after the year 1959 ended with a clean traffic death slate for the city of 30,000 population.

A new contract covering the city's 29,000 bus and subway workers granted them a 40-cent hourly increase in wages and fringe items. Bus employees on seven private lines also gained wage increases and fringe items totalling 36 cents an hour.

A surprise strike against three affiliated bus companies operating in northern New Jersey and Rockland County, N.Y., was called Friday although a contract settlement had been agreed to by union negotiators.

#### Decatur Ministers Will Meet Monday

The Decatur ministerial association will meet Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock at the Zion Evangelical and Reformed church. The devotions will be presented by the Rev. George Yarian, pastor of the assembly of God church.

#### Douglas Allen Lehman First Baby Of 1960

Douglas Allen Lehman is the first baby born in 1960 at the Adams county memorial hospital.

Weighting in at seven pounds, one-half ounce, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Allen Lehman, South Third street. Mrs. Lehman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David E. Brown, route two, Decatur. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lehman, Belmont road, Decatur.

Multiple accidents — in cars, planes and fires — sent the death toll skyrocketing.

### City Officials Take Offices Here Friday

The new city administration took office Friday at 1 p.m., county clerk Richard D. Lewton swearing the officials into office at the city hall in the council chamber.

Donald F. Gage, the new mayor, took office and announced the following appointments:

Board of works, Gage, chairman; Robert S. Anderson, Lawrence Kohne.

Water committee, Norbert Aumann, chairman, Frank Braun, Carl Gerber.

Street and sewer committee, Gerber, chairman, Aumann, Kohne.

Park committee, Braun, chairman, Clyde Drake, Gerber.

Finance committee, Braun, chairman, Aumann, Drake.

Ordinance committee, Drake, chairman, Braun, Kohne.

Electric light committee, Kohne, chairman, Aumann, Gerber.

Department heads were named as follows: Chief of police, James M. Borders; fire chief, Cedric Fisher; street department, Adolph Kolter; city engineer, and head of the water and sewer departments, Ralph E. Roop; utility auditor, Ed Kaufman; city attorney and chairman of the law department, Robert S. Anderson.

Gage spoke briefly to the council, and in his introductory message charged the department and committee heads with their duties. "Prayer makes life good. It is normal and necessary. If there is a God, then not to pray is unrealistic — like living in a house with someone and pretending to be alone. It distorts life to ignore reality. As St. Augustine put it, 'Thou hast made us for Thyself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee.'

"Luther said, 'As a shoemaker makes a shoe, and a tailor makes a coat, so ought a Christian to pray. Prayer is the daily business of a Christian.' A modern scientist, Dr. Alexis Carrel, said, 'Prayer is a force as real as terrestrial gravity. As a physician, I have seen men, after all other therapy had failed, lifted out of disease and melancholy by the serene effort of prayer . . . when we pray we link ourselves with the inexhaustible motive power that spins the universe.'

#### INDIANA WEATHER

Cloudy and colder with occasional light rain or drizzle changing to light snow tonight.

Sunday cloudy and colder with snow flurries. Low tonight 22

20 to 24° south. High Sunday

28 to 30° south. Outlook

for Monday: Cloudy and cold

with scattered snow flurries mainly north portion.

INDIANAPOLIS Man Is  
Found Dead Of Smoke

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Francis E. Scott, 39, Indianapolis, was found dead on the floor of his home Friday night, apparently the victim of smoke inhalation caused by a fire in an overstuffed chair.

Crushed To Death As  
Car Slips Off Jack

NEW CARLISLE, Ind. (UPI) — Donald Gene Milcoff, 19, was crushed to death Friday when his car slipped off a jack as he worked beneath it making repairs at his farm near here.

In addition to the widow, he leaves three sons, Howard, Washington, Ill., Lores, route three, Decatur, and Ivan, route one, Berne; four daughters, Miss Dora E. Steury, at home, Miss Mable M. Steury, Selinsgrove, Pa., Mrs. Wendell Bryant, Pierceton, and Mrs. Homer Arnold, Jr., route two, Decatur; 16 grandchildren; five brothers, Daniel P., route one, Berne; Menno P., route one, Berne; Peter P., Danville, Ill., Joel P., Pomona, Calif., and Albert E., Hastings, Mich.; and one sister, Mrs. L. Reuben Schwartz, route one, Berne.

Friends may call at the Yager

funeral home, Berne, after 7 p.m.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday in the Evangelical Mennonite church, the Rev. E. G. Steiner officiating.

Burial will be in the church cemetery.

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