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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 with ice or disappeared altogether beneath the 11-inch snowfall and four-foot drifts.

The storm isolated towns, trapped livestock in farmlands 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 Wikle, 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-bomb 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 subpoenaed 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 stepped-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 F. 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 offer. 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.

crib 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 Knox-ville, W. Va., mental hospital twice after being involved in traffic accidents in 1956 and 1959.

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.

Budget Heads Meet With Ike

AUGUSTA, Ga. (UPI)—President Eisenhower takes a fresh look today at budget figures which he hopes will show the Treasury in the black for this and the next fiscal year.

Four Budget Bureau and White House officials flew here Friday night to confer with the Chief Executive about the budget message which he will send Jan. 12 to the Democratic-controlled Congress.

The four were Budget Director Maurice Stans, Deputy Director Elmer Staats and Gerald D. Morgan and Robert E. Merriam of the White House staff.

Eisenhower's budget for the 1961 fiscal year beginning next July 1 is expected to estimate federal spending in the neighborhood of \$1 billion dollars with a surplus of one to two billion dollars. If spending should reach \$1 billion in that fiscal year, it would be a peacetime record.

The peacetime record for federal spending was set in the 1959 fiscal year which ended last June 30, when the outgo from the federal Treasury totaled \$30,000,000,000.

Eisenhower's budget message will also contain updated estimates of federal spending and revenue for the 1960 fiscal year ending next June 30. The last of fiscal estimates, released in September, put federal spending this year at almost 7 billion dollars and indicated a surplus of about 100 million dollars.

However, those estimates did not anticipate the economic slowdown caused by the 116-day steel strike which cut the revenue side of the budget.

The weather at the President's vacation retreat was too cold for golf, so Eisenhower spent New Year's afternoon watching the bowl football games on television.

New York's Transit Strike Is Averted

NEW YORK (UPI)—Labor contracts with bus and subway workers gave the city's six million daily riders two years of transit peace today but a bus line strike in New Jersey will cause difficulty for 10,000 commuters.

Settlement of New York's bus and subway wage dispute came a few hours before the 5 a.m. New Year's Day strike deadline set by the Transport Workers Union.

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.

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 Sneed, 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 Cramer, 50, 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.

Sneed's wife, Joyce, 25, and two occupants of the other car were hurt and taken to Memorial Hospital at South Bend.

Ownes car collided with one driven by George Sinter, 22, Chicago. Although Ownes lived in Illinois, he operated an auto agency at Hammond.

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 devotion 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.

Weighing 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 20, Decatur. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lehman, Belmont road, Decatur.

Week Of Prayer In Decatur Next Week

Next week, Jan. 3 to 9, will be observed throughout Christendom as a Week of Prayer.

The week will be observed in Decatur by each of the churches sponsoring its own program of either cottage prayer meetings, special prayer services or merely having the churches open for individual prayer and meditation.

A spokesman for the Decatur ministerial association said, "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.'"

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.

Cloudy and colder with occasional light rain or drizzle changing to light snow tonight. Sunday cloudy and colder with snow flurries. Low tonight 22 north to 34 south. High Sunday 28 north to 39 south. Outlook for Monday: Cloudy and cold with scattered snow flurries mainly north portion.

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NEW CARLISLE, Ind. (UPI)—Donald Gene Milcott, 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.

Dump Quickie Summit Plans

LONDON (UPI)—The Western Allies have junked earlier plans for making the May East-West summit meeting in Paris a "quickie," responsible British sources said today.

Now, according to the informants, the Western Big Three expect the meeting to last 8 to 10 days — and perhaps even longer. In making the switch, the West apparently has bowed to Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev's wishes for a conference with time to discuss such issues as disarmament, Berlin, Germany and East-West relations.

The West's original summit invitation to Russia on Dec. 22 was sent with the idea of a "quickie" conference lasting four or five days at the most.

Suggests Two Dates
The invitation proposed the summit open on April 27, although the West was fully aware that Khrushchev would have to be in Moscow for the annual May Day celebrations five days later.

The sources said Khrushchev's counter-proposal on Christmas Day left no doubt that he had a longer meeting in mind, although he did not spell this out in so many words.

Khrushchev suggested either April 21 or May 4. The sources said the first date was a clear hint that he was ready to "sit down for 8 to 10 days with the Western leaders."

No time limit was specified in the West's subsequent proposal for the May 16 meeting in Paris which Khrushchev promptly accepted. And British sources said 8 to 10 days now appeared the probable duration.

Wants Continuous Meetings
The East-West summit meeting in Geneva in July 1955 lasted six days.

British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan in an interview with the London Daily Express Friday said he thought the first summit meeting would last "about eight days."

Macmillan has been pushing his

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. Gage told them that he expected the various departments to work independent of the mayor and the council on routine matters, and bring only important things to their attention.

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Appointments Made By Commissioners

At the start of the new year, the county commissioners announced new appointments to various county offices after electing a chairman and vice chairman of the group. They met New Year's Day in the offices of county auditor Ed Jaberg, naming the appointees.

Loren Heller, of route 1, Berne, will serve as new chairman of the commissioners, while Hugo Boeger, newly elected commissioner, will do honors as vice chairman. Stanley Arnold, of route 6, Decatur, will serve as the third member.

Dubach on Hospital Board
Eli Dubach, of Hartford township, received a four-year appointment to the Adams county memorial hospital board, replacing incumbent Henry I. Rumble, of Jefferson township. Rumble had applied for re-appointment but the commissioners denied his bid and one of Vilas A. Schindler, of Berne, in choosing Dubach.

Other members of the hospital board are Dee Fryback, of Decatur, Cal E. Peterson, of Decatur, and August Nagel, of Berne.

David Macklin, Decatur attorney replaces Robert S. Anderson as county attorney in the list of appointments issued by the now two-to-one Democratic board. Macklin will take his one-year appointment effective Feb. 1, 1960. Anderson is the new city attorney.

Dr. Rich Re-Appointed
Dr. Norval Rich, of Decatur, was also re-appointed as county physician. Melvin Kohler, of 330 N. 10th street, will take over the county house custodianship from Orval Sudduth on Feb. 1. Kohler, now an employee at the Arnold Lumber Co. applied for the position with Sudduth and Elmer Tindall. Sudduth takes over janitorial work at the city hall. Mrs. Edna Werst was re-appointed court house matron.

The county infirmity appraisers were appointed but have not yet returned the appraisal of the equipment and livestock on the county farm. Doyle Gilbert, of route 1, Monroe, and Lewellyn Lehman, of French township, are the appraisers.

Injuries Are Fatal To Chris P. Steury

Funeral services will be conducted Monday for Chris P. Steury, 67, who died at 4:45 p.m. Friday in the Adams county memorial hospital of injuries sustained last September in a fall from a barn roof.

Mr. Steury had been working on the roof of a barn on the farm on route two, Berne, farmed by his son, Ivan. Falling to the cement flooring from the roof, he suffered a basal skull fracture, severe brain concussion and severe head lacerations. He failed to regain consciousness.

A lifelong resident of Adams county, he was born January 21, 1892, in Monroe township, to Peter and Mary Mazell Steury. July 16, 1916, he and Emilia Habbeger were united in marriage.

A retired farmer and carpenter, he resided at 617 North Jefferson street, Berne. He was a member of the Evangelical Mennonite church in Berne.

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, Sellersgrove, Pa., Mrs. Wendell Bryant, Piercetown, 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. today. 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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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,

BULLETIN

PAHOKEE, Fla. (UPI)—The highway patrol said today at least eight persons were killed in a head-on collision 27 miles south of South Bay on U. S. 27. Troopers on the scene radioed a ninth person may be dead.

thoughtful and careful driving."

United Press International figures at 8 a.m. c.s.t. showed 191 persons killed in traffic accidents. In addition, 21 died in fires and 27 perished in miscellaneous accidents for a total of 239.

Michigan led the states in highway carnage with 20 deaths, fol-

lowed by California with 15, Florida 14, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and New York with 12 each, and Texas with 10.

Before the week end began, the Safety Council said it feared 320 Americans would die on the highways—about the same as in 1953 and 1954.

But in 1954, only 84 persons had been killed during the first 24 hours of the holiday. More than 140 had been killed at 6 p.m. Friday night, 24 hours after the 1960 holiday began.

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



HUNGARIAN FAMILY REUNITED—Peter Fek