

Snowfall Slacks Off In Decatur

Decatur's snowfall slacked off this morning according to reports from weather observer Louis Lanigan as only .03 inches of precip-

itation was recorded this morning. Monday, the snowfall amounted to about one-half inch, or .06 of precipitation. St. Mary's river also is declining as the level today is 9.45 feet. Monday, the river was 10.75 feet. Saturday, the river

reached above the theoretical flood stage of 13 feet by hitting the high mark of 13.12 feet. Precipitation Saturday amounted to .05 inch.

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Ike Has One Year Left In White HouseBy MERRIMAN SMITH
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WASHINGTON (UPI) — Back-

stairs at the White House:

Give or take a few hours, President Eisenhower has precisely one year left in the White House, and during that year he can be relied upon to make many more trips of the type he made last week to Albany, Ga.

Eisenhower now accepts the jet age and intends to live in it. He sped from Washington to southwest Georgia in less time than it takes him to motor from the White House to his farm in Gettysburg.

His government 707 jet transport puts good weather within close reach of Washington when measured in flying time, and the President is not expected to spend too many weekends cooped up by bad weather.

The clue to Eisenhower's hunting trip to the Georgia estate of W. Alton Jones was available well in advance, but few people recognized it as such. The weekend before he flew South the President was out on his skeet range in Gettysburg, sharpening up his shooting eye.

He rarely uses the skeet range unless he plans to do some hunting or wants to try out a new gun. In this case, it was both because he brought back several inviting gift guns from Europe.

Could it be a sign of world conditions? Frequently, at weekly intervals, an official of the Central Intelligence Agency comes to the White House for a highly secret briefing on hot spots around the globe for the benefit of ranking members of the President's staff.

This is in addition to the daily situation report for the President from CIA and the CIA reviews before the National Security council.

The President very much dislikes the pigeons that on occasion dirty up his glistening clean barn

roof in Gettysburg. He's been known to take out after them with his shotgun.

Now, he's after birds of another feather—starlings at the White House.

The Park Service has been trying out a new anti-starling spray. It worked with some success on the south grounds of the White House where the trees were drenched with the new potion.

Recently the north grounds were sprayed and what happened? The starlings moved across the street to the old State Department building.

So, the spray program had to be widened to include the trees around Old State and therein lies a new problem: The spray apparently has run most of the pesky birds away from the White House, but to where? Next door.

The park people, to be fair about the whole thing, may have to end up spraying an awful lot of downtown real estate. By the time they reach the suburbs, the spray at the White House will be worn off the trees, the starlings will be back and the process will have to start all over again.

Seems sort of hopeless.

Sen. Hartke Scores Flood Control Plan

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen.

Vance Hartke (D-Ind.) assailed

President Eisenhower's flood control program Monday and accused the president of issuing misleading figures in his budget statement.

Hartke said in a prepared statement released by his Washington office that Eisenhower "gutted" the program.

"Ravaged by flood waters again and again, Indiana is now washed out by the President," Hartke said.

Hartke was particularly critical of Eisenhower's statement that the budget provision for flood control and navigation increased this year.

"He has ignored the fact that the increase is for the Panama Canal, not Indiana," Hartke said. He stated that, though the total money recommendations increased, there was little or no increase for projects along the Wa-

bash and Ohio River valleys. He said the Mason J. Niobrara and West Terre Haute levees, for which planning funds were appropriated in the current year, were eliminated from the 1961 budget.

Hartke said further that many of the projects recommended by Sen. Homer Capehart (R-Ind.) and himself were endorsed by the Army engineers.

"We are asked to stand still with development of modern locks and dams on the Ohio River, which now carries more tonnage than the Panama Canal and is our chief navigable river in the United States," Hartke said. "The Wabash River, which drains 80 percent of Indiana, is practically ignored."

Hartke also had some strong criticism for the way the administration handled the recent steel strike.

He charged that Eisenhower's "hands off" policy prolonged the strike needlessly with the result that "the strike ended with the hand of leadership absent and the hand of politics present."

Tobe E. Hostetler Is Taken By Death

Tobe E. Hostetler, 75, father of Mrs. Peter Hiltz of Berne, died in his sleep early Sunday morning at the home of a son near Fredericksburg, O. He had been ailing with diabetes but his death was unexpected.

He was born Jan. 31, 1884, at Berlin, O. Surviving are the widow, Emma; six sons and three daughters, Vost of Holmesville, O., Dan, William, Eli, Mablon, Joni, Mrs. Dan Miller of Fredericksburg, Mrs. Hiltz, and Mrs. Jacob E. Hershberger of Apple Creek, O.

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