

Another Bitter Storm Rips Southern Plains; Death Toll Is Mounting

Mercury Skids To Near Zero Friday Night

United Press International
Low temperature records for the season were equalled at Indianapolis today as the mercury plunged to four degrees above zero in a cold wave that slipped into Indiana on the heels of the winter's worst snowstorm.

The brunt of the icy wave struck the middle third of Hoosierland. Lafayette's three above was the coldest reported officially by the Weather Bureau. It was 8 above at Terre Haute, 9 above at Fort Wayne, 10 above at Chicago, 14 at South Bend and Evansville, 17 at Cincinnati and 21 at Louisville.

The four above mark at Indianapolis was the coldest recorded there since last Nov. 17, which previously was the chilliest day of the 1959-60 winter with a four-above low. Since that date, the mercury had dropped no lower than seven above in the capital, once in January and once earlier this week.

Skies cleared over most of the state to pave the way for the near-zero readings.

The mercury stayed below freezing throughout Friday and prevented the up to 12-inch blanket of snow that covered the state from melting much except on sidewalks and highway surfaces, where traffic was fast returning to normal.

The Indiana State Highway Department reported this morning that roads around the state were mostly clear.

There was no heavy snow in the forecasts for the weekend and Monday, although predictions indicated flurries and light snow would occur in various portions of the state daily.

Temperatures crested Friday between 28 at South Bend and 31 at Evansville. Highs today will range from the mid to upper 20s, lows tonight from 5 to 20 and highs Sunday from the mid 20s to the low 30s. Continued cold was predicted for Monday.

Escape Serious Injury When Plane Crashes

LOWELL, Ind. (UPI)—Two men escaped serious injury Friday when their light plane developed engine trouble and crash-landed in a field west of here.

The men were identified as Dale Whitener, the pilot, and William Morland, both of Mount Vernon, Ill.

State police said the plane was forced down when a crankshaft broke. It made a wheels-up landing on a snowy field near the intersection of U.S. 41 and Ind. 2.

Ike Rests In Andean Resort

BUENOS AIRES (UPI)—President Eisenhower takes a breather today in his strenuous schedule and flies to the Andean Mountain resort of San Carlos de Bariloche with President Arturo Frondizi for informal talks — and perhaps a bit of golf, swimming, hiking, fishing or just loafing.

Senators Meet In Saturday Session

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The legislative mills ground to a halt in the Senate this week, short-circuited by the leadership's determination to reach a civil rights vote and stubborn Southern resistance.

Senators met today in an unusual Saturday session to continue the fiery 11-day-old debate. They faced the prospect of around-the-clock meetings beginning Monday.

Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson (Tex.) declared he would start the 24-hour sessions if no vote was reached this week. Senate Republican Leader Everett M. Dirksen (Ill.) supported Johnson's plan.

But Southerners declared the action was "tranny" and "legislative blackmail." Sen. Strom Thurmond (D-S.C.), the chamber's filibuster champion, pledged a "fight to the finish." Sen. Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.) said "determined men" could not be quieted.

While the civil rights row raged, Appropriations Committee Chairman Carl Hayden (D-Ariz.) worked for agreement to allow passage of vital money bills as they become ready for full Senate action.

It appeared possible the Senate would have to wait for the House to clear its own civil rights bill before a vote would be reached. But House action was not expected for nearly two weeks.

Other congressional news: Veto: House Democrats failed to override President Eisenhower's veto of their bill to combat water pollution. It would have sharply increased federal grants to cities and towns to help build sewage treatment plants.

Defense: Central Intelligence Director Allen W. Dulles went back before the combined Senate preparedness-space committee. Chairman Johnson and administration defense critic Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.) said Dulles failed to clear up "confusion" over comparative U.S.-British missile strength.

Space: Atomic Energy Commission officials told the House Space Committee the United States could land a man on the moon ahead of schedule during the 1960's, but only if the nuclear-powered rocket program was pushed.

Rep. Randall Harmon Files Candidacy

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—Rep. Randall S. Harmon of the 10th District filed his candidacy for renomination Friday with the secretary of state, bringing to nine the incumbent Indiana congressmen officially entered in the May 3 primaries.

All 11 members of the Indiana delegation have indicated they will run again. Still to file are Ray Madden, 1st District, and Fred Wampler, 6th both Democrats.

Three Accidents Are Reported By Sheriff

The sheriff's department reported three accidents with two occurring Friday night and one early this morning. No injuries were noted, but \$2,000 in damages was totaled to five cars involved.

At 4 p.m. Friday, about one-half-mile south of Berne, a car driven by Elnora B. Shoemaker, 57, of route 2, Geneva, skidded into the path of a car driven by Elmer Affolder, 58, of route 1, Berne.

The accident on U. S. 27 was partially caused by the slick pavement, according to the sheriff's report. Damage to the Shoemaker car amounted to \$200 while \$600 was listed for the Affolder machine.

At 11 p.m. on U.S. 27, about one-half-mile south of Decatur, near Doc's Car Dock, a car driven by Stephen K. Hike, 16, of Monroe, crashed into the rear of a taxi driven by William J. Hunter, 39, of 128 N. 3rd street. Hunter told police that he was slowing with the intention of stopping to help another motorist who had skidded into a ditch.

The Hike car was unable to stop in time and plowed into the rear of the taxi, causing \$1,000 in damages, \$600 to the Hike machine and \$400 to the cab.

James H. Peters, 21, of Rochester, N.Y., caused \$200 damage to his car when he struck a fence post on the Herman Keller farm about five miles east of Decatur on U.S. 224 at 7 a.m. today. Peters told police that he tried to pass a semi-trailer, lost control and skidded on the slick road into the post.

Work Overtime To Aid Transportation

Swirling snow drifts caused more trouble in the Decatur rural area Friday night than Thursday when the snow fell, with more than 40 cars pulled out by the county highway department alone, Lawrence Noll, county highway superintendent, said this morning.

The persons stuck in the snow used every excuse from sightseeing to driving down the road to borrow eggs from a neighbor for being out Friday night.

In Old Days
Old-timers, who worked for the county highway department years ago, reported they used to have to walk a mile to a telephone, then wait for four or more hours for help. By use of the radio truck dispatching service, and with nearly every home equipped with a telephone, car rescue work has been speeded greatly.

The county highway department worked all night again, with the men taking turns on shifts, sleeping at the garage between times. Between 17 and 20 men were used, with two men in each truck. One drives, and the other works the snow plow, and they trade off regularly. There are four snow plows, two under-body scrapers, and two diesel graders in use.

Noll stated that the department hopes to have the roads clear again by evening; winds have kept the drifts moving back over the roads, although there has been no fresh snow.

City Street Work
The city street department also worked most of the night, clearing Second street in the main parking area, and Court street. Other streets still remain heavily covered, however. Work began on Monroe street this morning.

Slick roads caused three accidents Friday night, and basketball fans were cautioned to use extreme care in driving to the sectional this afternoon and evening.

Warning On Future Weapons Of Horror

WASHINGTON (UPI)—One of man's future horror weapons may be a global-range ballistic missile that hurtles 10,000 or 15,000 miles to its target via the bottom of the world.

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"But it is potentially possible for missiles to go around the other way," he told the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Alumni Association Friday night. "So it is important to have something better" than radar for warning.

The "something better" is the Midas satellite, the first test model of which the Air Force tried unsuccessfully to get into orbit from Cape Canaveral, Fla., Friday.

Detect Heat Trails
The Midas — meaning missile defense alarm system — will carry infra-red sensing devices to pick up the heat trails of missiles the moment they are launched.

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Such a system would at least double the 15-minute warning time now in prospect for any transarctic attack, he pointed out, and also could detect submarine-launched missiles.

One Driver Fined On Traffic Count

One local motorist paid \$1 and costs in justice of the peace court, another failed to appear, and a third will appear Feb. 29 to answer state police charges. Richard C. Lewton, 20, of route 1, Decatur, paid the fine after pleading guilty to speeding on U.S. 27, north of Decatur. He was arrested Feb. 20 by state police and appeared Thursday.

Gene Tricker, 17, of route 6, Decatur, who was arrested Feb. 15 on U.S. 33 in Pleasant Mills, failed to appear to answer state police charges. Lewis S. Heemstra, 47, of Quincy, Ill., was arrested this morning on U.S. 33 in Pleasant Mills for speeding at 7 a.m. He is slated to appear Monday to answer the charge.

C. Lee Custer Dies Early This Morning

C. Lee Custer, 76, well known Adams county resident, died at 1:30 o'clock this morning at his home in Pleasant Mills. He had been seriously ill for the past two weeks.

He was born in Mercer county, O., Jan. 8, 1884, a son of William and Sarah Strete-Custer, and was married to Mary Fuller Nov. 15, 1905.

Mr. Custer was superintendent of street car transportation for 30 years in Fort Wayne, Jackson, Mich., and New York City, and owned and operated a lumber company in Hicksville and Willshire, O., until his retirement in 1948.

Mr. Custer was a member of the Pleasant Mills Methodist church. Surviving in addition to his wife are one son, D. Burdette Custer of Decatur; one sister, Mrs. Hattie Beery of Bluffton; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. One brother and three sisters preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Zwick funeral home and at 2 p.m. at the Pleasant Mills Methodist church, the Rev. Leon Lacoax officiating. Burial will be in the Decatur cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 10 a.m. Saturday until time of the services.

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Mark Heart Sunday Here Over Weekend

Heart disease, the number one killer in America, can be stopped only by research, which is supported and directed by the funds obtained from the heart fund drive, Mrs. R. C. Hersh, county chairman, said today.

Across the nation Heart Sunday will be observed this weekend, but here in Adams county gifts have been pouring in all month.

Funds Needed
Those who have not yet contributed are asked to send their checks to Mrs. R. C. Hersh, chairman of the heart fund, 344 South First street, Decatur.

There are many forms of heart and circulatory disease, but 90% of them are caused by high blood pressure and "hardening of the arteries." Other known causes include rheumatic fever, inborn heart defects, infectious diseases and others.

Cause Strokes
Atherosclerosis and other blood vessel diseases cause damage to the brain, producing strokes, and to the kidneys and other vital organs. Strokes alone cause more than 180,000 deaths annually and cripple many more.

Disease of the heart and circulation are responsible for more than 875,000 deaths each year.

The economic loss attributed to heart trouble amounts to 69,200,000 man hours annually, estimated at \$1 billion. This in turn deprives the government of more than \$133,000,000 in federal income taxes from the lost earnings.

\$40 Million Research
America's heart associations, like Adams county's, have channeled more than \$40 million into research to find ways of treating and preventing all forms of heart and blood vessel disease.

This support has greatly speeded advances in diagnosis, treatment and prevention.

The heart fund dollars help to establish community heart programs designed to rehabilitate cardiacs and to help them continue in productive jobs; to prevent rheumatic fever and in other ways to help patients take advantage of our present knowledge.

Dice Is Appointed As General Manager

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—The appointment of Harold H. Dice as general manager of the Allison Division of General Motors Corp. here was announced Friday.

Dice, a native of Veedsburg and former executive at Muncie and Anderson GM plants, succeeds W. B. Newell, who retires Tuesday after 30 years with the firm.

22 Crash Injured Reported Critical

SHANNON, Ireland (UPI)—Survivors of the flaming crash of an Italian airliner fought today for their lives in three small hospitals near the disaster site but officials feared some were too badly injured to live.

All but one of 23 persons on the survivor list were reported in critical condition from burns, fractures, internal injuries and cuts. Several died Friday hours after the crash, raising the known death toll to 27. Two other persons were believed cremated in the crash.

A spokesman at Limerick Region Hospital said all of the crash patients there were still "in critical condition" but he said there had been no significant change during the night.

Teams of doctors worked through the night at Limerick Region Hospital, at the Barrington Hospital in Limerick and at the Ennis County Hospital.

A spokesman said it was impossible now to tell how long the survivors would be in the hospital—"it's just too early to know."

The Alitalia DC-7C airliner left Rome Thursday on what was to have been a non-stop flight to New York. The plane encountered headwinds and set down at Shannon to take on a full load of 7,000 gallons of fuel. Moments after takeoff at 1:30 a.m. Friday it fell and exploded in a graveyard with a blast that was heard for miles.

Sectional To End Tonight

NO TICKETS
Herman Frantz, Adams Central principal and sectional tourney manager, announced this morning that all tickets have been sold for the sectional and final sessions today. There will be no tickets for sale at the gym either this afternoon or tonight.

Adams Central's sectional champion will be crowned tonight. Semi-final games in the annual sectional meet were scheduled for this afternoon.

The Hartford Gorillas, who edged the Decatur Commodores, 55-53, in the tourney opener Thursday night, will meet the Adams Greyhounds, 62-45 conquerors of the Geneva Cardinals Thursday, in this afternoon's first semi-final at 1 o'clock.

In the second semi-final, the Decatur Yellow Jackets, defending champions, will meet the highly favored Berne Bears. These teams advanced with easy victories Thursday night, the Jackets with a 72-48 triumph over the Pleasant Mills Spartans, and the Bears with an 82-54 win over the Monmouth Eagles.

This afternoon's winners will battle at 8:15 tonight for the sectional crown.

Hartford and Adams Central met for the only time this season at the Adams Central gym, with the Greyhounds registering a 66-48 win over the Gorillas.

The Yellow Jackets entertained the Bears at the Decatur gym early in December, with Berne taking down a 62-55 victory.

The Adams Central sectional champions will carry on to the regional tourney at the coliseum in Fort Wayne next Saturday, March 5.

101-Year-Old Woman Dies At Wakarusa

WAKARUSA, Ind. (UPI)—Mrs. Leah Bechtel, 101, died at the farm home of her son, Henry, Thursday night. Mrs. Bechtel was born Jan. 16, 1859. She left 46 descendants.

Church Leaders Ask Apology For Charge

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Chairman Francis E. Walter has invited the National Council of Churches to dispute before his House Committee on Un-American Activities an Air Force manual's charges that Communists have infiltrated the pulpit.

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There was no immediate word on whether the council would accept the invitation.

But a spokesman for the ministers said Walter had ignored the issue raised by their telegram calling for him to retract his charges that American churchmen have Communist ties.

Symington Groups Are Being Formed

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A Symington - for - president organization is slowly taking form with the unofficial blessing but without the formal endorsement of its candidate.

This organization, dedicated to winning the Democratic presidential nomination for Sen. Stuart Symington of Missouri, opened a national headquarters this month in a Washington office building.

The headquarters manager is William H. Perkins, Jr., Chicago businessman and former backer of Adlai E. Stevenson.

Perkins official title is assistant to Rep. Charles H. Brown (D-Mo.), national chairman of the "Citizens for Symington Committee," who has traveled 20,000 miles so far recruiting support for the Missouri senator.

Brown told a United Press International reporter the Symington campaign already had formal organizations operating in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Utah and Washington state. He said others would be set up soon in other states.

Brown said the objective of these organizations was to present evidence to Symington that he had substantial support among delegates to the June Democratic convention in Los Angeles.

Symington has made it clear he is eager for the presidential nomination, although he has not declared himself a formal candidate.

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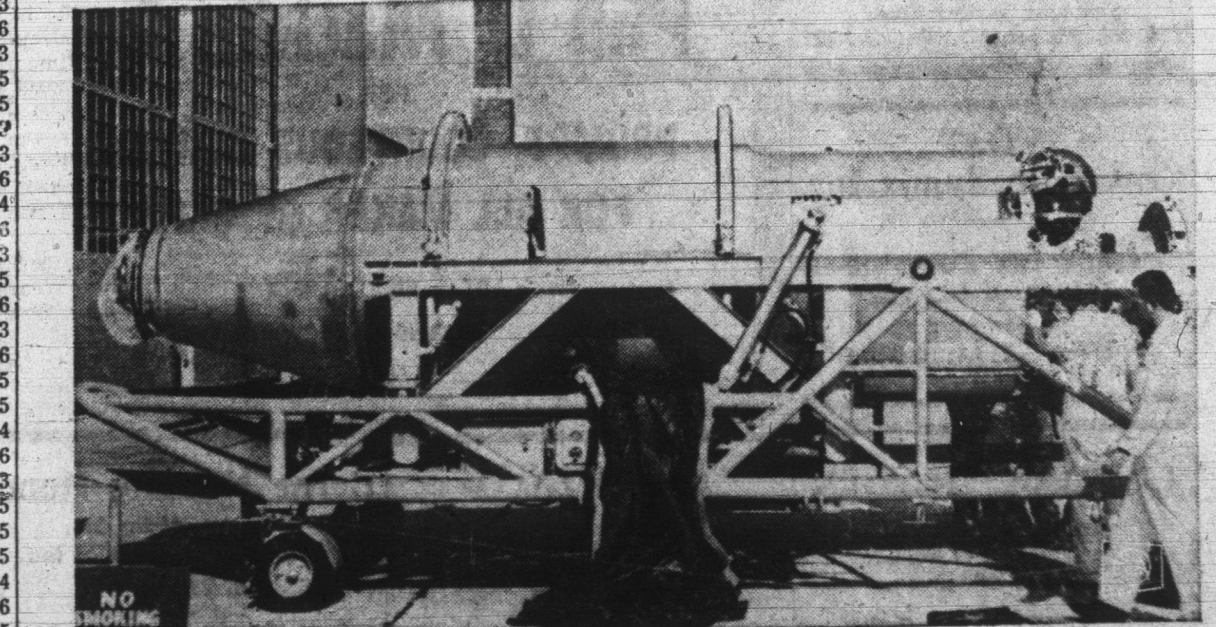
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