

## DROUGHT IS SPREADING EAST; FIVE PERSONS KILLED HERE; NORTH SIDE SWEEP BY STORM

Three Are Victims of Heat,  
Two Struck by Bolt in  
Freak Storm.

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Willowbrook Club last year. He was preparing to go to St. Paul, Minn., for an open tournament to be begun July 16.

Clayton Schulz, a brother, was professional at Sarah Shank course two years ago. Other survivors are John J. Schulz, 1024 W. 36th-st., father; and other brothers and sisters. Services have not been arranged.

Burns is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ford E. Burns of the Olney-st. address. Two sisters, Mrs. Carl Bidwell, and Joyce Burns, and two brothers, Robert F. and William H., survive him.

### Roof Is Torn Off

Paragon, the heat victim, died at City Hospital. He was overcome at the Big Four Railroad tracks on S. Sherman-dr. Ream, a lieutenant of Pump Company No. 12, was overcome at 10th-st and Ritter-av. late in the afternoon, as he was fighting a grass fire.

He died at 11:35 last night at Methodist Hospital.

Funeral services for Mr. Ream are to be at Shirley Bros. Central Chapel, 10th and Illinois-sts. at 1:30 p. m. Saturday. He is to be buried in Memorial Park.

He was 42. He is survived by his widow, Earline Ream; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Ream; three brothers, Claude and Paul, of Huntington Park, Cal., and Wilbur of Indianapolis; and a sister, Mrs. Edith B. Hammer, Lake City, Minn.

He was a member of the Tuxedo Park Baptist Church, Logan Lodge, F. & A. M., Scottish Rite, Mystic Shrine, Sahara Grotto, Firemen's Legion Post 42, Indiana Firemen's Association, and the International Association of Fire Fighters.

Lewis was knocked unconscious as he stood under a tree at 38th and LaSalle-sts. He was revived at Methodist Hospital. His condition is not serious.

The storm whipped the roof off the American Buncher Supply and Realty Co. factory building at 1507 E. 54th-st.

A warehouse of the Spickelmeier Fuel & Supply, 52d-st. and 53d-st., was struck by lightning and a wall torn away. Officials estimated the damage at between \$6000 and \$8000.

Canvas Canopy Whipped Back

The 100-foot long canvas canopy alongside of the Riviera Club, Illinois-st and the canal, was whipped by the wind and laid back on to the roof, bending nearly double several lengths of one-inch pipe that stretched out over the porch.

The Indianapolis Power and Light Co. reported that 15 poles were down, and that crews of 75 men worked until 3 this morning repairing damage. All service was restored, it reported, by 3:30 last night. Lightning struck a 33,000-volt line but did no damage, which officials said was unusual.

The city street department reported that 21 trees were blown across streets, blocking traffic. Five trucks and 15 men were worked all night to clear streets, and other crews are to work all day finishing up. The wood will be cut up and given to the poor.

Lightning Strikes Chimney

It was estimated that more than 150 shade and lawn trees were uprooted or otherwise destroyed by the wind in the severe storm area extending approximately from 38th-st. as far north as 63d-st. At times water was four inches over street curbs, and some householders reported their cellars were flooded.

The storms poured into open windows, first on one side of houses and then on another. A chimney on the home of Herbert E. Barker, 5236 College-av., was struck by lightning and bricks showered onto the roof of the home of M. F. Riley, next door.

Lightning struck the home of H. S. Adams, 4925 Carrollton-av., and Mrs. Adams was knocked unconscious. She was revived by members of fire station No. 32. Damage to the house was estimated by them at \$15.

Several hundred persons last night crowded the 26th-st bathing beach opened for the first time this year by the city. Other beaches were proportionately crowded.

Property Damage in Eleven  
States Is Estimated  
at \$200,000,000.

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tures up to 108 degrees forecast for the state later today.

Sickly-looking cattle moved in railroad cars from the barren pastures of the Dakotas to Chicago, St. Paul and Sioux City stockyards, bringing the prospect of a temporary drop in meat prices. But consumers recalled that meat prices soared after the 1934 drought and a United Press survey indicated the 1936 drought already had started to affect food and meat prices.

Grocers in 15 cities said the current rise is seasonal, but warned that it would continue under pressure of the drought.

### Predicts Butter Increase

Frank Schuster, chairman of the price committee of the Milwaukee Grocers' Association, predicted a 5-cent increase in the price of butter.

Federal relief officials started to pour millions of dollars into 268 counties in the worst areas to put farmers to work building dams and roads and as direct relief to near-starving families.

The drought already has directly affected nearly 5,000,000 persons. Acting AAA Administrator J. B. Huston estimated.

The drought by states:

**NORTH DAKOTA**—Wheat crop burned out except in northern section. Pasture gone. Too late for rain. 20,000 farmers scheduled for WPA jobs.

**SOUTH DAKOTA**—Wheat, corn and small grain crops gone except in southeast. WPA jobs for 17,000. Forest fires raging in Black Hills.

**WYOMING**—Wheat crop total loss in northern section. Pasture gone. WPA jobs for 6,000.

**MINNESOTA**—Central section crops withered, but corn crop still in good condition in southern and most of western areas. One hay cutting harvested before drought hit. WPA jobs for 7,500.

**IOWA**—Return to normal temperatures will save corn. Grasshopper and chinch bug damage heavy in western section.

**NEBRASKA**—Rain will save crops in principal grain section in east. Winter wheat crop harvested in south.

**KANSAS**—Wheat crop harvested and rain will save much of corn and pasture.

**WISCONSIN**—Rain needed for pastures turning brown. Grain yield is expected to be from 25 to 75 per cent of normal.

**ILLINOIS**—Oat crop burned out in most sections. Drenching rain within a week will save corn. Burned pastures reducing milk production.

**INDIANA**—Good rainfall will bring bumper corn crop but pastures and small grains withered. No rain since May 22.

**MICHIGAN**—Damage not considerable but may be extreme if drought continues.

**MISSOURI**—Grasshopper and chinch bug damage extensive in western section. Hot dry weather hindered growth after good start.

**COLORADO**—Heavy cricket damage but rains will save most crops.

**OKLAHOMA**—Condition critical but still much to be saved by rain.

**101 in Columbus**

Representative temperatures over the United States at 11 a. m. (Indianapolis time) today, follow:

Columbus, O.	101
Cincinnati	98
Toledo, O.	97
New York City	94
Omaha	94
Cleveland	86
St. Louis	85
Fort Wayne, Ind.	86
Des Moines	96
Minneapolis	94
Pittsburgh	95
Harrisburg, Pa.	90
Chicago	87
Madison, Wis.	84
Springfield, Ill.	93
Rochester, N. Y.	101
Fargo, N. D.	95
Milwaukee	93
Philadelphia	100
Birmingham, Ala.	89
Kansas City	94
Washington, D. C.	92
Hartford	92
Memphis	90
Atlanta	85
Detroit	100

## LIGHTNING, HIGH WIND DAMAGE NORTH SIDE BUILDING



After lightning shattered timbers on this storage building of the Spickelmeier Fuel and Supply Co., Carvel-av and 52d-st. wind came along and did more damage during the severe electrical storm on the North Side late yesterday.

## State Welfare Heads Study \$2,393,569 County Budget

14-Cent Tax Levy to Be Required for Local Share of  
Security Act Funds, Baker Announces.

The State Welfare Board today studied the \$2,393,569 budget of the Marion County Welfare Department.

The budget, according to Joel A. Baker, county welfare director, will require a tax levy of about 14 cents on each \$100 of taxable property in the year 1937.

Wayne Coy, state welfare administrator, said final approval on the budget is to be given within the next two weeks.

The budget, one of the first to be submitted by a county welfare unit under the new state Social Security Act, provides for an administration cost of 6 per cent of the total, according to Mr. Baker.

**Declared Lowest in State**

"This administration cost is one of the lowest on which any government unit has operated in Indiana. In some counties the administration cost for relief has been as high as 15 per cent," Mr. Baker pointed out.

The county's expense share of the \$2,393,569 budget is estimated by the welfare director at \$885,000.

Under the public welfare law the Federal government is to pay 50 per cent of the assistance, the state 30 per cent and the county 20 per cent.

The administration cost, with only a few exceptions, must be borne by the county, according to welfare officials.

**Change May Be Appealed**

After final approval of the new budget by the state board it is then to be certified to County Auditor Charles Grossart, who in turn is to place it before the County Council for approval. After approval by the County Council the County Board of Tax Adjustment is to consider it along with other county budgets.

Any change in the welfare budget by the County Council or Tax Adjustment Board may be appealed to the State Board of Tax Commissioners.

Mr. Baker pointed out today that many items in the budget formerly were listed in those of the county Juvenile Court and the county commissioners.

In some cases, such as an allowance of \$75,000 for the care of sick children in the James Whitcomb Riley Hospital, the money is not actually handled by the County Welfare Department, Mr. Baker said.

**\$1,997,234 for Assistance**

A total of \$1,997,234 is provided for assistance to the aged, blind, dependent and crippled children in the budget.

The budget earmarks \$396,335 for administration expenses and assistance to dependent children under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court and the Board of Children's Guardians Home.

The old-age pension item of the budget calls for the expenditure of \$1,092,000, based on a 1937 probable pension roll of 4500 persons.

Mr. Baker set the average allowance for old-age pensions at \$20 monthly, while under the welfare law the pensions may reach a maximum of \$30 monthly.

The amount for dependent children, formerly carried in the Juvenile Court budget, has been fixed at \$852,984. It is estimated that the total will support approximately 7500 children.

A total of \$24,750 was apportioned for the assistance of the blind.

## LEWIS CONFERS WITH PRESIDENT

Labor Chief Predicts Steel  
Crusade Will Aid  
New Deal.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, July 9.—John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, predicted at the White House today that his attempt to organize workers in the steel industry will have political repercussions favorable to the New Deal.

He told the President that "an unparalleled mass movement" of labor will swing over to the Democratic standard as a result of opposition by the steel companies to the organization attempts of Lewis Committee for Industrial Organization.

Lewis, who is chairman of the C. I. O., denied after his White House conference, however, that he had troubled Mr. Roosevelt with the internal strife in the ranks of organized labor as exemplified in the controversy between the American Federation of Labor and the Lewis forces over craft and industrial unionism.

Although Lewis said he did not deem the A. F. of L.-C. I. O. controversy of sufficient importance to justify his taking it up with the President it was of paramount significance in the A. F. of L. Executive Council meeting across town which was reported weighing drastic proposals for ending the United Mine Workers leadership of a rebellion in labor's ranks and agreed to make every possible effort to close the breach.

**Green Makes Statement**

Following the visit to the White House by Lewis, President William Green of the A. F. of L., who was a White House caller yesterday, said:

"The mind of the executive council is open and will continue to be open until the last stone has been turned in an effort to heal the split in labor's ranks. The council is alarmed, however, by the situation and by the confusion caused in the ranks of organized labor."

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## WOMAN HEARD BY JURORS IN MURDER TRIAL

Mrs. Mary Freels Testifies  
for State in Penny  
Death Case.

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came back to my house in Indianapolis about 11 o'clock and Vic threw the rocks out of the car.

"The next time I saw Vic was the following Sunday, when I learned of Penny's death."

"I was arrested May 13 by Detective Paul Taylor, to whom I gave a statement."

She said she lived in Room 804 at the Indianapolis Athletic Club from May 13 to May 25 and was at the State Women's Prison May 26 and 27. Since then, she testified, she had lived with Miss Marie Linehart, 2258 N. Meridian-st. Miss Linehart is secretary to Herbert Spencer, Marion County prosecutor.

On cross-examination, she said she had never seen a warrant for her arrest.

She also said she never had been in jail since her arrest.

**Questioned by Attorney**

Asked if she knew arrangements had been made to pay her brother \$10 a week for support of her three children, Mrs. Freels said:

"My sister-in-law told me something about it."

"Do you know you are indicted as an accessory before the fact?" Mr. Symmes asked.

"Yes."

"Do you know you stand indicted for murder then?"

"No," she replied in a low voice. A legal battle over admissibility of a picture preceded Mrs. Freels' appearance on the stand. The photograph showed Jerry Scherer, Monday, Kroger warehouse superintendent, and an insurance man with rocks which Scherer said he found on March 8 at the scene of the alleged stoning.

**Stones Lost, Charge**

The prosecution charges the stones since have been lost by the police department.

Judge Cox said the picture of the men with the rocks was prejudicial. He ordered the men out of the photograph, leaving only the rocks, and admitted the exhibit into evidence.

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## HELD IN MURDER



Confession that he was involved in plotting the murder for robbery of Harry Miller, retired Cincinnati fire captain, is said to have been made to Indiana State Police by Heber Hicks, 38 (above), ex-convict, held in Brookville, Ind. The head and hands of a man found near Carrollton, Ky., were identified as Miller's, after a torso had been found 30 miles away, near Eminence, Ky. Police said Hicks was not the actual slayer. Three other men are being sought.

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## HUNT FOR HICKS' AIDS IS PUSHED

10 State Police Sent to  
Cincinnati to Help  
in Search.

A detail of 10 Indiana State Police is to be sent to Cincinnati this afternoon to remain until the alleged accomplices of Heber L. Hicks in the killing of Harry A. Miller, retired Cincinnati fire captain, are apprehended, Capt. Matt Leach said this morning.

Hicks, state police said, confessed that he hired three killers to murder Mr. Miller. Police said the men named by Hicks have criminal records.

Hicks, who served 11 years in Kentucky State Prison for the murder of a woman, is held in Franklin County Jail. He is expected to be charged with murder in commission of a felony, a crime that carries a mandatory death penalty on conviction.

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## PARKS, POOLS DRAW 300,000 SINCE JUNE 15

158,419 Register at City  
Playlots; Swimming  
Crowds Grow.

Almost 300,000 persons have been served by the recreation department since pools, parks and playgrounds opened June 15, according to H. W. Middlesworth, city recreation director.

Thirty-eight playgrounds have registered 158,419 attendance during the three weeks. Five city swimming pools have increased attendance each week for a three-week total of 105,393. The greatest weekly gain is reported for the wading pools. Eleven now in operation started the first week with 2646 children, admitted 6831 during the second week and jumped to 9250 during the third week for a total of 18,727.

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**C. M. T. C. IS TO SEE  
MOUNTING OF GUARD**

Corps at Fort Harrison Reviewed by Gov. McNutt.

Citizens Military Training Corps were to witness for the first time today a demonstration of formal guard mounting by the field artillery units at Fort Harrison.

Following mounting of the guard the youths were to attend classes in which motion pictures on map making and firing data were to be shown.

In a special review yesterday the entire C. M. T. C. unit paraded before Gov. McNutt, who was given a 19-gun salute when he arrived at the Fort.

**CAB COMPANY WINS  
11 MORE LICENSES**

Judge Wilson Orders Controller to Issue City Permits.

Superior Judge Herbert Wilson ruled yesterday in favor of the Red Cab Co. in a suit to mandate City Controller Walter G. Boetcher to issue 11 more cab licenses.

Controller Boetcher declined to issue licenses for the extra 11 cabs because his record showed only 105 cabs were in operation last year, he said. The cab company petitioned for 118 cab licenses.

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