

Ask Mrs. Manners— Marriage Hits Snag After 2-Score Years

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SIX: That expenditures so far on this project will have been wasted unless the vast program of construction goes forward, for not a sewer has been laid.

Post-War Planning Result
The Moore survey was an outgrowth of the Municipal Post-War Planning studies which were made by a special committee of private citizens during the war.

One of the main purposes of the planning was to set up a series of priority projects to improve Indianapolis and at the same time provide public works to take up any post-war slack in the employment.

The employment slack did not develop, but the Committee's recommendation that a complete overhaul of the city's sewer and sanitation system was essential was set in motion.

The first step in the program was to determine the actual condition of the city's sewers and sanitation plant, and then figure out what was needed to expand the sewer system to match the city's growth.

A survey of the City's sewers, sewage disposal and sanitation system had been made in 1939-40 with WPA funds under the supervision of Federal engineers. It was given to the City free.

But the City Hall decided a second survey should be made.

MONDAY: How Will It End?

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A cold wave moved toward the eastern United States, where winds, floods and cold weather took toll of lives and property.

At least 52 persons were dead in the last few days of weather-born disturbances. Of these, 10 died in tornado. Another estimated 10,000 persons were homeless in floods.

The period saw storms in the Pacific northwest, a three-day blizzard in the Rocky Mountains, a freezing rain from the Mississippi to New York state, floods from Ohio to Mississippi and a tornado in Mississippi.

Tornado Hits Rural Area

The deaths resulted from traffic accidents on slippery pavements, freezing and exposure, drownings in rampaging streams, and the impact of the tornado in a rural area.

The fuel situation appeared to be easing. Natural gas supplies were being increased to many industrial users.

Torrential rains followed the tornado at Newton, Miss., causing floods in the surrounding dairy farms and cotton-growing lowlands.

Rescue crews searched for more victims in the wrecked homes.

The Red Cross said that at least 15 persons were injured seriously and that the death toll might rise in the surrounding farmland.

Trees Block Roads

Uprooted trees blocked many roads to outlying farms where occupants of 15 to 20 flattened houses were missing and feared dead.

Thousands of persons were driven from their homes by floods in the Ohio and Tennessee valleys. They shivered today as temperatures in the flood areas dropped below freezing.

Rains were less heavy than expected, but snow and sleet in Tennessee brought new misery to an estimated 4000 persons left homeless by rampaging streams in that state.

FBI, State Police Hunt LaMarr

An interstate search was under way today for a 35-year-old ex-convict whose trial on a manslaughter charge had been delayed twice here.

The defendant, James LaMarr, was missing after police Thursday obtained a capias charging him with being an habitual criminal. He has been arrested 20 times and convicted on seven of the charges.

He has been free under \$4000 bond on the manslaughter charge. He is alleged to have been driving a stolen automobile that fatally injured a 17-year-old boy in a traffic accident in July, 1946.

Details of the wedding and reception were handled by James Lee, whose firm has served the Rockefellers for years.

Included on the reception guest list were the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, Lord Bradford, Tony Pulitzer, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Young, Mrs. Hudson Vandebilt, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hutton, Mrs. James T. Donahue, Woolworth, Donahue, Mr. and Mrs. Claude K. Boettcher, Reginald Boardman Jr., the Countess Dorrells, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Shippreck and Brenda Frazier, Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Cushing, and "Prince" Mike Rockefeller.

By the time for the reception yesterday, members of the Palm Beach social set were saying that Mr. Rockefeller's divorce bride came "from a fine old family in Oakdale, Pa."

Mrs. Sears, divorced less than a month ago, was to carry the bride.

Many of the older guests, not acquainted with the younger Rockefellers, generation, were invited automatically because of their friendship with the bridegroom's parents and grandfather, the late John D. Rockefeller.

For the time being, the couple's reception was to be held at the home of the bridegroom's parents.

LaMarr was arrested by police in the Rockefellers' home in July, 1946, and was held on a \$1000 bond.

He was indicted on charges of grand larceny, burglary, and two of vehicle tampering.