

# Big Floods By-pass Indiana

## Rains Bring High Water To 10 States

### Death Toll Soars To 56 in Nation

Indiana today is escaping damaging floods which are sweeping states east and west.

While heavy rains have brought high waters to many streams, the state is in no danger of serious floods, the Weather Bureau here said.

Meanwhile, 10 other states which pocket Indiana, are bracing themselves against the threat of rampaging rivers in the wake of widespread storms.

U. S. engineers in Chicago said that continued or unexpected heavy rain may develop major floods in several states now fighting rising water. They include North Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York.

#### Death Toll Hits 56

A five-day streak of violent weather in the nation already has left 56 persons dead in floods and tornadoes and caused untold property damage.

Northern Indiana is feeling the brunt of high water in the state and many highways and low-lying areas are flooded.

The Maumee River spilled over its banks near Ft. Wayne, causing several families in the Riverhaven community to evacuate their homes.

Nearly a dozen highways in St. Joseph County were blocked by water in what County Highway Superintendent Harry M. Tomlinson called the "worst conditions in 40 years."

#### \$100,000 Road Damage

Damage to roads was estimated at more than \$100,000 in Allen County as many bridges and culverts were washed out.

The Weather Bureau here said there is no great danger of damaging floods along the White and Wabash River systems.

The Wabash above Peru is falling. Flood stage or slightly above is expected at Lafayette, Covington and Terre Haute, but it is expected to affect bottom lands only.

There is high water on the West fork of the White River from Indianapolis to Shoals and low flood stages from Elliston to Edwardsport.

Paul Miller, Chief Meteorologist, said that at least another half inch of rain could be absorbed without causing danger of severe floods.

#### Other Areas Hard Hit

Conditions are expected to clear rapidly, however, as the rains are likely to stop this afternoon.

Throughout the flood area, the worst trouble spots were at Quincy, Ill., and Binghamton, N. Y.

More than 150 volunteers worked all night strengthening a levee at Quincy which threatened to burst as the Mississippi River rose toward a temporary crest. Another crest is heading down the Des Moines River and probably will hit the Mississippi tomorrow.

Capt. A. L. Ford, Coast Guard information office at St. Louis, said two task forces had been sent to Quincy to help lowland residents evacuate.

Binghamton was isolated by the Susquehanna and Chenango Rivers which flooded 3200 homes and forced 1500 families to flee. About 5000 children remained away from school. All highways around the city were flooded.

#### N. D. Residents Flee

Many residents of Mandan, N. D., left their homes for high ground as a thaw forced more water into the Heart River.

The Blue River forced scores from their homes at Seward and Beatrice, Neb.

The Rock and Pecatonica Rivers were falling rapidly in northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin.

Eric, Ill., on the Rock River was isolated early today but roads into town were expected to be opened this afternoon.

The Allegheny River was rolling toward an expected crest of 22.5 feet, 2.5 feet under flood stage.

The Allegheny and its tributaries were falling after flooding parts of Meadville, Warren, Bradford, Titusville and Youngsville, Pa.

Water Surrounds Hospital

Warren, Pa., was nearly isolated with the city's General Hospital surrounded by water and the town's two newspapers, the Times-Mirror and Herald, flooded. Boats were used to move patients to and from the hospital.

Water undermined the wall of a hotel at Bradford, forcing 50 guests to flee. High water also was reported in the outskirts of Wilkes-Barre and Kingston.

Canada also was hit hard. Floods in southern Ontario were receding after taking a toll of four deaths and \$5 million in property damage.

The Grand River rose to a 17-foot stage, five feet above normal. In eastern Quebec, the St. Francois River backed up behind an ice jam and left one dead and 100 homeless.

#### Man Killed in Fire

BALTIMORE, Mar. 23 (UPI)—One man was killed, and two others were injured last night when a seven-alarm fire swept through the Baltimore Paint & Color Works. The victim, tentatively identified as John Oberweber, was trapped under falling debris.



## Ask Mrs. Manners—

### 'I Spanked My Wife—She Needed It'

I'M HAVING TROUBLE with my wife. I gave her a hard spanking one night because she needed it. She hasn't been a wife to me since—for six months. She says she doesn't want anything to do with men any more and wants a divorce on cruel and inhuman treatment. I know she wants another man who was my buddy overseas.

I'm still in the Army and get home once or twice a month. We have one child. I do some drinking at camp but don't when I'm home for my wife and baby come first.

What would you do in this situation? G. J. JOE.

Living apart has tied both of you in knots of jealousy and you're showing your worst selves. You won't win her by preventing the divorce—you'll have to convince her that you love her and need her—then she's yours for life.

You settled your grudge by spanking her—but you're probably too big for her to spank. She's getting even in other ways.

Make love to her—attention may look silly to you but it won't to your wife—and she needs it more than ever before. She'll like letters, calls and gifts and you'll have to be persistent and devoted to convince her.

#### Teen-ager 'Sneaks Out' for Dates

SHOULD I GIVE UP all my friends and grow slowly into an old maid, or continue to sneak out on dates? My parents have broken my heart and don't understand. I'm 16 and they think I'm too young for dates.

Three nice boys ask me and I have to sneak out and meet them. That's no fun, sneaking around like a prisoner, and the boys lose

#### Home Is Where Your Heart Is—

### Children, Young Bedford War Widow Buy \$15 House

#### Auctioneer Accepts Her Bid in Public

#### Sale on Delinquent Homestead

BEDFORD, Ind., Mar. 23 (UPI)—A young war widow and her five children owned their own home today. They paid \$15 for it—in cash.

Their modest home north of Bedford went on the auction block at a county real estate sale yesterday for the collection of delinquent taxes.

Mrs. Donna Blevins attended the auction, clutching all the ready cash she could raise.

Her husband, Carl, died in 1946 of an ailment contracted while in the service. The husband inherited the house from his father five years ago.

Addressed Crowd

The widow was afraid that she and her five youngsters would be evicted by whoever bought the property.

But County Auditor Donald Smith stepped up beside the auctioneer and addressed the crowd of bargain-hunters.

"This property is occupied by a war widow who is the mother of five children," he said. "She has very little income."

Auctioneer Mark Boyd paid his level on a table. "What am I bid?" he asked.

Taken to VA Hospital

The widow sent the letter to her brother, Carter Nash, a Franklin county sheriff. Almost simultaneously the husband was rushed to the Veterans' Administration Hospital where physicians diagnosed his illness as cardiac poisoning.

After an investigation started by his brother, Mrs. Milligan was arrested and charged with the attempted killing.

The husband's illness delayed the trial several times. Mrs. Milligan was released on bond and was arrested and sentenced to six months in the Women's Prison on charges of contributing to the delinquency of minor children. She was released in February and immediately taken into custody to face trial.

Eaten Not Guilty Plea

Yesterday she entered no plea, standing mute. The court automatically entered a not guilty plea.

Her defense attorneys filed a special plea of unsoundness of mind at the time of the alleged poisoning, charging that the wife was temporarily unbalanced because of mistreatment by the husband.

She earlier had been quoted as saying that she "only gave him a little" to keep him from beating her. Three physicians were named to make a sanity inquiry.

At the time of the arrest Mrs. Milligan signed a statement and deputies found a sack of arsenic in the lead in the couple's home.

The poison was among evidence which will be suppressed, because of a faulty search warrant. The prosecution said, however, that Mrs. Milligan later voluntarily revealed whereabouts of two vials of poison, saying that she used it and not the sack of poison.

This evidence was not involved in the search warrant ruling.

SPEAK NO SPANISH

There are approximately 1 million Indians who speak no Spanish in Mexico.

LEAVES TO SPARE

A steady New England elm at the height of summer has as many as 7 million leaves, says the Bartlett Tree Expert Co.

#### Sheriff Asks

#### Council for \$31,000

The County Council today considered requests for extra appropriations totaling \$76,700, including \$31,000 asked by Sheriff Al Magenheimer for 15 more deputies and a truck to catch stray dogs.

The stray dog problem has become serious and we must do something about it," Sheriff Magenheimer said. "We need the truck and a driver to pick up dogs and take them to the city pound."

The sheriff asked for enough money to hire 14 more deputies at \$210 a month in order to keep 24-hour patrols going on highways.

County commissioners asked \$7000 to purchase more livestock and a pasteurizing plant for the Juliette County Home.

Adams, state reformatory con-

vict, who is believed to be the only eyewitness to the shooting, has refused to testify. He is listening to the defense testimony from the sidelines.

Prosecution attorneys hope that any attempt to saddle him with the butchery of the victim's body will cause Adams to spill his story of the shooting.

While Pollard floundered considerately in his testimony yesterday, the prosecution was having its troubles, too.

Marion County Prosecutor Judge John E. Hinchman yesterday, both times receiving stern reprimands from the bench.

On the second occasion, after a bitter exchange of words over a prosecution objection, Judge Hinchman told the prosecutor:

"The few times you insult my intelligence, the better off you're going to be. I'll fine you for contempt of court if you're not careful."

CRISCO PRICE AGAIN CUT

CINCINNATI, Mar. 23 (UPI)—

A 2-cent per pound reduction in the wholesale price of Crisco vegetable shortening was announced today by Procter & Gamble. Previous cut of 2 cents a pound was made Feb. 10.

interest. Other girls have dates and don't understand about me. I tried to talk to my parents but they threatened to send me to a girls' boarding school.

UNHAPPY.

You've probably been unruled or your parents wouldn't threaten to send you away. Show your parents more respect and affection—and proud of them when you introduce your friends to them. Tell them that you're indebted to the girls who have entertained you and eventually ask to include boys in your parties. Stop this sneaking out—that doesn't impress the boys and certainly doesn't impress your parents.

These long telephone conversations that you girls carry on with your parents. Laughing is fine—we need more of it—and it's a safe way to work off emotions—but can't you show just a little poise? You're usually going to see the persons to whom you talk in 15 minutes anyway.

#### Couple Has Made Marriage Work

MY HUSBAND AND I have been following your column for some time and thought you might like to hear about someone's happiness. Trust and love have been through, and we're confident that our companionship will last. We agreed before marrying that we'd sit down and talk out difficulties instead of shutting up our doubts and differences inside us.

My husband and I, 29 and 24, were married two years ago after knowing each other nine months. We think we have a marriage as near perfect as one can be. It wasn't a "bed of roses" and we have faults to which we aren't blind. We enjoy the same entertainment and in cases where one is more enthusiastic than the other we try to meet half-way. I seldom can convince my husband to go out without me but when he does I know I can trust him, as he can me.

If one of us gets a little disgusted we stop to think of all the good points the other person has and the bad ones become minor. MRS. H. P.

Remembering that you wouldn't trade husbands with any of your friends helps, too, doesn't it? I hope you'll help me answer specific problems.

#### Question on Planned Parenthood

I DON'T believe married couples should have children until several years after they are married, until they have some idea whether or not they will get along. What is your opinion? M. D.

That decision depends on age and finances, as well as compatibility, I believe. Expecting an infant to reconcile quarreling grownups isn't sensible. Building a human life is more important than building a home; yet parents often fail to plan for their health by checking their health and figuring finances. I'd think you'd know in two years if you've grown up enough emotionally to have a baby.

#### First Wife Writes for Money

MY HUSBAND'S first wife keeps us nervous by writing him for money for their crippled son, 18. She says he is under a doctor's care but he doesn't go near a doctor and she won't send us the doctor's name. We know he is able to work.

Is my husband required to pay support after a boy is 18, need to send extra money for doctor bills, and could the ex-wife be made to send the name of the doctor? He sends \$7 a week and never gets to see him. CITY READER.

Supporting a crippled son isn't as dangerous to your marriage as encouraging your husband to lose self-respect by ignoring fatherhood.

Ask a lawyer those legal questions, if you must, but if I were you I'd let my husband's conscience guide him. He expects you to be with him in rough spots. Remember, that first wife and son were a serious part of his life.

#### Praised on Efforts to Aid People

I WANT TO commend you on your sincere efforts to help people who need help. I like you—and I like the way you answer letters. You show sound common sense and a sympathetic understanding and I know you are doing a lot of good. Even if they don't take your advice, sometimes just being able to tell somebody gives them a chance to see things clearer and their problems solve themselves.

I wonder if Mrs. H. W. has nothing else to do but criticize others who are trying to give a helping hand to someone in distress during the day. Many so-called Christians attend church every Sunday and adopt a "holier-than-thou" attitude but become intolerant of anything and everything they don't care for. What right has anyone to stand up and say it's wrong to have a glass of beer or a cocktail occasionally?

Maybe if Mrs. H. W. and others like her would give a day a week helping local charities or give blood to the Red Cross or hold out a helping hand to neighbors, her religion would do her a lot more good and she wouldn't be so inclined to spend her time trying to find out if someone is good enough to give advice to those having enough confidence to ask for it. A PRACTICING CHRISTIAN.

It's nice to know I have trusting friends. I'll try not let you down.

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