

# 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 River-haven 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 Ellettsville to Edwinstown.

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 areas, 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 officer at St. Louis, said two task forces had been sent to Quincy to help lowland residents evacuate. Binghamton was nearly 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.

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

### Man Killed in Fire

BALTIMORE, Mar. 23 (UP)—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 Oberweiser, was trapped under falling debris.



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**BASK IN CAPITAL SUN**—Pat Halleck (left), daughter of Rep. Charles Halleck (R., Ind.), and Bert Shia, secretary to the congressman, are enthusiastic admirers of the first signs of spring that unseasonably warm weather brought out yesterday in Washington. The temperature hovered in the upper 80s.

## Two Killed in Car Crash Near Gary

### Brother of One Critically Injured

Two persons were killed and one critically injured in an automobile accident near Gary early today.

The dead are Lee Nafe Jr., 23, of Chicago, and Frank Moore, 16, of Roseville, Mich. In critical condition at Mercy Hospital in Gary is Richard Nafe, 20, of Michigan City, a brother of the dead man.

State police said Lee Nafe was driving a car east on U. S. 12, four miles east of Gary, at a high rate of speed when he apparently lost control of the automobile.

They said the car left the highway, rolled over and crashed into a utility pole. All three occupants were thrown clear and police said they found them more than 50 feet from the car.

In Indianapolis, Mrs. Ruth West, 25, of 1256 W. Ray St., was reported in fair condition at Methodist Hospital after being injured in a two-car accident at Senate Ave. and Ohio St.

Police said a car driven by Rudolph Exzel, 19, of 2007 Bellefontaine St., was making a left turn into Ohio St. when the car in which Mrs. West was riding crashed into it. Driver of the other car was George L. West, 23, of the Ray St. address.

## Patrolman Gets Socked With Fist In Hunt for Worms

Patrolman Clarence Wurtz went looking for fishing worms in Garfield Park last night and ended up catching one prisoner after some gun play and a fist fight.

Patrolman Wurtz, in plain clothes saw two men trying automobile doors on Shelby St. "What are you doing?" he asked them.

"None of your business," replied one. The officer placed them under arrest.

PRESENTLY one man bolted and ran. Officer Wurtz opened fire on him but missed and the man escaped. At the same time the other suspect turned on Patrolman Wurtz and began to fight him with his fists.

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## Rites Thursday For Mrs. Horner

Services for Mrs. Carrie J. Horner will be held at 1 p. m. Thursday in Christ Temple Church. Burial will be in Crown Hill.

Mrs. Horner died Sunday in her home at 2827 Boulevard Place. A native of Leesburg, Ky., she had lived here 44 years. She was 65.

She was a member of Christ Temple Church, and the Dorcas Workers.

Survivors are the husband, Willis F. Horner; a daughter, Mrs. Viola Bowden of Flint, Mich.; two sons, Marcelus and Willis H. Horner, both of Indianapolis; three sisters, Mrs. Gabrielle Jackson and Mrs. Catherine Pryor of New York City and Mrs. Zelma Cheatem, Indianapolis, and three grandchildren.

## Held in 'Kidnaping' Of Own Daughter

Mother Accused by Kin Of Former Husband

An Indianapolis woman was free on \$1000 bond today after her arrest for "kidnaping" her own daughter.

Mrs. Earl Hammond was arrested by State Police on a highway near Glenns Valley, Ind., after she and her husband had taken Mrs. Hammond's 8-year-old daughter, Diane Davis, from a Bedford, Ind., grade school and returned her to their home here, authorities said.

The 34-year-old mother told police Diane was a daughter by her first marriage to Raymond Davis, a barber, and that she had been awarded custody of the child after she divorced Mr. Davis in 1944.

Diane had been taken to the home of Mr. Davis' brother at Bedford, after Mrs. Hammond went to Florida last October on advice of her physician, she told police.

A kidnaping warrant was issued on an affidavit signed by Mrs. Elsie Davis, sister-in-law of Mrs. Hammond's former husband. Diane and her three children were in the custody of Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Hammond said.

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## Poison Case Jury Selection Near

Mrs. Milligan Accused Of Trying to Kill Mate

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Knightsdown home, pending divorce suit filed by Mr. Milligan. The wife has filed a cross complaint.

The poisoning charges grew out of a letter which the wife is alleged to have written to her sister in Texas, in which she is quoted as saying: "I'll soon be rid of Old Goosehead."

Taken to VA Hospital

The sister sent the letter to her brother, Carter Noah, a Franklin deputy sheriff. Almost simultaneously the husband was rushed to the Veterans' Administration Hospital where physicians diagnosed his illness as arsenic poisoning.

After an investigation started by her 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.

Enter 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 inquest.

At the time of the arrest Mrs. Milligan signed a statement and testified to a sack of arsenate of 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.

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## 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? GI 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 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 unruly or your parents wouldn't threaten to send you away. Show your parents more respect and affection—not 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 frighten parents. Laughing is fine—we need more of it—and it's a safe way to work off emotions—but can you show just a little polite? 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 seen us 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. 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 baby by checking their health and figuring finances. I'd think you'd know in two years if you're 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. 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 he 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. I wonder if she practices her professed Christianity many times 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.

Let Mrs. Manners and readers of the column share your problems and answer your questions. Write in care of The Times, 214 W. Maryland St.

Proves He's Alive, Joins Marines

NEW ORLEANS, Mar. 23 (UP)—Sgt. Lewis Ballard of Walker, La., was back in the Marines for another hitch today after he got an official order to convince recruiters that he is not dead.

Sgt. Ballard received news of his "death" from the Veterans Administration last January when he asked for compensation for a 40-month ordeal in Japanese prison camps.

When he attempted to re-enlist, the Marine Corps questioned his status. So he got an official order to stand up and prove he is alive.

The 30-year-old veteran said he believed he was listed "killed in action" when he was captured on Corregidor early in the war.

"I don't feel dead," Sgt. Ballard said.

\$5000 Holdup Trial Opens Here

Two men, one serving a term in the State Reformatory, went on trial before a jury in Criminal Court 2 today charged with the \$5000 holdup of a tavern here last July.

They are Joseph Taylor, 22, of 625 Edgemont St., and Hugh Bradley, Reformatory prisoner. The defendants were identified by one witness as the bandits who held up John McCarty at his tavern, 2140 N. Illinois St., escaping with \$5000.

A third defendant in the case was Tommy Gardner, who did not go on trial because he is serving a life sentence for the kidnaping and rape of a South Side girl here last October.

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 Julietta County Home.

Pedestrian, 67, Struck By Bus Downtown

Howard Neal, 67, of 556 1/2 W. Washington St., is in a serious condition in General Hospital after being hit by an Indianapolis Railway Co. bus at Washington and West Sts. today.

He suffered a dislocated shoulder and injuries to his forehead and back.

The driver of the bus which struck Mr. Neal was Robert G. Richmond, 26, of 2944 N. Talbot St. Police charged him with reckless driving and failure to give a pedestrian the right of way.

CRISCO PRICE AGAIN CUT

CINCINNATI, Mar. 23 (UP)—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.

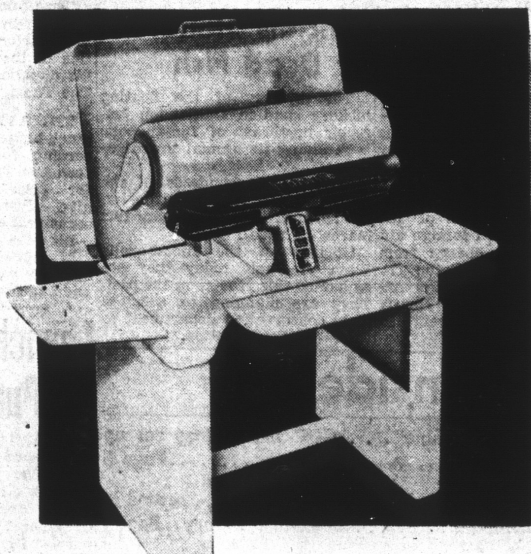
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