

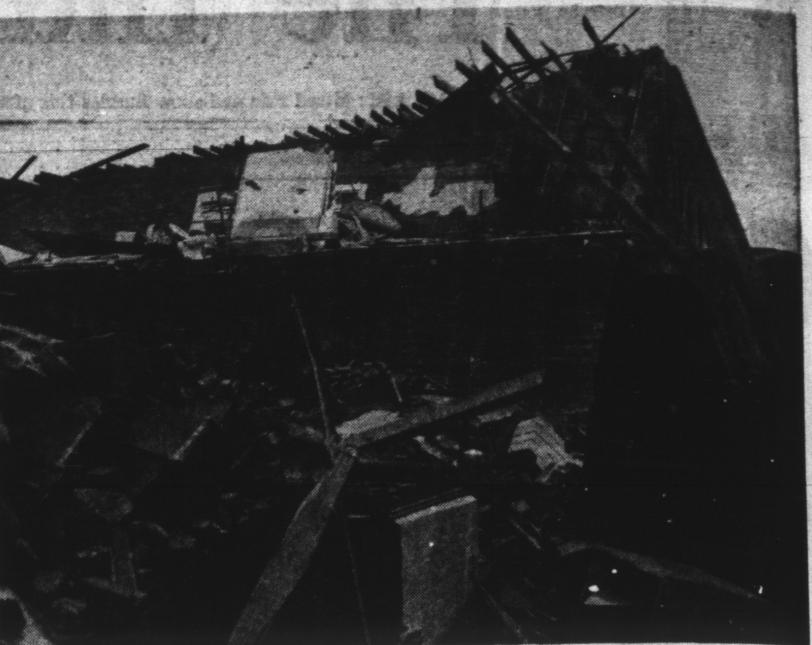
Death Cheated Here... This Was Home... Business Ruins



SAVED BY SECONDS—This was the Coatesville Baptist Church today. Seconds before it was leveled by the tornado, the Rev. Leslie Long and assistants led 10 small children from the structure. They had been practicing for an Easter pageant. Driven around a corner in two automobiles, the children escaped injury.



THIS WAS HOME—Mrs. Bernard Edwards, Coatesville, looks through the rubble of her home, attempting to salvage some clothing and a jar of dimes. The family was away when the storm struck.



BUSINESS DISTRICT—A section of the Coatesville business district is shown after the tornado tore away second-story apartments. Farm tractors and other equipment were crushed in the store below. The building shown is next door to the home of Frank Ellert, the town postmaster. Mr. and Mrs. Ellert were killed.

19 Killed as Tornado Rips Through Hendricks County

(Continued From Page One) by the wind and lodged stop utility poles, forced pedestrians to make wide detours even on the few streets that were passable. In one home a large refrigerator was blown clear of the wreckage of the house and hurled into the street.

Residents of the center of the town, where the storm struck hardest, said they were literally blown off their feet by the force of the gale.

All of the estimated 125 dwellings in the town were damaged and it was estimated nearly 80 were completely demolished. It was difficult to tell from looking at the wreckage how many houses were piled together and before daylight no actual count of the wrecked buildings could be made.

Hundreds Roam Streets

Temporary quarters were set up on the second floor of the school building for the homeless who had not already found lodgings with friends outside the town.

Hundreds of persons roamed the streets through the night searching for missing friends or relatives. State police set up a headquarters in one of the few homes still standing, cared for some of the injured and operated a clearing house for the names of dead, injured and missing.

It was difficult to keep track of the missing because all night long reports trickled in of persons who had found refuge.

Grain Elevator Topples

The Coatesville grain elevator was toppled to the ground and smashed. Bulldozers tried to clear away the rubble of the Farmers' Supply store and of the home of Wayne Beaman, 29-year-old war veteran next to it.

Mr. Beaman was literally plowed up out of the wreckage of his home, still alive. He died in the Red Cross emergency hospital at the Coatesville Consolidated School a few minutes later.

By midnight last night emergency lighting units had been set up in scattered locations. Fire departments from nearby villages were standing by through the night in case new fires should break out.

Parts of automobiles, torn off



CRUSHED IN CAR—The occupant of this automobile was killed when the vehicle was crushed under masonry and debris of collapsing business buildings at Coatesville.

Grief-Stricken Residents Survey Coatesville Ruins

(Continued From Page One) knelt beside a weeping woman and filled out a death certificate.

Search in Wreckage—While a crew of Indianapolis fire department rescue workers helped up in the search of the wreckage, dozens of ambulances from Indianapolis and Greencastle came in and out of the stricken town with dead and injured.

Emergency staffs of doctors from Robert Long Hospital and General Hospital in Indianapolis were brought in to help care for residents who could not be moved immediately.

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List of Injured

Here is a list of the storm injured known to be in hospitals: At the Red Cross Emergency Station in Coatesville:

MRS. OPAL TINCHER, 51, of MRS. EDNA MASTEN, 29.

RILEY SACRA, 81, of MARY ROBINSON, 70.

CLARENCE NEWLAN, 32, of Hadley.

HAROLD WILLEN, 26, of North Salem.

EVELYN WILLEN, of North Salem.

CLAUDE DAWES, of Coatesville.

MAX CASSADY, of Coatesville.

BERNICE GREENLEE, of Coatesville.

MELVIN DORBAN, of Coatesville.

ANNICE WRIGHT, of Coatesville.

JOHN GAMBLE, of Coatesville.

MAY MUTTON, of Coatesville.

GRACE GAMBLE, of Coatesville.

BERT WALLACE, 26, of Coatesville.

At General Hospital in Indianapolis:

RALPH McQUIRE, 27, of Hadley, critical.

MRS. JESSIE DOOLEY, 71, of Danville, critical.

WILL TEMPLETON, 61, of Danville, serious.

At Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis:

HOWARD DAVIS, 50, of Coatesville, good.

VICTOR JENKINS, 15, months of Coatesville, critical.

DOROTHY JENKINS, 25, of Coatesville, to be released.

KENNETH JENKINS, 27, of Coatesville, fair.

BEVERLY JENKINS, 4, of Coatesville, good.

MRS. ANNIE STEWART, 87, of Coatesville, serious.

MISS DAISY BOAL, 60, of Danville, good.

MRS. HELEN LININGER, 45, of La Porte (injured at Coatesville), good.

ELVIN STEWART, 78, of Coatesville, good.

MRS. ROSE EDWARDS, 31, of Coatesville, good.

WYOMING HATHAWAY, 20, of Coatesville, to be released.

At St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis:

MRS. HELEN DORSETT of Danville, critical.

At Robert Long Hospital in Indianapolis:

EARL WALLACE, 45, of Danville, minor injuries.

Place Injured on Cots—In the schoolhouse, a portable generator mounted in a six-by-six truck from the Indiana Boys' School at Plainfield provided electric light. The injured lay on cots in one of the classrooms.

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2 Hadley Residents Killed in Storm

Dairy Owner Injured By Silo Collapse

The tornado claimed the lives of two Hadley residents.

Hadley is a small town of about 125 persons on the New York Central Railroad, midway between Danville and Coatesville.

The dead are Harley Hartsaw and Mrs. Grace Hadley. Mrs. Hadley, an elderly lady whose age was not learned, was blown from her house. Her body was found near the garage.

Mr. Hartsaw was killed in the collapse of the Hadley General Store where he sought refuge from the storm.

Rainfall in Indianapolis during the past 24 hours totaled an inch, most of it coming last evening as the city was lashed by turbulent winds at the extreme edge of the tornado which plowed through Hendricks County.

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Storm Increases Flood Peril; Capture Prisoner Fleeing Court

New flood threats loomed for overflow of smaller creeks and streams.

Cold, windy weather with clouds and some light rain or drizzle could be expected today over the entire state. However, tonight the skies are expected to clear with temperatures dropping slightly below freezing in the Indianapolis area.

No injuries as a direct result of the storm were reported locally, but several persons were injured in automobile accidents.

The Pennsylvania Railroad last night held up all westbound trains temporarily until a check could be made to see if any rails had been ripped out by the storm.

Locally the north and west sides of the city were hardest hit by last evening's storm. Hallstones an inch in diameter pounded northern sections.

50-Mile Winds

Winds reached 50 miles an hour at the Indianapolis airport, but no damage was reported.

Heavy average rains at the headwaters of the Wabash and White Rivers will cause sharp rises to bankful and low flood stages at Bluffton, Wabash, Muncie, Anderson, Columbus and Seymour during the next 24 hours, said Mr. Miller at the local weather bureau. He expected considerable overflowing of creeks and small streams.

"I particularly desire to commend Col. Rossow of the state police who has been assisting in every way possible since the disaster."

"On the state level, everything will be done to assist the people of these communities."

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