

## Thousands Feared Caught In New Storm

### High Winds Batter Western Areas; 300 Autos Marooned

By United Press  
A widespread storm whipped out of the Rocky Mountains today toward the plains states. Army officers feared that all their work of breaking roads to snowbound ranchers might be undone in a matter of hours.

Winds up to 80 miles an hour howled across the mountains. An estimated 300 to 400 cars were trapped on U.S. Highway 40 as 77-mile-an-hour winds drove snow across the Donner Summit between Truckee and Baker in the California Sierras.

Towering snowdrifts isolated La Grande and Klamath Falls in Oregon, Walla Walla in Washington, Boise in Idaho, and Casper, Rawlins and Lusk, in Wyoming.

### Reno Nearly Isolated

Reno, Nev., was cut off on three sides. Half the automobiles in Blackfoot, Idaho, were stalled on city streets.

Several thousand persons were believed trapped in the Sierras. About 2000 persons were snowed in along Highway 50 between Kyburz, Cal., and White Hills, Nev., near Carson City.

Two transcontinental busses were trapped in Oregon, at La Grande and at Union, as the heaviest snowfall of the year hit the ground. Three overland busses and 50 cars were halted north of Klamath Falls in southern Oregon.

Air traffic, including haylift operations were stopped over much of the area. Passenger trains ran 18 to 20 hours late through the Donner Summit and freights were halted altogether.

### Avalanches Halt Train

Avalanches halted the Union Pacific Railroad's Portland Rose at Pendleton, Ore., and the Snoqualmie Pass in Washington was closed by slides.

A Shoshone, Idaho, highway engineer warned that rural roads in the area might be plugged now "until the spring thaws."

Doctors worried about the plight of expectant mothers and relief planes took to the air whenever possible to watch for distress signs marked in the snow at ranch houses.

The Utah state police radio station burned to the ground as firemen tried to reach the scene through the snow.

**Plane, Three Aboard, Missing**

A light plane with three persons aboard was missing out of Rawlins. It had been on a mercy flight carrying feed and supplies to sheep camps in the area.

The new blow followed on the heels of a strong blizzard that swept the northern plains this weekend. The earlier storm closed 40 per cent of the roads blasted open in South Dakota by Fifth Army bulldozers as well as 1250 miles of roads in Wyoming and a few in Nebraska.

### General Finance Co. Case Rehearing Opens

The second hearing of charges against the General Finance Co., involving overcharges and other violations of the state installment credit act opened this morning with a quorum of the board of the Department of Financial Institutions present.

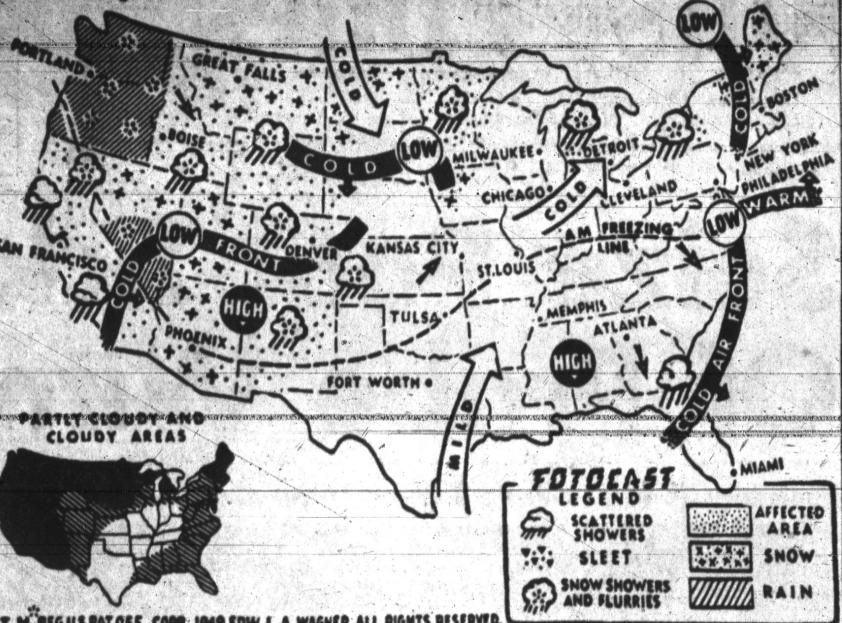
The rehearing was ordered because a quorum had not been present during all of the session of the first hearing. The rehearing is expected to take about 10 days.

### Bacteriologists Give Post to ND Researcher

Robert F. Ervin, assistant research professor of bacteriology at the University of Notre Dame, has been elected Indiana counselor to the Society of American Bacteriologists, by the Indiana branch of the society.

By virtue of his election to the two-year term, Prof. Ervin is automatically a member of the organization, and will represent the Indiana branch at all national meetings. At Notre Dame he is business administrator for the bacteriology laboratories.

## Today's Weather Fotocast



**TODAY AND TOMORROW**—Mild weather is predicted in the South and on the Atlantic seaboard, with temperatures of 10 to 20 degrees from upstate New York through the Great Lakes region. Northern New England, the Great Lakes, and the northern plains states can expect snow. Stormy weather is forecast for the West.

### Burglars Get Cash, Tools, Clothing

#### Churches and Autos Hit in 8 Raids

Two churches, three automobiles and three buildings were burglarized overnight, netting \$85 in cash, tools valued at \$45, and \$30 in clothing.

Custodians of the First Church of the Nazarene and Downey Ave. Christian Church found their churches burglarized today. The only thing taken was a small bag at the Downey Ave. church containing \$2.

William J. Brewer of Rolla, Mo., said someone broke into his automobile, parked near the Lincoln Hotel, where he was staying, and took clothing valued at \$40.

C. T. Matthes reported a top coat had been taken by someone who broke into his car, parked in a lot behind the Riley Hotel, where he was staying.

**Tire Kit Stolen**

Charles Robertson, 1320 N. Delaware St., reported a tire, wheel and tool kit valued at \$45 taken from his automobile, after his garage had been broken into.

Charles Sims reported four pounds of butter taken from his truck of the Polk Milk Co., 1100 E. 15th St., which he had parked in the garage behind the company.

Donie Smith, 2032 Lexington Ave., of Marion Throck Co., 560 W. 14th St., told police he found \$5 missing from an office cabinet.

Gears, tire and change were taken from American Auto Parts offices, 2125 E. Washington St., after the side window had been forced open.

A cash box containing \$12 was missing from I. R. C. & D. Trucking Co., 502 S. West St., W. A. Whiteside of 8566 Massachusetts Ave., told police. The office had been ransacked.

### 26 Student Nurses Sign Up for Class

Twenty-six pre-clinical nursing students registered today at Methodist Hospital School of Nursing to begin a six-months class. Those fulfilling requirements will receive caps and become members of the freshman class.

The school faculty will hold a reception for new students at 8 p. m. Thursday in Wile Hall, nurses' residence. Miss Elma Thompson is general chairman. Miss Louise E. Grant, school of nursing director, is program chairman and Miss Carmen Sharpe is in charge of invitations.

New students from Indianapolis include Mrs. Carolyn Weed Gassell, Mrs. Joyce Waggoner, Miss Edgar, Richard, and Jerry Skaggs, and six nieces and nephews, all of Indianapolis.

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### Official Weather

UNITED STATES WEATHER BUREAU

—Feb. 7, 1949

Sunrise.....6:47 | Sunset.....5:12

Precipitation 24 hrs. ending 7:30 a. m. .04

Total precipitation since Jan. 1.....7.25

Temperature since Jan. 1.....7.25

Temperature in other cities:

	High	Low
Atlanta	51	31
Boston	51	31
Chicago	54	7
Cleveland	54	22
Denver	37	19
Fort Wayne	52	29
Houston	52	25
Las Vegas	52	25
Los Angeles	56	71
Memphis	50	31
Minneapolis-St. Paul	54	24
New Orleans	54	32
New York City	52	24
Omaha	28	9
Pittsburgh	52	24
San Francisco	50	49
St. Louis	42	30
Washington, D. C.	46	30

Indiana Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to-day announced purchase of 20 acres of the Ott Ray farm, 79th St. and Michigan Rd., which is to be transformed into a deluxe animal "country club."

At the same time, the society announced the appointment of John C. Macfarlane of New York City as general manager of the society here. He will have full charge of the animal farm.

Mr. Macfarlane said the society plans to initiate ambulance service for animals by Feb. 15 and will eventually operate a free clinic, kennels, boarding facilities, lost and found department, adoption service and a cemetery.

**Plans Lethal Chamber**

He said he would also construct a lethal chamber this week for the humane administration of death to undesirable and critically ill and injured animals.

Mr. Macfarlane has had many years experience in humane and child welfare work. He was formerly national field secretary for the American Humane Association.

In 1927 he became assistant manager of the American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in New York City. Later he managed one of the society's offices.

**Organized Rescue Units**

As national field secretary he helped organize more than 200 cities during the war under the office of Civilian Defense for the protection of domestic pets and livestock.

In 1942 and 1943 he organized animal rescue units on the Mississippi River and with 500 help, rescuers rescued 10,000 head of livestock from the flood waters.

He has made numerous child welfare and animal surveys and since 1948 has been in the office equipment business.

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FOUR: More orderly grouping of the functions of government into major departments under the President. Establishment of a clear line of control from the President to such department heads.

FIVE: Strengthening of the Office of the Budget "as the managerial arm of the President."

**Miss Ethlyn Skaggs Services Tomorrow**

Miss Ethlyn Skaggs, 116 S. Third St., Beech Grove, who died yesterday in St. Francis Hospital after a short illness, will be buried in New Crown Cemetery following services at 2 p. m. tomorrow in Little & Sons Funeral Home.

Miss Skaggs, who was 36, was a nurse in the office of Dr. J. C. Rhea, Beech Grove. A native of Jeffersonville, she had been an Indianapolis resident 32 years.

She is survived by her parents,

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Skaggs, Beech Grove; a sister, Mrs. George Hommell; three brothers, Edgar, Richard, and Jerry Skaggs, and six nieces and nephews, all of Indianapolis.

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### Admits Slaying Native of Richmond

INVESTIGATOR Paul E. Brown of Athens, O., with 20-year-old Harry Dodds of New Straitsville, O., who reportedly confessed murdering Miss Eleanor Grifford, 52, of Richmond, Ind., a church worker in Athens. The slaying was discovered Jan. 3.

## THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

### Hoover Urges Streamlining Of Agencies

The long-awaited sales tax proposal would authorize issuance of revenue bonds with which to finance city-sponsored parking garages in the city.

**Fines for Nudism**

The sales tax bill was introduced in the House of Representatives by Reps. Merritt Monks (R. Winchester) and Lang Holt (R. Dana). It would levy a tax of 2 per cent on all retail sales except food and would become effective July 1. It would run for only two years.

Whether it was a Republican policy measure to pay the bonus remained in doubt officially but it completed the list of bonus payment measures scheduled for introduction.

**Income Tax Measure**

Power for Indiana cities to levy their own income taxes was proposed in a bill introduced in the Senate by Sen. Manford Ferguson (D. Connersville) and Sen. Samuel Johnson (R. Anderson).

Meanwhile, the House received a far-reaching civil rights bill which would impose penalties upon persons denying others any accommodations because of race, creed or color.

These bills were introduced amid the flurry of the last day in which measures can be introduced in the regular manner.

The bill for additional taxing power for cities was tossed into the hopper as a means of answering the municipalities' cries for more financial aid. Nearly all cities have complained they can no longer operate by merely property tax financing.

**Never Gained Inch**

Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R. Wis.) asked for veto by only one house. Mr. Hoover said when such a plan was used in the past, "we never got an inch."

"We've got to try something strong and radical if we are going to get anywhere now," Mr. Hoover said.

Mr. Hoover ducked an inquiry from Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R. Mich.) on letting Congress instead of the President originate the plans. He said Congress could take the initiative "if it wants." Mr. Hoover recommended the bill now before the committee.

The bill, drawn as he recommended, would provide no exemptions to any agency from the reorganization powers of the President. Under it, the President would submit plans to reshuffle executive departments to Congress. They would become effective in 60 days, unless both Houses vetoed them.

**Urge Consolidation**

Earlier the Hoover Commission recommended to Congress that 45 executive agencies be consolidated into one-third that number in order to relieve the President's "crushing burden" and start the government on the way to saving billions of dollars.

The recommendation was made in the first of 45 reports on ways to streamline the Executive Department.

The commission also recommended to the President to give adequate supervision to so many agencies.

The commission said, "By placing related functions check-by-check, the overlaps can be eliminated and, of even greater importance, co-ordinated policies can be developed."

**Highly Critical**

The commission was highly critical of executive departments and agencies, saying the government has failed to develop an aggressive program for developing capable administrators.

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