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NEW YORK, Mar. 3 (UP)—Frigid March winds whipped the city today, sending the thermometer down to 9.3 degrees, a record low for the date. The previous low was 10 degrees in 1925.

Five Suffer Minor Injuries in Crash

Five persons were injured, none seriously, when a car and truck collided at Belmont and Michigan Sts. last night.

A car driven west on Michigan St. by Clay Webb, Roachdale, was in collision with a half-ton truck driven north on Belmont Ave. by Walter Landreth, 428 W. 42d St. Webb was later arrested on charges of drunkenness, reckless driving and disobeying an automatic traffic signal.

Treated for minor injuries were Mr. Landreth and Jack Witt, 3, Harold Witt, 29; Linda Webb, 4 and Helen Webb, 22, all of Roachdale and passengers in the car.

Another driver, Wayne Hukill, 23, of 833 Olive St., was injured when his truck struck a utility pole at Noble and New York Sts. last night.

Democrats Give Jacobs Send-off Tonight

Marion County Democrats will give a "send-off" meeting tonight for Congressman Andrew Jacobs.

The meeting, sponsored jointly by the County Central Committee and the Indiana Democratic Club, will be held at the club rooms at 211 N. Delaware St.

Indiana's other six Democratic members of Congress also were invited to attend the meeting. Most of the Congressmen are in the city for the annual Jefferson-Jackson Day banquet at the Murat tomorrow evening.



Pat Hall was named the "Chinchilla Queen" at the National Chinchilla Show in Hollywood. In honor of the occasion, Pat donned this chinchilla swim suit—which must have cost a pretty penny.

METAL MINING
Gold, silver and copper are produced in considerable quantity in Pennsylvania as a by-product of iron ore.

AMA Not Ready to Report On Value of Antihistamine

Council Says Further Study Needed but Condemns Drug's Advertising Matter
By LARRY PIPER

What about the antihistamine drugs, now flooding drug store counters and being widely advertised as the conqueror of the common cold?

Millions of Americans who sneeze, sniff and suffer through 400 million colds a year, want to know if the antihistamines will end their misery.

The American Medical Association wanted to know, too, so it delegated its Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry to find out.

The council's findings, announced today: "Until a scientifically acceptable study is performed, the true effectiveness of the antihistamine drugs in the control of the common cold cannot be evaluated."

Seek Further Facts
In even simpler words, the council doesn't know whether the antihistamines will help your cold, and it's not going out on a limb until further facts are available.

But while the AMA isn't ready to commit itself about the little pills, it goes firmly on the record to condemn advertising of the drug.

"Some of the... statements are downright untruthful," says the Journal of the American Medical Association.

"Others are not misleading when read word for word, but when the entire advertisement is considered there is offered a misleading and beguiling picture that excites the reader to hope for a 'cold cure,' the AMA editorialist adds.

Most of the claims for the antihistamines are based on studies made by five authorities who used the drug on groups of patients, including Navy personnel, students and prison inmates.

Two of the investigators felt that the antihistamine agents helped between 75 and 85 per cent of their patients. Various other beneficial results were reported with different types of antihistamines and different rates of treatment.

The AMA council studied and analyzed the reported results, and made some deductions of its own. "These reports include 2357 patients with the common cold," says the council in this summary of its report. "More than half of these were studied by a single observer. The diagnostic methods employed have not conclusively demonstrated that the condition treated was actually the common cold."

"Over half of the cases were investigated in studies with inadequate controls or without controls, and the interpretations of the results obtained are open to question."

The evidence so far presented should be properly classified as the honest opinion of the investigators and not as fact. The common cold is such an economic hazard that this opinion must be checked by more basic research in the pathogenesis of the disease and the toxicity of the drugs employed, as well as by more authentic clinical evaluation.

The council agreed that "the antihistamine agents apparently produce considerable subjective relief owing to inhibition of nasal discharge," but adds that "similar results may be obtained by use of ephedrine or atropine."

In an earlier release the Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry warned that "records show" many persons taking antihistamine drugs "become drowsy or even fall asleep while at work or in occupation."

Legion Asks Safeguards Against Atomic Bombs

Mellvaine-Kothe Post No. 153, American Legion, has adopted resolutions calling for an education program on what to do in the event of an atomic explosion in Indianapolis or vicinity.

The resolution deplors the lack of establishment of a sound basis for world peace and warns that potential government enemies are lurking "within our gates."

The Legion post, by resolution, has set up a committee to investigate precautionary action safeguarding against the lethal aftereffects of an atomic explosion. The resolution also calls on the National American Legion to set up a program for training the civilian population to defend itself against the aftereffects of an atomic explosion.

Tank Atop Store Freezes and Bursts

An undetermined amount of damage resulted early today when a water storage tank froze and burst atop the five-story Star Store, 360 W. Washington St. Company spokesmen declined to estimate the damage.

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