

Twister Rips Marion, Hancock County Sections

By ED WILSON

A young twister, looking like a "stream of smoke" bounced across eastern Marion County and into Hancock County late yesterday, uprooting small trees, damaging roofs, breaking windows and scaring the wits out of several hundred people.

Avert Tie-up Of Oil for War

Officials Report No Crisis Here—Yet

SAN FRANCISCO, May 10 (UP)—A possible spread of the national oil strike to California was averted temporarily today when the CIO Oil Workers Union received instructions from international headquarters to hold off a walkout.

Shell Chemical Corp. employees at Pittsburg, Cal., members of the union, were told to stay on the job.

Here, as in most cities across the nation, there still was no immediate gasoline crisis today.

Here, standard filling stations—cut off from new supplies from the company's picketed Tibbs Ave. terminal—appeared to be in worst shape. But most of them reported enough gas in their tanks for the week-end.

Only in Detroit, Toledo, Springfield, Ill., and Madison, Wis., was there any real shortage. And even in those cities, motorists could get gas if they shopped around a bit.

Obviously, if the strike is prolonged, Indianapolis and the rest of the nation will suffer, oil men said. But officials here were relying on conservation by gas users and the reopening of the Rock Island refinery to stave off a famine for some time.

Local 5 of the oil union, were due to walk out at 11 p. m. (Indianapolis Time) today, and the company already had begun preparations to shut down the plant.

At the last minute, however, Virgil Coragelli, secretary-treasurer of the union, said he received instructions to hold off the strike because of Tuesday's meeting with the Wage Stabilization Board.

A new order for large service stations and gasoline storage depots to reserve 5 per cent of their gasoline for possible emergency use by fire engines, police cars and ambulances went into effect in 32 states at 3:30 a. m. Indianapolis time.

States affected include: Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina and the District of Columbia.

The order, issued by Bruce K. Brown, deputy administrator of the Petroleum Administration for Defense (PAD), came after an unofficial government survey showed the nationwide oil strike has reduced the nation's petroleum products output by about one-third.

War Veterans Hold Reunion

Spanish-American war veterans of the 27th Indiana Light Artillery Battery met here today at the home of the "youngster" of their outfit.

Their host was D. B. Darnell, 2500 S. Lyndhurst Dr., whom they jokingly refer to as the "baby of the bunch." Mr. Darnell is 76.

The occasion was their 54th annual reunion. Fifteen men from the 40 survivors of the original battery of 177 men registered.

Mr. Darnell is their secretary-treasurer and Harry A. Callon, Mt. Vernon, is president and the oldest survivor. He is 85. From a distance came Forest Furnas, Oakland, Cal.; James Cox, Phoenix, Ariz.; and Earl White, Waterloo, Ia.

Mr. Darnell, also a veteran of World War I, was assisted generally by his son, Ned, first sergeant in World Wars I and II.

The town of Shirley on the Hancock-Henry county line was hardest hit. Damage there was estimated at \$20,000.

As the twister moved eastward, it touched land north of Philadelphia in Hancock County and again at Shirley. Trees toppled on farms in the Philadelphia area.

At Shirley, the winds ripped off roofing and scattered objects ranging from bottles and bricks to construction shacks and garages. The Masonic Building, Moorman Feed Store and Shirley Lumber Co. were damaged. It also damaged the house of Earl Kiser and a service station owned by Keith White.

Here in Indianapolis the twister caused only minor damage but it was an electrifying sight to the persons who saw it start as a small funnel in the 1200 block of N. Shadeland Ave.

Cecil Bruther, 1205 Edgewood Place, said: "I saw it coming from the west. It was funnel shaped and the wind was strong. It moved my car forward and sideways two feet. As soon as I knew it was a twister, I thought it was about time to go to the basement. So I called my wife and told her to get the kids and come down."

Mrs. Charles E. Mosiman, 1201 E. Edgewood Place, said: "It was a freakish storm. It hit our house and two others close by, but didn't do anything to the rest of them around us. I was in the basement when it hit. I didn't see the twister itself, but I did see the trees bending over and shingles flying through the air. It sounded like a low roar—a train in the distance."

"I heard the house creak and I thought for sure it was going to blow away. The winds were so strong our garage was twisted so that we can't shut the door. It broke one of our storm windows and tossed a swing we had in the back yard about 30 feet over into the next yard."

"I didn't like it very much," John Sheehan, 1232 Edgewood Drive, said. "At first I thought it was smoke from a fire, but when I saw lumber and limbs of trees flying through the air I realized it was a twister. I took for the basement and met my wife and two children starting down the basement steps."

Jerome Rafferty, 1202 Edgewood Drive, said: "Never witnessed anything like it before. I served four years in the armed forces and never saw anything like it. When I was in the basement, it felt as though the house was going to leave the ground."

The big blow here was brief, disappearing to the east.

Tailor Here 41 Years Dies

Benedict Kwitney, an employee of Kahn Tailoring Co. 41 years, died today in his home, 1212 E. 46th St.

Mr. Kwitney came here in 1908 from Russia, where he was born 59 years ago. He was a member of Monument Masonic Lodge. Services will be at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow in Aaron-Ruben Funeral Home, with burial in Indianapolis Hebrew Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Helen; two sons, Howard and Charles; a daughter, Mrs. Harriet Aaron; and a brother, Dr. I. J. Kwitny, all of Indianapolis; three sisters, Miss Barnett Kwitny, Indianapolis, Mrs. G. E. Aidman, Frankfort, and Mrs. Max Stein, Columbus, O., and two grandchildren.

Injured in Fall

Herman Dinkel, 50, of 5077 Camden Ave., was injured when he fell from a ladder in his home while trying to repair a light fixture. He said he received a shock while working, lost his balance and fell, injuring his hip and shoulder. He is in fair condition in Methodist Hospital.

School Dedication Set

A new \$400,000 school building will be dedicated at 3 p. m. tomorrow at the Indiana Girls School, Crawfordsville Rd. Gov. Schricker will speak and other state officials will attend, school authorities said.



DISPLACED SWING—Force of small tornado tossed this swing 30 feet into yard of neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Mosiman, 1201 Edgewood Place, who struggled to get it back home.

Tech Teacher For 15 Years Dies

Miss Hattie E. Krueger, a teacher at Technical High School, died early today in Methodist Hospital. She lived at 696 Middle Dr., Woodruff Place.

Miss Krueger taught commercial subjects and German in Technical High School from 1917 until time of her death. She held B. A. and M. A. degrees from Butler University and took advanced work at Northwestern University.

She was a member of Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, and Phi Kappa Phi scholastic organization. Services will be at 3 p. m. Tuesday in Shirley Brothers Central Chapel. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery.

Surviving are her mother, Mrs. Minna L. Krueger, Indianapolis, and a sister, Mrs. Minnie Goldstein, New York City.

INDIANAPOLIS TRAFFIC CASUALTIES (130 Days)

Accidents	1951	1952
Injured	2685	2588
Killed	1169	1144
	25	23

CLUBS

Scholastic Club, Luncheon tomorrow in honor of Mrs. B. R. Serfas, owner of Home Plating Co. Meeting tomorrow in lodge hall. CIO and Boy Scout program.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

Richard E. Hoff, 25, U. S. Army; Mary Noonan, 27, 819 Elm. Clarence Holland, 45, 2437 E. 26th. Beatrice Fisher, 45, 437 E. 8th. Charles R. Holmes, 38, 1099 1/2 E. 10th. Linda Davis, 25, 1415 W. 31st. Arthur P. Hestlett, 31, Seymour. Doris James, 21, 1001 W. 31st. George G. Grier, 33, 1408 N. Market. Doris E. Smith, 21, 1001 W. 31st. Dennis N. Nicholas, 31, Rockville. Margaret Smith, 21, 1001 W. 31st. O. Walter, 46, Logansport. Della Moore, 25, 2437 E. 26th. Lyle S. Lear, 31, Wood. Thomas J. Doolittle, 38, 1099 1/2 E. 10th. Elizabeth J. Wood, 28, 2833 N. Temple. Martin J. Doolittle, 31, 1099 1/2 E. 10th. Adeline Popovitch, 31, 1099 1/2 E. 10th. Charles J. Doolittle, 31, 1099 1/2 E. 10th. Patricia J. Bannon, 30, 1527 Kensington. William J. Sholdest, 37, W. St. Joseph. Mary W. Thompson, 27, W. St. Joseph. William Plank, 30, 369 S. Jersey. Rebecca E. Serfas, 21, 1001 W. 31st. Herbert Napier, 31, 514 E. Market. Cora Neace, 26, 514 E. Market. Roger E. Turry, Xenia, O.; Christine Moore, 26, Dayton. Marshall Smith, 21, 1108 N. Sterling. Albert Minkler, 18, 2009 Broad. John M. Hollingsworth, 23, Chicago, Ill. Frank Duh, 37, 1180 N. Tibbo. Adeline Brown, 35, 349 W. 11th. Howard Webb, 18, U. S. Navy; Wanda Oreson, 18, 1615 E. Martin. George E. Fisher, 21, 3124 S. Gary. Bennie Hurry, 21, 3124 S. Gary. Norma Bell, 18, 1809 N. Arsenal. Charles E. Duh, 24, Coopersburg, Penn.; Debra Ingram, 20, 1370 Fruit. Jerry E. Duh, 20, 1370 Fruit. Nina Brune, 17, 2450 S. 10th. Don Russell, 47, 2533 P. 10th; Thelma Claphorn, 47, 2500 E. 10th. Russell E. Duh, 20, 1370 Fruit. Landreth, 24, 2044 College. Lewis E. Duh, 20, 1370 Fruit. Loris Hammond, 17, 1123 W. 26th.

DIVORCE SUITS FILED

Emma Donald Carter; Mildred vs. Charles Coleman; Verna vs. Kirk Pierce; Gertrude vs. Robert Robinson; James Williams; Mildred vs. Jack Spaulding; James vs. Virginia Steinbrook.

BIRTHS

At St. Francis—Albert, Marjorie Redus (boys). At Methodist—Hugh, Roberta McBeth; William Thoma; James, Mary Boye; Frank, Betty French; Harold, Evelyn Minch; Billie, Charles; Margaret, Monique; Charles, Ruby; Florenz, Ralph; Geraldine Kelly. At St. Vincent's—Paul, Daisy Chambers; Mark, Bernice Harvey; Ralph, Joan Lombard; Harold, Thelma Shoemaker. At St. Vincent's—James, Scotta Windling; Charles, June Fisch; Frank, Rachel Lombard. At General—Charles, Gretchen Jones; Robert, Virginia Cotton, 1558 N. Hamilton.

Local Deaths H. Garman, Engineer, Dies Here

SIMON BAUER, 82, of 431 N. Forest St., retired iron molder. Services 8:30 a. m. Monday in Dorsey Funeral Home and 9 a. m. in St. Philip Neri Catholic Church. Burial in St. Joseph Cemetery.

GEORGE L. SCHMALZ, 75, of 1730 S. Delaware St., retired tailor, employed 45 years by Kahn Tailoring Co. Services 8:30 a. m. Monday in Lauck Funeral Home and 9 a. m. in Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial in St. Joseph Cemetery.

MRS. BERT (CORA E.) BOWMAN, 68, of 1053 W. 34th St. Services 2 p. m. Monday in North Side Church of God. Burial in Crown Hill.

CLARENCE A. DUPEE, 66, of 820 W. 24th St., employee of City Sanitation Department 30 years. Services 1 p. m. Tuesday, First Baptist Church. Burial, Floral Park.

WILLIAM MARSHALL BRIDGES, 84, former assistant buyer for Marshall Field & Co., Chicago, who died in an Indianapolis nursing home. Services and burial tomorrow afternoon in Belmont, Ill.

MRS. MITCHELL (SARAH) DAVIS WALKER, 44, of 1450 Martindale Ave., services and burial tomorrow in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

At Methodist—Jennings, Mary Ferguson; Donald, Freda; Verbauskis, Dan; Laura Meadows; Walter, Martha Jane. At St. Francis—Everett, Alma; Gluff, Fred; Betty Holland; Bernard, Delores. At St. Vincent's—Henry, June Taylor; Alvin, William; Mary, Mary; Calvin, James; Bartles, Walter; 2412 Baltimore; Corbitt, Lester; Hunt, N. Sherriff; Nolan, Mabel; Brown, 1611 W. Henry.

DEATHS

Clifford Brown, 30, at 1910 Bluff Rd. coronary occlusion. Bertha Dwyer, 77, at 2303 Carrollton. Peter Divers, 56, at 1518 N. Senate, cancer. Harry Friedman, 66, at Methodist Hospital, carcinoma. Ellen Smith, 79, at St. Vincent's Hospital, coronary occlusion. John Egan, 66, at 3433 Central, coronary. Carrie Weinhaus, 84, at 3444 N. Pennant, cancer, cerebral hemorrhage. Arlie Westbrook, 66, at 545 N. Goodale, cerebral hemorrhage.

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Head of Engineers

Mr. Garman was a past national president of the American Association of Engineers. He twice served as president of the Indiana Society of Engineers. He was president of the Indiana Historical Society at the time of his death.

He was a member of Meridian St. Methodist Church, Mystic Tie Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, Columbia Club, Scholastic Club, American Institute of Electric Engineers, Rotary Club and Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Mr. Garman, son-in-law of the late Indiana Gov. J. Frank Hanly, is survived by his wife, Ethel E.; a son, Harry H., Indianapolis; daughter, Mrs. DeLosa Blanchard, Philadelphia; two sisters, Mrs. Phoebe Spruecher, Independence, Wis., and Mrs. Georgeanna Franck, Chicago, and two grandchildren.

Teen-Agers Flee Gas Raid Scene

It looks like the teen-age set is worried about the possibility of a gas shortage, too. Mrs. Zella Carter, 3420 E. 10th St., told police she heard a can fall in a garage at the rear of that address last night and saw two boys run out.

Investigating, she found a 5-gallon oil can, a 2-gallon can and a siphoning hose on the floor near a truck inside the garage. Then she saw two boys, about 15, jump into a car and speed away.

Policeman Punched, Drowsy Driver Held

Carl Hadley, 50, Brazil, resented being awakened at 3:23 a. m. today. But he shouldn't have punched a policeman in the mouth.

Particularly after Patrolman Arthur Myers had just helped him up from the sidewalk. Mr. Hadley was getting out of his car, parked on the sidewalk in 5600 block N. Meridian St., Patrolman Myers said. Mr. Hadley had been asleep at the wheel, and the officer awakened him.

Mr. Hadley was charged with resisting an officer, being drunk and having no driver's license. In Municipal Court 3 today, his case was continued to May 22.

Lover's Lane Murder Probe Grinds to Halt

Suspect Not Contacted In Prison Hospital

The Mike Mattes murder investigation by the sheriff's office stalled today.

Thirteen hours after two sheriff's investigators were scheduled to arrive in Springfield, Mo., to question Elmo Jagers, they still had not contacted the prison hospital where Jagers is held, according to the associate warden. A court-ordered lie detector test to determine the truth of the "finger man" story was postponed until 10 a. m. Monday.

No effort was made by the sheriff's office this morning to check the alibi offered by Donald Nicholson, 23, after he repudiated his signed statement in which he "fingered" Jagers as the triggerman in the June 23 cornfield killing of Mr. Mattes.

Arraigned on a preliminary charge of murder in Beech Grove Magistrate Court, Nicholson told Judge Paul C. Wetter his statement was untrue and requested the lie detector test.

Donald W. Cunningham, 18, who made the first statement naming Jagers and implicating Nicholson, also denied it and told Judge Wetter he wanted to make a new statement. Both are held without bond.

In a jailhouse interview before arraignment yesterday, Nicholson told an Indianapolis Times reporter he was not with Jagers and Cunningham on the night of June 23.

Nicholson said the sheriff's deputies who questioned him Wednesday after his arrest threatened to charge him with first-degree murder unless he made a satisfactory statement.

"I tried to tell them what I did on that night," Nicholson said, "but they kept saying I was telling everything wrong."

"Then they coached me on what was said at the scene of the crime. Finally, I just came out and said I'd tell them what they wanted to know."

"Anything I said in that statement was told me in that room (Sheriff Dan Smith's office) before I opened my mouth."

Nicholson, who was a Red Cab driver at the time Mattes was killed, said he was driving his taxi throughout the evening of June 23, in company with two friends from the West Side.

He said he did not see Jagers or Cunningham at any time, and didn't know Mattes had been killed until the next morning.

A Times reporter was the first person to contact the cab company officials to see if records could substantiate the alibi.

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GOOD AS NEW—Tom Kurz applies splints to "fractured" arm of Barbara Donnell, St. Agnes Academy student, at junior a-bomb demonstration at Technical High School.

If Bombs Fall, Pupils Here Know What to Do

If enemy bombs fall in Marion County, our youth will know what to do.

Some 700 Marion County high school pupils and teachers learned at a junior a-bomb demonstration at Technical High School yesterday.

Sponsored by the Indianapolis Junior Red Cross, the drill was complete with alerts, surprise bomb attack, panic, and first aid for the "casualties."

Carefree at the start, pupils

chatted over cokes and danced to phonograph records in the gymnasium.

But when Tom Kurz, general student chairman, called for blood-typing, the pupils lined up promptly. They used up the 100 record cards the Red Cross supplied, and 200 makeshift slips.

Not altogether simulated panic came when city police sounded sirens earlier than was expected. That meant "enemy planes are in the Indianapolis area." Students and teachers crouched in the school auditorium.

"Bomb Burst"

Chelsea Stewart, Tech program director, arranged sound effect. A balloon bursting in the microphone sounded like a real bomb explosion. Glass shattered and the gymnasium was filled with smoke from a fake fire.

With sounding of "all clear," the "injured" were rushed to first aid stations and treated. A home nursing demonstration on making the "victims" comfortable was given. Food was served in true canteen-style.

An "evaluation" program followed. Then the pupils returned to "reality" with Tech Band providing lively music.

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