

## Tornado Kills Six—

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building was about the only structure intact after the storm had passed, with only some windows having been broken by flying limbs.

A large contingent of Mount Pulaski men and women went to Cornland and served lunch to the townspeople and the big number of extra workers.

Trains on the Illinois Central Wednesday morning, carried cots, bedding and provisions to the Logan and Sangamon county areas devastated by the storm.

Dr. C. B. Taylor, of Lincoln, coroner of Logan county, on Wednesday morning, held inquests into the death of Frank McCue and Mildred McIntyre, victims of the storm at Cornland. He held inquests Thursday for Murray Goodin and Hobart Baker, Chestnut boys who were killed near the school house, and William H. Mattingly and his son Henry, of Mount Pulaski, who were storm victims.

### Red Cross - Salvation Army

A representative of the American Red Cross was sent from St. Louis, Mo., to make a survey of the damage done at Buffalo Hart and Cornland, arriving Wednesday noon. Not only is the Red Cross active in the work, but the Salvation Army and other agencies are actively engaged in giving assistance to the tornado victims.

The Red Cross at once placed a temporary relief organization into the devastated areas, and arrangements were made a few hours after the storm for the proper policing and protection of the stricken sections. State police were assigned Wednesday morning to all points where they can be of service. Deputy Sheriff's from Logan and Sangamon counties were sworn in.

## Publisher Aided In Special Edition Covering Disaster

**Publishers Note:** When the Cornland tornado occurred, the publisher of the Mt. Pulaski Times-News was employed by the Lincoln Daily Star. In addition to his duties as ad foreman, he also had charge of the carrier boys.

The first intimation that a terrible storm must have hit somewhere in the county, came to Lincoln when a heavy wind swirling high above and carrying with it boards and other debris, alerted the editor of the Lincoln Daily Star, William Beatty. Bill, being a good newspaper man, had a hunch that there was a "newspaper scoop" in the making. He went to work trying to find out what had happened, and where, and found that people had been killed at Cornland, Mt. Pulaski and Chestnut. Lines of communication had been blown down by the storm but Beatty was after a big story, and he managed to get in touch with the stricken communities well enough to give him material to justify a special edition as the regular edition of the paper had already gone to press.

I was instructed to alert my carrier boys and have them ready to make a house to house coverage of the special edition whenever it got off the press. The Linotype operators, makeup men and pressmen stood-by for they too, felt the thrill of a prospective "newspaper scoop". It was late that evening before enough details were secured and put into type and the forms "put-to-bed", that the presses started to roll.

The carrier boys covered the entire city of Lincoln and pounded on front doors, yelling as they did, "Read All About The Cornland, Mount Pulaski, and Chestnut Tornado - Six People Killed." That was all that was needed to get sleepy householders wide-awake and rushing to the front door in their nightgowns. The carrier boys sold their papers at so much a copy and received a nice commission for their night's work.

**Incompatibility:** A man's lack of ability to make a pat income.

## YOUNG TORNADO HIT WEST OF CITY DESTROYING BUILDINGS

(April 29, 1937)

A young tornado coming out of the southwest swooped down upon farm properties southwest of Mount Pulaski, about 2:30 Friday morning and did considerable damage to outbuildings on two farms, while uprooting trees on another.

The tornado uprooted two trees at the home of Welby Moore, 5 miles southwest of the city, but did no further damage.

From the Moore home the tornado zoomed on northeast to the Homer Harris farm, occupied by Theodore Aderman, which is also on a very high elevation. Here the storm wrecked an implement shed, lifting the new roof in one piece from the sidewalls and gently placing it on the east side of the foundation. The west wall, while splintered was not blown completely over, but rested against a tractor and spring wagon. A binder on the east side of the building was damaged by the roof which rested on it as the east wall was completely crushed. A double door on the south side was blown 60 feet into a feed lot.

One strange thing that happened was the fact that a brand new Chevrolet car which was in the driveway of the building was standing out in the clear and didn't even get a scratch on it. When Aderman looked out toward the building early that morning he made the remark, "I wonder who's car that is parked out there"? Eggs laid the day before remained unbroken on the seat of an old carriage which was turned over on its side.

Shingles were stripped from the large barn on the west side and a large corn crib about 200 feet northeast of the barn, was blown over and demolished. Several sections of a board fence surrounding the feed lot were blown down.

The tenant house about 100 yards south of the barn had the shingles stripped from the southwest side of the roof and a deluge of rain poured in upon its tenants. Glenn Gill and family, thought their house was going to blow away.

Three or four years ago another tornado struck about the same way, destroying a granary, blowing down a windmill and ripping shingles off the barn. The porch on the house was also pulled apart from the house.

The storm passed up the Walter Maxheimer farm home, but dipped down again as it reached the Uriah Tendick farm and started its work of devastation by unroofing a cattle barn on the south side of the driveway. The unroofing was done as neatly, as though it had been sawed through.

The heavy sheet metal roof was carried with terrific force on its journey to the northeast, part of it striking a large maple tree in the southeast corner of the yard close to the house, breaking off two or three large limbs and demolishing the picket fence. This portion of the roof halted there.

Another section of the roof struck a combination work shed and garage, about 150 feet northeast and several 2x4 pieces of timber sticking thru the roof of the building were mute evidence of the velocity with which the wind was carrying its cargo. A large piece of sheet metal wrapped itself around the chimney on the building and Uriah will have to do a complete rebuilding job before he fires up his stove in there next winter. The metal sheet looked as though it had been thru a train wreck.

Still another section whirled its way over the top of the work shop and dropped it down into the side of a new implement shed that was under construction. The building had just been lined up and anchored with braces or it would have been blown or knocked down by the force of the heavy impact from this section which tore a large hole in one end of the siding.

New sheet metal for the roof

was scattered over the vicinity and some large pieces of roofing from the cattle barn were carried a quarter of a mile further on into the adjoining field.

Volunteer workmen were on the job that morning assisting in cleaning up the debris and getting buildings back in shape. Telephone lines were blown down down at several points along the path of the storm.

## TORNADO HITS NEAR ELKHART

(Oct. 9, 1941)

A heavy black slow-moving cloud coming out of the southwest spent its angry force at the Jacob Buttell farm southeast of Elkhart about 5 o'clock Saturday evening and left a damage estimated at \$3,000, in its wake.

The reward for doing a good deed saved Mr. and Mrs. Buttell from being in the path of the storm. They had stopped to help a neighbor get his car out of the ditch and were within a half mile of home when they saw the cloud approaching. They stopped their car and watched the tornado strike their farm buildings.

The first impact resulted in a mass of outbuildings being sucked up into the air about 250 feet. The house and barn escaped the full fury of the wind, the cribs and other buildings being wrecked.

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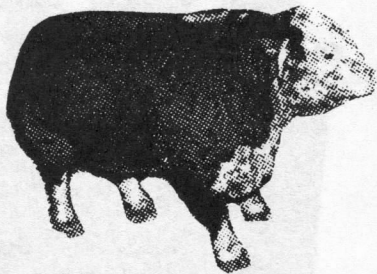
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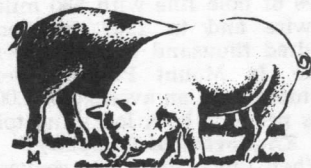
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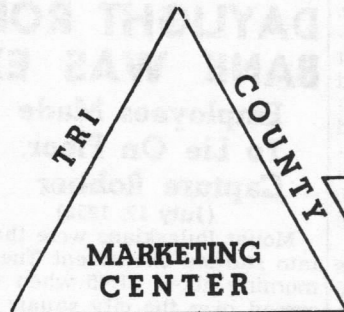
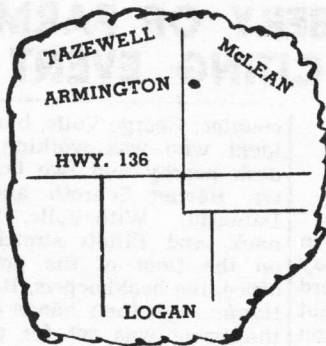
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