

# Rain and Sleet Predicted; May Add to Storm Damage

Rain and sleet late Sunday night could add to the heavy damage of Columbus' worst ice storm in 25 years, the U.S. Weather Bureau predicted.

Temperatures won't be high enough to melt heavy ice which broke down trees and snapped electric lines throughout the city and county Friday and Saturday, the bureau said.

The bureau's prediction is considerable cloudiness Sunday with a few light snow flurries, temperatures between 22 and 31 degrees, and then the rain and sleet.

**WEATHER OBSERVERS** said they expect no melting until Monday for which the forecast is continuous rain and temperatures of 30 to 35 degrees.

As widespread damage was estimated at thousands of dollars, the Dwight Burns family in Gould Park counted itself as the most lucky of the worst hit.

The three Burns children escaped injury as a heavy oak tree behind their home at 5471 Walnutview Dr. split into three parts, the heaviest crashing through the roof.

A HEAVY LIMB fell across the bed in which Dwight Jr., 7, and Roger, 6, were sleeping. It missed the bunk-bed

in the same room occupied by Rose, 5.

Other parts of the tree limbs went through the roof over the kitchen and a utility room.

"Thank God, the children were safe," Mrs. Burns said. "I never want to live through this again."

Ice a quarter to three-quarters of an inch thick formed on trees and utility lines, along with icicles. Softwood trees especially couldn't stand the strain of the weight.

**THE WEATHER** bureau said 1.91 inches of rain fell between 1:31 p.m. Friday and 1:20 a.m. Saturday, with a slight drizzle lasting until 2:35 a.m.

The toll as the city worked to recover from the storm was:

- Streets and sidewalks blocked by trees and tree limbs in more than 1000 locations reported to Ray S. Dietz, superintendent of the city division of parks and forestry.

Debris was being pushed

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## Ice Breaks 7200-Volt City Cable

Ice caused a 7200-volt primary power line of the Municipal Light Plant to fall Saturday night, blacking out the area served south of Livingston Ave., City Electricity Supt. Howard J. Stemm said.

When the line touched the ground in an alley south of Bryden Rd. near Ohio Ave., the sudden surge of current tripped a switch which cut off power to the police station and areas on the North Side. Stemm said this was temporary.

**THE LOSS** of power on the South and Southeast sides knocked out most traffic lights in the area and service to homes using current from the city light plant.

But crews, which have been on duty around the clock, said they would need two to three hours to repair the primary line.

**STEMM SAID** work crews had been on duty since Friday night to restore service disrupted by broken electric lines.

Officials said more street lights were off in the city than were on.