

# Storm interrupted drought in 1894

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Some trees in the area were particularly vulnerable to the wind. The large oak on Frank Forsythe's property was split from top to bottom. Lightning struck a walnut tree on Morton Street between the

houses of William Weimer and Augustus Dunn. The *Telephone* stated that "Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Weimer and Mrs. William Fry were prostrated for a time by the shock."

A record book indicates that Indiana's driest year was to come — 1933, when 4.34 inches of rain fell during June, July and August. Ac-

tually, the general humidity of the state is due to prevailing winds from the southwest bringing moisture from the Gulf of Mexico. The meteorological explanation for the drought of 1894 or any year is that atmospheric conditions prevent the normal flow of air from the southwest across Indiana.